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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, January 3, Skiptournament Faith House after dinner.

Friday, January 5, Brooke is back from the Hart Gallery to begin a new year of creative art sessions. We'll meet at Hope House if it's too cold. Otherwise, see you in the Treehouse at 10:00.

Friday, January 5, after our art activities, we'll head out to Chick-fil-A for a Fast Food Friday lunch. This is on you-we'll provide the transportation only.

Saturday, January 6, We'll do a trip to Walmart for those who have some shopping to do at 10:00am.

Saturday, January 6, We've got a guest entertainer coming in to play the piano. Be at Hope House at 3:00 for the fun.



With the start of new blessings and possibilities up- Connor's on us, I want us to remain thankful for the miracle of life and God's hope for us to live through faith, eternally. The celebration of Christmas day may be over, and even so, isn't it interesting how little thanks we offer the Lord for the gift of complete forgiveness ,to enjoy everlasting hope, joy, love, and peace? I feel strongly blessed to have been given the ability to grow mentally and physically. As a result, life is ultimately a personal choice. We all, regardless of who we are, or wherever we live, can react to life's events with anger and the common habit of refusal. Alternatively, we can elect to follow God's commandments, prayers, and suggestion to remain humble and kind. In doing so, we can enjoy the "good news that will cause great joy for all people" as described in Luke 2:10. Jesus' birth was phenomenal. His time on earth as one of us and his urgency to love one another was heavenly. His crucifixion as a means to save us all should create in us a deep appreciation and true thankfulness. So, I ask all of my readers, as 2018 progresses with life's unending constancy of change and a desire for continual happiness, if you are looking for help on how to live life to its fullest and to truly enjoy salvation, then realize it is already being offered! That's right, my friends, please understand: to be a receiver you must also be a believer. Thank you, God. Amen. ECR

Residents had a lot of fun making truffles recently. Below and right, the girls are busy rolling and adding toppings while in the background, Orlando hams it up for the camera, while not helping with the baking at all! Left: Tina and Diana continued the activity in the kitchen by baking a batch of Christmas cookies. Yum!





