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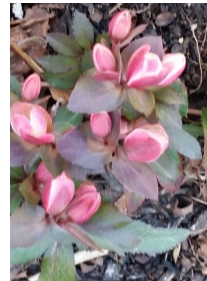
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Orlando, Susan and Linda join Faye at a line dancing class at the North River Civic Center. Terry and Bobby sit out but participate with a show of "jazz hands." Right, Susan gets moving! All agreed it was a blast and want to go back again!

CAT CUDDLER APPRECIATED!

We all know Susan Evans loves animals. She's lucky to live at Faith House with cats Marley and Waylon who enjoy napping on her bed. She volunteers as a "cat cuddler" at McKamey Animal Shelter two days a week. This week she will attend their Annual Humanitarian Awards dinner and be among those recognized for giving over 300 hours of service to the Center this year. Way to go, Susan!



LENTEN ROSE : You can find these in front of Faith House. This perennial often is just called "hellebore" from its genus name (*Helleborus*), from the Greek "elein" meaning to injure, and "bora" meaning food. It is not a rose at all, but gets this name because the flowers somewhat resemble a small single rose, and it blooms during Lent.

There are about 15 species of hellebores, the most common being the Lenten Rose and the Christmas Rose. The Christmas rose blooms much earlier in mild climates. One of the legends about it concerns a country girl who visits the Christ child in Bethlehem. Seeing her sadness for not having a gift to bring him, an angel brings her outside and touches the ground. There arise blooms of the Christmas Rose that she can then present to the baby Jesus.

It is odd to have such a plant celebrate Christ's birth, as this species and the other members of this genus are highly toxic. It is

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one of the four classic poisons, together with nightshade, hemlock, and aconite.

Upcoming activities

Tuesday, March 1, It's time for a trip to Dairy Queen for some Gospel Bluegrass. We'll leave after dinner. Bring \$\$ if you want some DQ treats.

Wednesday, March 2, afternoon movie: *Norm of the North*. We'll leave at 12:45. Tickets on us, snacks on you.

Thursday, March 3, Scrapbooking with Stacy after lunch. Together, we'll reminisce and work on a scrapbook with photos and mementos. 1:00 at Hope House.

Friday, March 4, Brooke from the Hart Gallery is back for another art session. 10:00 at Hope House.

Saturday, March 5, St. Patrick's Day Dance at Shepherd Recreation Center. 1:00-3:00.