

The Vine

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RHEMA Fellowship Church Time Change

RHEMA Fellowship Church is changing to a morning service on the 1st and 2nd Sundays. The new time is 10:00am in The Pub. They will no longer be coming on the 4th Sunday.

Shopping Days

Wednesday December 7, 2016 is shopping day with Marie's This and That and Soto's Super Sale in the Bistro and Media Room. Friday December 9, 2016 from 12:30 to 2:30 the Activities Department along with several residents will be having a Christmas Sale with a little of this and that.

Holiday Fun

What's Santa's favorite snack food?

Answer: Crisp Pringles

What is the name of the cleanest reindeer?

Answer: Comet

How did the Gingerbread Man make his bed?

Answer: With a cookie sheet

When is the best time to catch snowflakes on your tongue?

Answer: When you are sure all birds have gone south for the winter!

What do you call a Santa who lives at the South Pole?

Answer: A lost Claus

What kind of bug doesn't like Christmas?

Answer: A humbug

How do sheep say "Merry Christmas" in Mexico?

Answer: Fleece Navidad

What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?

Answer: Saint Nickel-less

Why was the computer so quiet on Christmas Eve?

Answer: Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

Holiday Humbug

It was Ebenezer Scrooge, from Charles Dickens' classic novel *A Christmas Carol*, who famously uttered, "Bah, humbug!" London publisher Chapman & Hall released the book on December 19, 1843, and it became an instant success. Scrooge, the central character of the book, is a bitter miser and a hater of Christmas. But after being visited by a series of ghosts, Scrooge eventually learns to love and appreciate the holiday.

Despite his change of heart, Scrooge has always been remembered for saying "Bah, humbug." To this day, anyone not in the Christmas spirit may even be called a "Scrooge." Christmastime should be a joyous season, but let's face it, buying gifts, visiting family, cooking dinners, and hosting parties can be stressful. For that reason, even the most enthusiastic lovers of Christmas may find relief in muttering "Bah, humbug" on December 21, Humbug Day.

The term *humbug* is actually unrelated to Christmas and dates back much further than Ebenezer Scrooge and Charles Dickens. A humbug is a hoax or a sham. Some speculate that the term comes from the Irish *uim-bog*, referring to soft copper coins that are monetarily worthless; or perhaps from *Hamburg*, in reference to the city in Germany from which many worthless coins entered England during the Napoleonic wars. Others think that the term originated in Italy with *uomo bugiardo*, which means "lying man." Regardless of its origins, the word *humbug* was not only used in *A Christmas Carol* but also in *The Wizard of Oz*, where Oz refers to himself as "just a humbug."

So when Scrooge says, "Bah, humbug!" he is effectively saying, "Christmas is a sham." The overwhelming evidence suggests that the holiday, indeed, is very far from it.

Out With the Old in With the New

We've seen a lot of changes this year out with the old, Bentley Senior Living and in with the new, Ivystone Senior Living. We said good-bye to old friends and hello to new ones. The community is getting a facelift inside and outside as Ivystone Senior Living sets the stage for the future. Please help everyone join in all of the holiday festivities and events as we close out 2016. The Ivystone staff is looking forward to serving you in 2017 and beyond.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year.

December is Bingo Birthday Month

The game of Bingo was first manufactured in December 1929 by Edwin S. Lowe. The game can be traced back to 1530 and first came to North America in 1929. It was first called *beano*.

This month on Friday December 9, 2016 at 3:00pm let's fill the Bistro with AL and ALP residents for \$5.00 Cash Bingo. The more people that play the bigger the pots.