

Birthday Celebration

December "Birthdays" are invited to join us for the Birthday Celebration on **Monday, December 14**, at 12:00 pm in Dining Room 1. The celebration includes a *free* lunch, slice of Birthday Cake, and a balloon! Reservations are required and will be accepted until **Thursday, December 10**, at 11:30 am. To reserve a seat, visit the Lobby Desk or call 747-7500 between 9:00 and 11:30 am. ***On Monday, December 14, confirm your lunch reservation at the Lobby Desk by completing the lunch application and picking up your lunch ticket no later than 11:30 am.***

New Member Orientation & YOU!

The New Member Orientation is a must if you are new to Alameda, recently retired, wanting to learn more about Center programs or expecting your parents for an extended visit! The New Member Orientation offers a guided-tour that introduces you to the Center, an information packet outlining the various activities, programs, and services, and a complimentary lunch provided by Bay Area Community Services (BACS)! Make a reservation to join us on **Thursday, December 10**, at 10:30 am by visiting the Mastick Office or calling 747-7506.

Mastick's Annual Holiday Sing-Along

This year, we are teaming up with AARP and convening in the Mastick Social Hall on **Thursday, December 17**, at 10:00 am for the Holiday Sing-Along. This is a great opportunity to become a member of AARP and enjoy their holiday catered lunch. The lunch is \$15 per person and requires a reservation. To make a reservation for lunch, contact Corky at 653-7678 or Arlene at 522-1519. Or, consider making a reservation to have lunch in the Mastick Dining Room. Our daily lunch program requires a reservation and a donation of \$2.25 per person. Reservation can be made Monday through Friday at the Lobby desk by 11:30 am. ***Lunch or no lunch, everyone is invited and encouraged to join us in the Mastick Social Hall for caroling, a visit from Santa, refreshments, and spirits of the season!***

Holiday Food Baskets and More

The Alameda Red Cross is collecting toys for the Toys for Tots Program and the Alameda Food Bank is collecting food for low-income Alameda families. Deposit non-perishable food items and toy donations in the barrels located in the lobby. The barrels will be picked-up on **Thursday, December 17**. Individuals interested in receiving assistance, must provide identification with a photograph and proof of address (e.g., article of mail, current rent or utility receipts). For additional information about these programs, please contact the Alameda Food Bank at 523-5850 or visit the Alameda Food Bank at 1900 Thau Way on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm; Tuesday between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm; or the second, third, and fourth Saturday between 10:30 am. and 1:00 pm.

Season's Greetings

Dental Consultation

Dr. Alfred Chong will provide free dental consultation on **Thursday, December 17**, between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (by appointment only) in the Mastick Office. This is an opportunity to have questions answered regarding your teeth, treatment options, and possible alternatives for pending dental procedures. To make an appointment, visit the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

Shop the Mastick Thrift Shop for Bargains Galore During the Holiday Season!

Are you on a tight budget or just get a thrill from shopping for bargains? The Mastick Thrift Shop is stocked with treasures and ready to fulfill your holiday needs. Shop on Tuesday and Saturday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for craft items, holiday decorations, clothing, shoes, jewelry, houseware items, and more. The Thrift Shop is open to the public. Be sure to checkout the \$1 rack! **Note: The Thrift Shop will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 22, 2009, through Saturday, January 2, 2010. The shop will reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**