

## January Facts

January is named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways.  
Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future.

Stone = Garnet    Flower = Carnation

### THE JUDGING FORMAT OF MISS AMERICA PAGEANT

Originally, contestants in the Miss America pageant were judged on the basis of body measurements. However, around the 1940's things changed. They were ranked in evening gown = 25%, talent = 25%, swimsuit = 25% and personality = 25%. In 1960, talent grew to rate 30%. But then in 1986, Talent became 40% of the score.

Today, contestants are given scores in four basic categories:  
Talent, Interview, Evening Gown and Swimsuit.

The preliminary judging is done by a panel of 7 judges, who then chose the top ten semifinalists. This group of 10 then gets narrowed down by the final panel of 7 judges (usually well-known celebrities). Then to five finalists and then, the winner, who is the one with the highest score of the final five.

The preliminary scoring goes as follows:

Talent=40%  
Interview = 30%  
On-Stage Personality in Evening Wear = 15%  
Physical Fitness in Swimsuit=15%

Final scoring goes as follows:

Swimsuit =10%  
Evening Gown=10%  
Talent = 20%  
Interview=20%  
Preliminary Phase Performance which exhibiting various qualities=40%

In 1996, television viewers got to participate in the judging. They were invited to call in their choice for the five finalists, thus becoming the 8th judge.



## Activities Calendar



### THE HISTORICAL REASON WE POP CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



By Louise Rhind-Tutt

As the clocks chime midnight on December 31 and a brand new year is ushered in, the familiar soundtrack of fireworks, people cheering, and champagne corks popping will echo across the globe. Many of us will instinctively look for a bottle or two of celebratory fizz when buying wine for a holiday party; in fact, it's been estimated that a quarter of all champagne bottles sold in America are bought between Christmas and New Year's, with more than 360 million glasses of champagne and sparkling wine enjoyed in the U.S. each and every New Year's Eve.

But, why do we choose this particular drink to mark one of the biggest dates in the calendar? While drinking champagne has a long and lavish history dating back centuries, it hasn't always been an option for the majority of people. The sparkling beverage was once associated solely with royal courts and European aristocracy since royalty and nobility were the only ones who once could afford it.

Things began to change after the French Revolution and the huge societal changes that period brought about; back then, champagne quickly gained traction as a desirable way to celebrate special occasions. And, over subsequent years, that signature pop of the cork before pouring the fizzy, lively liquid would become synonymous with one of the biggest communal celebrations of all: New Year's Eve.

Things began to change in the 1800s

By 1800, the act of staying up until midnight to ring in the new year had become more popular, a tradition which European settlers had brought to America. People began to frequent taverns, as well as visiting others' houses, for fun-filled midnight drinks, which included punch as well as champagne.

As secular rituals began to replace religious ones following the French Revolution, champagne became more widespread as part of a variety of celebrations. One use was to 'christen' a ship, for example, before its maiden voyage. Soon, champagne was about to see a sudden huge surge in popularity and availability as prices dropped and sales boomed from six million bottles in 1850 to a whopping 28 million by 1900 as producers began to market the drink for special occasions.





















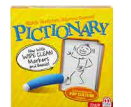






By the end of the 19th century, champagne was widespread at New Year's Eve parties. While still associated with luxury, it was more affordable for the middle classes as an occasional treat — and what better way to welcome in a fresh start than with an overflowing glass of aspirational bubbles? Today, champagne is still seen as an occasional celebratory drink by most, with New Year's Eve proving one of the most popular times to indulge. And with a range of cheaper alternatives these days, from cava to prosecco, there's even more reason to pop a cork this New Year's Eve.

*Cheers to that.*



**UNDER TIKI HUT IS NOT RESERVABLE  
Please do not hold/reserve any seats or tables, Thank you!**

# Year Round Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																
<p>3:00-5:00 Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts</p> 	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis  <b>12:00-3:00</b> Mahjong/Card Rm                  2:00 Bowling/Coral Lanes                  6:00 Mixed Bridge M&amp;W/Card Rm                  6:30 Texas Hold'em/AR</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                  8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only)  <b>12:45-4:00</b> Mahjong/Card Rm  <b>2:30-6:30</b> Ladder Tournament/Cts                  6:15 Hand and Foot/Card Rm                  6:30 Trivia/AR                  7:00 Shuffleboard/Cts</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                  8:30 Ladies Golf                  8:30 Nifty Niners/GC                  9:00-5:00 Bocce/CT  <b>1:00-4:00</b> Ladies Bridge/Card Rm                  For Beginner One Stroke Lessons, please contact Mo Keary @ 239-826-3673</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                  9:00-12:00 Mixed Bridge/Card Rm  <b>12:30</b> Men's Golf  <b>1:00-4:00</b> Beginning Bridge/Card Rm</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis  <b>12:00-4:30</b> Pinochle/Card Rm</p>	<p><b>Reception Hours:</b>                  9:30am til <b>3:00pm</b>                  Monday - Friday</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Changes made up till the 25th of each month.</p>																
<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">January</h2> <h2 style="font-size: 2em;">2025</h2>	 <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p><b>P.L. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</b></p> <table style="font-size: small; border: none;"> <tr> <td>BR - Ballroom</td> <td>GC - Golf Course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDS - Billiards</td> <td>P - Patio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR - Crafts Room</td> <td>LF - Lake Fairways</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FS - Fitness Studio</td> <td>LR - Living Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K - Kitchen</td> <td>LL - Library/Loft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AR - Activity Room</td> <td>DR - Driving Range</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card Room</td> <td>F - Foyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M &amp; W - Men &amp; Women</td> </tr> </table>	BR - Ballroom	GC - Golf Course	BDS - Billiards	P - Patio	CR - Crafts Room	LF - Lake Fairways	FS - Fitness Studio	LR - Living Room	K - Kitchen	LL - Library/Loft	AR - Activity Room	DR - Driving Range	Card Room	F - Foyer		M & W - Men & Women	<p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>  <b>ELS OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K Doors Open 5:00</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:30-4:00 Mgmt/LR                  9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                  9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                  11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR                  11:00-2:00 Bocce /AR  <b>6:00</b> Women's Club Mtg/BR/AR/K  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Billiards Practice/BDS  <b>6:30-8:30</b> Pictionary/Card Rm</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR                  11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>1:00-3:00</b> Women's Club Board Mtg/LR</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30 Pancake Breakfast/BR/AR/K                  9:30 Bike Ride/PL  <b>7:00</b> Men's Club                  Presents Comedian George Casey                  Doors Open at <b>6:00pm</b></p> 
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<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P  <b>6:00-8:00</b> Bible Study/LR                  7:00 Euchre/Card Rm <b>6:45</b> Sign up</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                  9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                  11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>1:00-3:00</b> WC Donation Committee/LR  <b>1:00-3:30</b> Adv. One Stroke/CR  <b>3:00-5:00</b> PLTA Board Meeting/AR  <b>4:00-6:00</b> Food Trucks/PLCH Circle                  7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up                  7:00 PLEHOA Bd Mtg/BR</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR                  11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR  <b>1:00-3:00</b> Ceramics/CR  <b>2:00-4:00</b> Men's Club Meeting/BR/AR/K  <b>3:00-5:00</b> Corn Hole/BR  <b>3:00-5:00</b> Cruise Club/AR  <b>4:00-5:00</b> Gardening/CR  <b>4:00-6:00</b> FISH/LR  <b>6:00-9:00</b> 8 Ball League/BDS                  6:15 Hand &amp; Foot/Card Rm                  6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K Doors Open 5:00</b></p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                  9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                  11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR  <b>5:00-8:00</b> Thirsty Thursday;                  Back by popular demand Cayman/P/BR/K  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Billiards Practice/BDS  <b>6:30-8:30</b> Pictionary/Card Rm</p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:00am-9:00pm PLGA/K                  9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR  <b>11:00-12:00</b> Easy Does It/BR  <b>5:00-8:00</b> PLGA                  President's Cup/BR/AR/K Set-up 12:30pm</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:30 Coffee Social                  Cul-de-Sac#14 /BR/AR/K                  9:30 Bike Ride/PL  <b>5:00-8:00</b> PL Ladies Golf League                  Spaghetti Dinner Benefit/BR//AR/K</p> 																
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P  <b>5:00</b> Women's Club                  Soup Night/BR/AR/K  <b>6:00-8:00</b> Bible Study/LR                  7:00 Euchre/Card Rm <b>6:45</b> Sign up</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>ELS OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING</b></p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                  9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                  11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>1:00-3:30</b> Adv. One Stroke/CR                  7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up  <b>NO HOAII BOARD MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR                  11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR  <b>1:00-3:00</b> Ceramics/CR  <b>1:00-3:00</b> PLGA Bd Mtg/LR  <b>3:00-5:00</b> Corn Hole/BR  <b>4:00-5:00</b> Gardening/CR  <b>6:00-9:00</b> 8 Ball League/BDS                  6:15 Hand &amp; Foot/Card Rm                  6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Soloist Group/LR                  11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/br                  11:30-12:30 Soloist Bd Mtg/LR  <b>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K Doors Open 5:00</b></p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                  9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                  11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Beautification/LR  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Billiards Practice/BDS  <b>6:30-8:30</b> Pictionary/Card Rm</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR                  11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30 Bike Ride/PL  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Entertainment Committee                  Presents Jammin Jambalaya Dance w/                  The Jammin Jambalaya Band                  Mardi Gra Theme                  Doors Open at <b>5:30</b></p> 																
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