



## Celebrating January

**Hot Tea Month**

**Soup Month**

**January 1  
New Years Day**

**January 2  
Badgers Rose Bowl Game**

**January 9  
Full Moon**

**January 16  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**January 23  
Chinese New Year**

## The Great Race

At midnight on January 23, you may hear cheers of Happy New Year! These well-wishers aren't three weeks late. January 23 is the Chinese New Year, the most important of all of China's traditional holidays. This is a time for families to gather together and share big meals, as well as a time to forgive grudges and wish for peace and happiness.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2012 is the Year of the Dragon. Anyone born in this year is energetic, confident, and strong willed. The Chinese Zodiac follows a 12-year cycle. How did this zodiac come about? An old Chinese fable explains its origin:

A long time ago when there was no calendar in China, the Jade Emperor, the most powerful Chinese god, decided to help design one. He held a race. He decreed that the first 12 animals to cross the finish line would determine the order of the years. All the animals were very excited.

Rat was the most ambitious of all and wanted to win, but he had two worries. First, the race began early in the morning. How would he wake up? Second, he had to cross a large river. How would he get across? Rat went to his best friend Cat for advice, and they decided to ask Ox for help. Ox, after all, always woke up early and was also a strong swimmer. The three animals agreed to make an alliance.

On the day of the race, Ox, Rat, and Cat woke early and crossed the river. Rat, however, feared that Cat would rush ahead and come in first. Rat pushed Cat into the river! Once across the river, Rat raced ahead and won first place in the Chinese calendar. Ox finished second, followed by Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. Cat never did finish, and this is why, still to this day, the Cat always chases the Rat. Why didn't the mighty flying Dragon come in first? It had to stop and make rain to benefit all the people and creatures of earth. quite a noble act to remember for the year 2012.

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## From the Activity Directors Desk

It was so nice to see the great turn out we had for all our holiday dinners. I heard many comments on what a nice time they had with their family.

Well here it is January again and another year. Time to make your New Years resolutions? Maybe we can help you out with some volunteer time at our facilities. If you are interested please contact Lena at [arlena\\_leurquin@yahoo.com](mailto:arlena_leurquin@yahoo.com) or 920-680-2420.

I have many exciting things in the planning for this year along with the old favorites such as the visiting the zoo, fishing, holiday parties, and monthly entertainment groups to name a few. We plan on being more involved in community projects with WI Dessert Veterans, the Humane Society, and area Churches. Be sure to watch your calendars for a complete listing of all our activities monthly. They are located near the entrance of each building along with a copy of the newsletter. Happy New Year!

### Special January Events

January 1  
New Years Day Social

January 2  
Badger Rose Bowl Social

January 13  
Entertainment by Jim & Ellen

January 25  
Entertainment by Brad

Weekly Church Services

Date to be determined  
Outing to a Movie Theater



### As Easy as Pie

Eskimo Pie may not have been a pie at all, but it sure was delicious. It was the first chocolate-covered ice cream bar. Christian Kent Nelson got the idea while working in his candy store. He watched as a small boy began to buy an ice cream, then changed his mind and bought a chocolate bar instead. Nelson asked him why he didn't buy both. The boy said, "Sure, I know I want ~~em~~ both, but I only got a nickel." For weeks afterwards, Nelson worked around the clock trying to stick chocolate to ice cream.

Nelson's invention was a hit. He teamed up with chocolatier Russell Stover and called his new treat the Eskimo Pie. On January 24, 1922, Nelson patented his idea. Soon millions of the treats were being sold across the globe, and Nelson was raking in \$2,000 a day in royalties. Now that's cold hard cash.

### January Birthdays

January 1, Yolanda E

January 22 Marjorie L

January 27 Laddie Z

