

TOUCHSTONE FARM ANNOUNCES
THE 2016 CARRIAGE DRIVING PROGRAM

JANUARY 2016

Join the Touchstone Farm Driving Club....The best deal of all for \$25!!! Club members can enjoy Potluck Dinners, many of which include a presentation of some kind, and all of which promise good conversation, yummy food and even a little wine. The additional benefits of being a club member include first priority for clinics and competitions at Touchstone Farm, as well as first priority to use one of the Touchstone Turnouts (horse, harness, carriage and Safety Support Person) for Touchstone events. You help the club through your membership because club news, member updates and farm events will be included on the E newsletters and publications for the CAA (Carriage Association of America), the ADS (American Driving Society), PATH, Intl. (Professional Association of Therapeutic Driving, International), USDFD (United States Driving for the Disabled, GSCA (Granite State Carriage Association) and the Equine Journal. Together, we will promote the fine sport of carriage driving both locally and nationally. Join any time of the year. Membership goes from Jan. 1st 2016 to Dec. 31st, 2016. PS It would be great too if you joined the CAA, the ADS and GSCA....Help boost their membership and help them spread the work about the thrill of driving, be it for history, pleasure, competition or comradery. Let's have SAFE FUN together!

Carriage Association of America "Fireside Chat" #1 & Prep for CAA Levels I & II: Saturday January 23rd 12PM to 4:30PM....Sit by the roaring fire at Touchstone Lodge while Holly Pulsifer and Susan Koso lead us through the Carriage Association of American information on different types of carriages and harnesses, as well as their care. Also, learn more about horsemanship and conditioning to round out your driving knowledge and horse care. Enjoy a delicious hot meal as we wile away the cold and snow of January, and dream of the coming of spring and driving! Meet fellow drivers in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

FEBRUARY 2016

Touchstone Farm Driving Club Potluck Dinner...Thursday February 4th at "Tree Tops" the home of Boo Martin (305 Webster Highway) in Temple, NH...Beginning at 6PM, come armed with a dish and with interest in driving. You do not have to be a member of the Touchstone Driving Club to attend. Forms for Touchstone Driving Club, GSCA, CAA and ADS will all be available at the dinner. Following some wine & cheese and good old fashioned 'catching up' after the Holidays, dinner will be served. A presentation on the benefits and mission of all the clubs and associations will be given. Further details will come alive as we also hear about the "Alphabet Soup" of driving...what is an ADT, versus a CDE, or an HDT, or even a VSE???What is a pleasure show and what do you need to do? Or what about a Pleasure Drive versus a

Recreational Drive that is sanctioned by the ADS? Learn to unlock the mystery of what is available and what is possible with fun, fellow drivers...and wanna be drivers!

Carriage Association of America “Fireside Chat” #2 & Prep for CAA Levels I & II: Sunday February 14th 12PM to 4:30PM. Holly Pulsifer and Susan Koso will once again share their life time of driving and expertise with club members and driving friends as the fire burns bright at Touchstone Lodge. Get ready to be excited about spring time driving and getting your horse, carriage and trailer tuned up and ready to launch into spring. More curriculum from CAA to be presented. Also, Susan, Holly, Boo and Barb Cochrane will all share their experience of going to the Carriage Association of America international conference in Colonial Williamsburg. Tales to be told of days gone by including information on driving in England and Europe.

MARCH 2016

Touchstone Farm Club Membership....Its still not too late to sign up to become a member of the Touchstone Team!!! We welcome both beginner and advanced drivers, and everyone in between. You do not need to actively be driving to belong...nor do you need to own your own horse. We need many Volunteers and Greeters to make our events and clinics successful. We want YOU to become a member....\$25 makes you an official card carrying member today! See our Touchstone Farm Website for the Membership Form and join today.

Operation Horse Power Weekend #1 for Veterans and their Families: Friday March 11th to Sunday March 13th. This weekend is for Veterans and their Families who are working on rebuilding their lives together after multiple Deployments. These Veterans come from the VA Hospital, Vet Centers and by referral from multiple Veterans’ organizations where they are seeking relief from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injuries. Driving is a favorite activity for these families. We need lots of help to make their driving experience a safe and successful experience. Come help us help them by offering your driving knowledge, time and presence. Volunteers of all levels of driving experience are welcome for 2 to 3 hour sessions.

Touchstone Farm Driving, Riding and Vaulting Program Open House/Barn!!! Saturday March 19th from 1 to 4PM. If you have not yet been to Touchstone Farm, this is a great time to come visit. Meet the teachers, two and four footed. Tour the extensive riding and driving facility and learn about riding and driving through the unspoiled countryside surrounding the farm property. Heated offices and classroom, plus the historic barn and Indoor arena make this a fun day even if it is raining. Demos will be given and lots of information about classes for children and adults of all abilities. Also, many volunteer opportunities will be available for people over 14 years of age. Much information will be given in person with literature to take away.

We hope you will sign up to drive with us or to volunteer in our extensive driving program.

The Driven Image Trade Show and Program Saturday March 19th and Sunday March 20th

Carpool down to this brand new event that is designed to whet our appetites for the coming of spring and driving. Let's have a big Touchstone Driving Club contingent. It is in Amherst Mass at Hampshire College. A great group of speakers will delight us with their knowledge. Take a look and plan to join us. Here is the link: <http://www.shootthathorse.com/The-Driven-Image.html>

Weekly driving lessons begin week of March 21st: Private and Small Group Driving Lessons for both Therapeutic and Able Bodied Drivers. To be taught by George Stolz and Boo Martin. Touchstone Farm offers private and small group lessons for those wanting to try driving for the first time. The idea of "try before you buy" really is valuable with the cost of vehicles, harnesses and a good driving horse. Try out various sizes and types of driving horses and vehicles to see what you most love to do. Lessons are also available for those wanting to begin to compete on the farm. Let us take the hassle out of traveling and trailering for you as we offer a variety of clinics and 'driver friendly' competitions on the 'home playing field'. Also, Touchstone offers extensive lesson opportunities for those with physical, emotional or cognitive challenges with certified therapeutic driving instructors. We have easy to enter vehicles and quiet, seasoned driving horses who's best gait is the "Whoa"!!!! Let us safely and gently start you off on a driving adventure that you will long remember. Call the farm today to sign up for lessons...

"Getting Your Horse Started" Clinic March 28th and 29th with Dave Bradham. This is the perfect way to get your horse started back between the shafts after a long winter in an indoor arena and with a knowledgeable 'pit crew'. Worry not if your horse's coat is still shaggy or you have not driven since October. Let us help you get jump started to enjoy the spring with your horse. This clinic also is a great opportunity to see if your horse is ready to be hooked up for the first time. Again, let our experienced team of horse and driving folks, led by Dave, help you hook up for that important first time. With a quiet, enclosed environment and an experienced team, let us help you on your Maiden Voyage. Private lessons for each horse and owner. Dave is also available to come to you at your home following this clinic.

This clinic requires registration well ahead of the clinic because Dave will give you individualized 'homework' with lots of groundwork before you bring your horse on site so the training and hooking up opportunity on the farm can be maximized. Please

note: This clinic is a pre-requisite for those bringing their own horse for the Immersion Week in April.

Therapeutic Able Bodied Whip Clinic: New in 2016!!! March 30th & 31st, April 1st with Corie Brooks. An intensive hands on clinic for individuals who wish to be drivers for students with disabilities in a therapeutic driving program. Extensive time driving a variety of horses, vehicles and turn-outs, plus lots of emergency procedures and harnessing opportunities will be offered. Also open to Therapeutic Driving Instructors who wish to fulfill their PATH Continuing Education Hours or to those wanting to have a solid workshop on driving and turnouts in preparation to attend the PATH Driving Instructor Workshop and Certification. Please note that the day after the clinic (April 3rd) Touchstone will host a Schooling Arena Driving Trials. This ADT will help those who have not competed extensively to have a good first experience under the guidance of the Touchstone staff and ABWs!!!

APRIL

Schooling Arena Driving Trial #1 Sunday April 3rd...Sue Rogers to judge. Come one, come all to the first of our Arena Driving Trials...To be held in our large Indoor Arena. Plenty of parking will be offered with good ring footing with lots of drainage. Let us be your first venture off the farm in 2016. "Still Fuzzy" horses, ponies and Minis VSE's Welcomed!!! Gentle judging with suggestions from Sue Rogers, inviting Cones Course and Obstacles from Holly Pulsifer, and excellent Show Management from Susan Koso and Barb Cochrane make this a perfect first place to come. "Maiden Voyage" for first timers, Training and Preliminary Divisions offered with ribbons galore for all.

Touchstone Farm's 2nd Annual IMMERSION WEEK...Tuesday April 5th to Saturday April 9th. First ever clinic with the newly renovated and restored Homestead, an historic building! Holly Pulsifer & Susan Koso to serve as presenters. Boo Martin and George Stolz to teach the driving portion. This is a unique opportunity to try carriage driving for the first time...or get to drive a variety of horses, ponies and VSEs to a variety of carriages...or to bring your own horse and get the winter 'bugs' out with a supportive team. (Please note that if you bring your own horse, you must have had a private lesson with Dave Bradham in March to insure safety for you, your horse and your fellow drivers.) Carriage Association of America Driver Proficiency Program curriculum will form the basis for the lectures, presentations and unmounted activities. Participants will drive twice a day in small group lessons. Fun Games Day with Silly and Serious Prizes on Saturday with an Awards Luncheon to culminate the experience. Delicious food and dreamy accommodations will make this a true vacation getaway!

Scott Monroe Clinic #1....Sunday April 3rd....First in a series of opportunities to take a private lesson with your own horse or a Touchstone Turnout with Scott Monroe. Immersion participants will get first priority for these lessons. Scott will do private lessons for drivers who are rank beginners on up to those who are ready to move up to

a new level of competition or those starting a young horse. Let yourself relax into the calm and gentle teaching of this Pro! We can almost guarantee that by the second time around the ring you will be driving better and the horse will be happier! We are excited to offer this opportunity as the first in a series of one day clinics with Scott who will enhance the entire driving team & program at Touchstone Farm.

Operation Horse Power Weekend #2 for Women Veterans: April 15th to the 17th

This is a weekend for women veterans who have served our wonderful country!!! They are eager to be at the farm to do anything with horses. They especially love to drive and go down the road to the local dairy farm for ice cream and to see the calves. Come and help us say "Thank you for your service"! A 2 or 3 hour time commitment goes a long way with these women. I can almost promise you will leave happier than you came.

Mighty Minis....A special day long clinic expressly for Very Small Equines with Marc Johnson on Friday April 22nd. At Touchstone Farm, we truly believe in the huge value of miniature horses for new drivers of any age. Long ago we watched these wee ones do the work of four bigger horses as they delighted and 'taught' our campers and our timid adults. With low to the ground, easy entry vehicles, their small size and endearing personalities, they make the ideal first driving horse or life-long partner. Marc Johnson shares our admiration for these VSEs with their big personalities. He will do a whole day of driving with you, in small groups and individually so you can get the hang of driving or get your own Mini going for the season. He will also do a special presentation of being your own Navigator during a Marathon or in an Obstacle so that you can do an even better job of solo driving in competition. With an Indoor and Outdoor Arenas with solid footing, VSEs thrive at Touchstone. We also have two of our own VSEs who would love to meet new friends. We have both a pipe cart and a mini marathon vehicle for drivers to try. Join us for this first ever clinic EXCLUSIVELY for Mighty Minis!!! Please note that we would love to have you stay on and do the clinic this weekend and enjoy the ADT with a special division for VSEs!

"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Arena Driving Trials But Were Afraid to ASK!" Clinic with Scott Monroe...Friday night April 22nd and Saturday April 23rd. Join Scott Monroe and the Touchstone Team as we all enjoy the fun, excitement and thrill of competition in a friendly, welcoming setting. Whether you have a horse you are trying out in competition for the first time or wanting to move up a division or just wanting something new in 2016, this is a great way to get started. Try that Dressage Test and do it once or twice. Try out the cones course and then best your time. Venture into an Obstacle first at the walk and then do it again at a slow trot to get ready to really blast through the gates in the future. Armed with an overview of the rules and info on what to wear to look sharp from Friday night, get ready to drive a lot under the watchful eye of Scott. Let the Touchstone Team help you stay safe. Bring your own horse and stable it in our Visitor Barn while you slumber soundly right

on site in our lovely newly Renovated Historic Homestead. Experience the fun of learning how to drive better with us, whether you ever compete or not.

Schooling Arena Driving Trial #2 with Susan Koso as Organizer, Holly Pulsifer as Course Designer, Scott Monroe as Judge and Marc Johnson as Technical Delegate and Support Personnel for Newbies!!! Sunday April 24th...Featuring three divisions with ribbons for all!!! 'Maiden Voyage' Division for First Timers, Training and Preliminary Divisions will be offered. High point Championship for High Point Mini (VSE), New Driver, Veteran and Youth Driver. If you wanted to try an Arena Driving Trial or to step up to a new division, this is the one for you. Scott will give gentle critiques and Marc will be available to help walk courses and give tips from an experienced eye! Ribbons galore following a well-organized ADT. Food on grounds from Connolly Brothers Farm, featuring yummy local food and ice cream, of course!

MAY

Granite State Pleasure Drive hosted at Touchstone Farm on Sunday May 1st....Join us for a lovely, leisurely pleasure drive on scenic country dirt roads with little traffic. Meet your fellow drivers in an unhurried and welcoming atmosphere. 3, 5 and 8 mile loops available with easy to follow routes. Staggered starts, coupled with Safety Checks, help make sure that no horse needs to fret and safety is foremost in everyone's mind. Lunch provided at the Homestead, a newly renovated historic home on the farm. Join us for good conversation and enjoy getting to know your fellow drivers in beautiful surroundings. Optional extra in the afternoon is to try your hand in a Driving Dressage Arena and though a simple Cones Course...just to make the day even more fun!

Scott Monroe Clinic #2 Tuesday May 3rd....Second in a series of opportunities to take a private lesson with your own horse or a Touchstone Turnout with Scott Monroe. Take this mid week opportunity to continue to improve your horse and your driving under the expert eye of Scott. Whether you wish to journey down a dirt road and out of a ring, or to focus on driving in an arena, let Scott help you to finesse the fine art of reinsmanship!

Dressage Day on Tuesday May 24th, followed by Cones Day on Wednesday May 25th with Scott Monroe...Zero in on improving your score and upping your game....Let Scott coach you through several Dressage Tests with gentle critique and suggestions so that you can go and do it again and again until you get it right! Stay over for the night and then do the same thing with a variety of Cones Courses, beginning with easy ones and progressing up to narrower and narrower ones so that you can improve your accuracy and times. Come for one or both days. Bring your own horse or use one of the Touchstone Turnouts to get started.

Operation Horse Power #3 for Veterans' and Their Families starting on Friday night May 27th and ending on Sunday May 29th. These families are from a Vet Center and will be coming with their Marriage and Family Therapist. Be a part of the Healing Power of the Horse as we drive with these deserving families. Help us to keep everyone safe and successful by giving 2 to 3 hours of your time. We can almost assure you that you will leave smiling.

JUNE

“Everything You Always Wanted to Know about a Horse Driving Trial” Clinic on Friday night June 3rd and Saturday June 4th with Marc Johnson!!! Feel more confident as you get ready for a Horse Driving Trial by really understanding the rules, knowing about the presentation and dress, and having the ability to really practice the Dressage Test and Your Cones Course.

Friday night will feature the rules and schedule for an HDT, with emphasis on times for the marathon and how a Navigator can & should help. A “Creative” Fashion Show will demonstrate the Do’s and Don’ts of appropriate attire for all phases of an HDT. Saturday’s clinic will focus on Dressage with a Drive, Critique, Drive” for Dressage in the morning. Drivers will be welcome to drive the cones course at their leisure while waiting for each dressage test to be finished. The afternoon would be cones and more cones with timing and walking the course as part of the practice. The clinic will end with Marc actually taking the clinic participants on the Mandatory Course Walk for the Marathon and assisting to set up the appropriate times for the Marathon....all important things to know to be safe and successful, thus making it fun!!! Lodging and meals for the clinic at Stepping Stone Lodge. (Heidi Johnson might come to bring her covered wagon and display/sell her wares to help people purchase the right clothing and hats.)

Touchstone Farm Spring Driving Trials sanctioned by the American Driving Society Sunday June 5th. Scott Monroe judging, Marc Johnson as Technical Delegate and Holly Pulsifer as Organizer with Barb Cochrane as Show Secretary. “Maiden Voyage” Division, Training and Preliminary Levels offered. Separate divisions for those who participated in the clinic at all three levels. Ribbons galore! Please note that this Horse Driving Trials replaces the Fall Festival of Driving formerly held in October.

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Summer Weekly Driving Program for Pony Farm Campers: Summer (June 13th to August 20th)

To be taught by Boo Martin, George Stolz and Senior Touchstone Instructors. This program is for our residential specialty riding and driving summer camp called Pony Farm. This American Camping Association fully accredited summer camp is in its 45th

year of continuous operation and serves “horse crazy” girls who range from 8 to 14 years of age. Join us once or twice a week or help every other Saturday for Parents’ Exhibitions to keep everyone safe and having fun. This is the perfect way for adults or older teens who have some driving experience to get more time in a carriage and driving a variety of safe, sturdy ponies. We always need many hands on deck to serve as headers, Able Bodied Whips in the carriages, and to help with the harnessing and ‘putting to’. Not only is this a way for you to ‘give back’ but it is a perfect way to foster the love of driving with the younger generation. Let’s all work together to grow our fantastic sport of driving by sharing it with the next generation of horse lovers!!!

Waldingfield Horse Driving Trials on July 17th. Organized by Holly Pulsifer with Marc Johnson as the Technical Delegate. Let’s all join to support Holly’s efforts at Waldingfield by either competing, volunteering or spectating. The more, the merrier. Let’s have a Touchstone Contingent to cheer on the drivers and support this terrific driving event with the famous Myopia Driving Club, the birthplace of the American Driving Society!!!!

Scott Monroe Clinic #3 Tuesday August 23rd...Third in a series of opportunities to take a private lesson with your own horse or a Touchstone Turnout with Scott Monroe. Use this clinic and schooling opportunity to polish your skills and tune up your horse in preparation for the upcoming Green Mountain Horse Association Combined Driving Event on August 26th to the 28th.

SEPTEMBER

Scott Monroe Clinic #4 Wednesday September 7th...Last in a series of opportunities to take a private lesson with your own horse or a Touchstone Turnout with Scott Monroe. This clinic is designed for everyone from new drivers to those prepping to compete at the Green Mountain Horse Association Fall Horse Driving Trials on Saturday Sept. 10th. This is the last opportunity in 2016 to work at Touchstone Farm with Scott to hone your skills and get your horse going better!

Wednesday September 7th Touchstone Farm Driving Club Pot Luck Dinner...Whether you are a member or not, come one, come all! The more, the merrier to organize the fall driving programs and lessons for 2016 at Touchstone Farm.

Touchstone Farm Fall Driving, Vaulting and Riding Lesson Program Open House from 1 to 4PM on Saturday September 10th. Come to take a tour of the farm, meeting the Instructors, pat the horses, enjoy the refreshments and see if Touchstone is the right fit for you to learn to drive carriages!!! Weekly driving lessons will be offered in a 10 session series of either private, semi private or group lessons taught by George Stolz. Students will be provided with the horse, the carriage and all the necessary equipment. A complete driving facility can be your playground to learn to successfully drive or improve the skills you already have!

Operation Horse Power Weekend #4 for Veterans and their Families: Friday September 16th to Sunday September 18th. This weekend will focus on families with a service member who is returning from multiple Deployments and is struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress or Traumatic Brain Injuries. The families thrive on the healing power of the horses and are tremendously successful with driving. Help us give them a safe and enjoyable experience. Volunteers needed to harness, head and drive, depending on experience. Join us and give of your time for a 2 to 3 hour session.

OCTOBER

American Driving Society's Northeast Regional Recreational Drive with Parties, Food, Friendship Galore....Beginning on Friday afternoon October 8th and ending on Columbus Day October 10th, join us for Columbus Day Weekend to have a fabulous driving experience! Hosted by Leona Anastasi, our NE Representative of the ADS, Marc Johnson, Holly Pulsifer, Susan Koso, with Randy and Boo Martin, and George and Nancy Stolz, as Landowners. With beautiful scenic drives of varying lengths and breathtaking fall foliage, this should be a glorious way to wrap up your driving year. An Opening Wine and Cheese Reception on Friday evening will kick off the weekend. A delicious Barbeque and Bonfire at the Stepping Stone Lodge on site at Touchstone Farm will follow, allowing everyone to get to know each other or meet up with old friends. A great day of driving for all will start early on Saturday though the Timberdoodle grounds and down the dirt roads. This relaxing and restoring driving will be followed by a full Banquet Dinner on Saturday night at Timberdoodle Shooting Club, right up the road. This Feast will Featuring Seasonal Game (with Chicken and Beef thrown in of course) and Live Dinner Music. Driving will again prevail on Sunday and will include a Blessing of the Horses at the start of the day. The weekend will end with Awards & Festivities at a Gala Cocktail Party at the home of Boo Martin, again right up the road. With on-site lodging of varying types, and on site stabling, and miles of open driving countryside, there will be something for all ages, abilities, sizes of equines and type of carriage. Plans are in the works with the ADS representatives to make this a 'not to be missed' event. Watch the ADS and Touchstone Websites for more details as they develop but mark your calendar now to come with your horse(s), carts and carriages, to stay on site at either the Homestead, an historic site now fully restored and renovated, or at Stepping Stone Lodge with more informal though comfortable lodging. Plenty of local scenic inns and Bed and Breakfast can offer the most frugal to the most discerning guests just what they desire. On site stabling with portable stalls in our Indoor Arena will be available. Make it a weekend you won't forget!!!

An Extra BONUS....Carriage Association of America Driver Proficiency Evaluations Available on Monday October 10th. Please refer to the CAA website for more details on this important program to see if you are eligible. Also, stay tuned for more info on Touchstone's website to see who will be doing the Evaluations. You

may use one of the Touchstone Turnouts should you wish to be tested, or feel free to bring your own.

Operation Horse Power Weekend #5 for Women Veterans: Friday night October 14th to Sunday afternoon October 17th...These women are dynamite. They have served our country in spades, experienced Military Sexual Trauma and/or Post Traumatic Stress. They love coming to the farm and enjoying all the animals, the horses in particular. They love to drive especially and really get into holding the reins themselves and feeling empowered. Come help them experience the freedom of driving with the enjoyment of the farm itself. A session of 2 to 3 hours of volunteer time will make a great difference to both the Veterans themselves and the Touchstone professional team which hosts the weekend. Come see the magic for yourself and help them to drive safely and successfully.

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International Therapeutic Driving Instructor Workshop and Certification. Workshop begins on Wed. October 19th and ends on Friday the 21st of October. Certification begins on Friday the evening of the 21st of October and ends on Sunday October 23rd. Tina Bennett and Lauren Fitzgerald will be the Clinicians and Evaluators with George Stolz and Boo Martin as Facilitators and Able Bodied Whips. See PATH, Intl. Website for full details if you wish to work toward becoming certified. Lodging and meals will be offered on site at Stepping Stone Lodge. Clinic limited to 12 participants and Certification to 8 candidates. Many volunteers and student drivers are needed to host this important international certification. Join us to get certified or to learn more about the fascinating world of therapeutic driving instructor and disabilities as a volunteer helper. Volunteers are guaranteed to learn about as much as the workshop attendees. Many drivers with disabilities across the country will benefit from the driving instructors who come out of this experience with their certification to teach. Let's give them a positive and successful experience with lots of 'hands on deck'!

NOVEMBER

Equine Affaire....Come see the Touchstone Farm Booth. November 10th to the 13th. It is our hope to also have a Driving Demo and/or Clinic with our Touchstone Farm Club Members as participants. Stay tuned for more info! Very Exciting for sure!

Operation Horse Power Weekend #6 for Gold Star Families who have lost a loved ones in the service of their country. Friday night November 18th to Sunday November 20th in the afternoon. Come help on this most moving weekend of all. Imagine losing your son, daughter, husband, wife or grandchild. As the Holidays loom, help us to give these wonderful families a bright spot in their lives. Help us help them to drive and enjoy some refreshment and renewal. Again, 2 or 3 hours of your time helps them to drive safely and happily, and gives the Touchstone team a big boost with more hands on deck.

DECEMBER

Touchstone Farm Driving Club Dinner and Holiday Party...Wednesday December 7th at 6PM. Enjoy the friendships with fellow driver which have been forged over the past year. Bring a delicious dish to share as we reflect on the past year and do some planning for 2017. Let's celebrate the fine sport of driving as we usher in the Holidays together.