

## *The Awe of Christmas*

It may come as a surprise to learn that among Albert Einstein's talents was a gift for music. He played the violin and often joined in chamber music sessions in the homes of neighbors and friends.

When well past 60, he decided to give up his participation in chamber ensembles because it was too demanding on his time and digital reflexes. Even so, he continued to play for his own pleasure.

An exception occurred one Christmas Eve when choristers appeared at the Einstein home – 112 Mercer St. in Princeton, N.J. Hearing the singing, the noble man picked up his violin, went out on the chilly porch, and provided accompaniment for the carolers.



The contagion of Christmas is irresistible. We see it in the eyes and hear it in the conversation of our residents in our centers. We feel it in the warmth of the fellowship of family and friends in get-togethers that celebrate the holiday. The charm of Christmas surrounds and inspires young and old, rich and poor, wise and simple.

Grateful souls are impelled to join in carols of praise to a Lord of love and grace.

We have entered the week of Christmas. Enjoy all the magic that it brings.

--Beecher Hunter