

## Little Stars bring holiday cheer to senior citizens

The Little Stars, a Canton-based youth organization ([www.thelittlestars.org](http://www.thelittlestars.org)), brought holiday cheer to local nursing home seniors with holiday concerts and gifts at Canton and Westland, as they've done the last 10 years. The Little Stars per-

formed at Four Season Nursing Center in Westland, Waltonwood at Carriage Park Assisted Living and Waltonwood at Carriage Park Independent Living in Canton and also brought fuzzy socks as this year's Christmas gifts. The socks were pur-

chased with the funds the Little Stars raised through fundraiser activities.

The Canton Little Stars brought holiday spirit to seniors throughout Westland and Canton.



## Get yourself out of the house over the holiday break

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Once the presents have been opened and everyone's eating leftovers, there may be a limit as to how many video games can be played or television shows that can be binge watched.

During the two-week holiday break, there are plenty of places open for those looking for some culture, fun or just to get out of the house.

Here are some places to visit chosen on a totally random basis,

### Detroit Historical Museum

Located at 5401 Woodward, right across from the Detroit Institute of Art, the Detroit Historical Museum has permanent installations including an upgraded Streets of Old Detroit; an expanded Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad; the Kid Rock Music Lab, Legends Plaza; and Detroiters at Work. It's open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday during the holiday break. The museum is always closed Monday, except for a special opening Monday, Dec. 26.

A special event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.



The Detroit Historical Museum is open during the holiday break.

cocoa. Aimed at preschoolers and elementary students, along with their families, the program will let participants make their own noisemaker and write a time capsule letter. Admission is free.

### Flint Institute of Arts

The collection includes paintings by Auguste Renoir, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, Thomas Hart Benton, Andrew Wyeth and Duane Hanson. Highlights of the Flint Institute of Arts collection include 15th to 18th century English, French and Italian decorative arts; a

French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings; Hudson River School paintings; regional and Great Lakes paintings; Modernist; and Abstract Expressionist and Photorealist paintings.

The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

The museum is located at 1120 E. Kearsley in Flint's culture district, adjoining the Sloan Museum, which features a fleet of 80 Flint-built cars. The museum looks at the area's history

at the heart of the Motown Museum, 2648 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Look for display of favorite songs and musicians. You can even sing a few bars in legendary Studio A.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, although closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. It's always closed Sunday and Monday.

### Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum

Coin-operated games dating from the early 1900s to modern devices are featured at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills. The always growing collection of games provides something for everyone's taste and skill levels.

Noting people often bring out-of-town guests to visit the mechanical museum, it will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Day. New Year's Eve and Day hours are yet to be determined. The normal hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. It's located at 31005 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

### Holocaust Memorial Center

"Holocaust by Bullets, Yihad-In Unum — 10

Hills, runs through Friday, Dec. 30. It's based on 10 years of research and investigation by the French organization Yihad-In Unum and its founder, the Rev. Patrick Desbois.

Known as "Holocaust by Bullets," the systematic killing of all Jews and Roma started before the creation of concentration camps and took place throughout the former Soviet Union from 1942-44, continuing until the end of World War II. The form of genocide detailed by the exhibit is unlike any other study of genocidal activity ever conducted and presented.

Tours of the memorial are lead by a docent, often a Holocaust survivor. The guide tours take about 2½ hours. The museum is normally open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last admission at 3:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday. Friday hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the last admission at 1:30 p.m. The center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, but will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Due to the subject material of the center, the center isn't for children younger than middle school age. The center is located 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Far-

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