RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL EVENTS CELEBRATED DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK

Tuesday, 23
Joseph Smith's Birthday (Mormon) – Birthday of American Mormon Leader, founder of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Saints Tenno Tanjoji Emperor's Birthday (Japan)

Thursday, 25
Christmas Day (Christian)

Friday, 26
Boxing Day (Canada, UK, Ireland)
Kwanzaa (US) - A celebration honoring African community values and beliefs.

Wren Day/St. Stephen's Day (Ireland)
Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra (Zoroastrian) – Commemorates death of the founder of Zoroastrian faith.

MONTHLY DINNER

On December 11th, Sodexo will host its Christmas themed monthly dinner. The optional main course will be steak and shrimp. Additionally a movie will be played for your dining experience.

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To recognize the innovation of onsite dining programs, Food Management magazine developed the Best Concept Awards and this year awarded Sodexo's Mindful health & wellness approach with having the “Best Management Company Concept.”

"Mindful was developed by a cross-divisional project team but its success is directly attributable to every operator, DM, retail sales assistant, frontline staff member, and the list goes on and on," says Lynn Browning, director of design and development for the Offer Development Center. “Everyone's commitment to Mindful is directly driving sales and, more importantly, helping our consumers make healthier choices.”

Deployed in nearly 2,350 locations across our divisions, Mindful has eliminated an estimated 5 tons of sodium and 14 tons of sugar from our consumers' diets. Currently, our units are on pace to sell 6 million Mindful hero menu items this year.

PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

Courtesy of Brandie Jevtic

2 cups creamy peanut butter
3-3/4 cups confectioners’ sugar
1 package Chocolate Almond Bark

½ cup butter, softened
3 cups crisp rice cereal

In a large mixing bowl, beat peanut butter and butter until blended, gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Stir in cereal. Place mixture in refrigerator for about 1 hour. Shape into 1 inch balls and place on a large tray covered in wax paper. I place the balls in the freezer for about 1 hour to get firm. Melt Almond Bark in a microwave safe bowl for about 45 seconds. You can stir it really well to get it melted throughout. I use a wooden skewer to dip the balls in the melted Almond Bark. Place chocolate covered peanut butter balls on another tray covered in wax paper. Place in refrigerator for a few minutes.

Note: Keep the balls refrigerated, otherwise the peanut butter will soften.