

# Your Horoscope for December 2017

By Stacey Lynn

**Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)** In relationships things come your way without 'trying' to make it happen. At work collaborations need to be carefully examined. Make most financial decisions in January. Stress can lead to accidents. Relax, focus, make a list of priorities, and figure out what's most important to you.

**Capricorn (December 22-January 19)** This month may begin with disappointment and frustration. This all improves at month's end. Work may find you worked up over a group project. Find strategies toward the future. Take better care of yourself and stick around home. Enjoy your privacy, family, and close friends.

**Aquarius (January 20-February 18)** You get close to happiness, but can't quite grab it with both hands. Are you playing hard to get? Answers come in January. Full speed ahead at work. You seem to be trying to do it all. Be careful with income resulting from partnerships. Show restraint during the holidays. Don't force your views on others.

**Pisces (February 19-March 20)** There may be ties between your personal life and work. It could become complicated. Professionally you may find yourself in the spotlight. Luck can bring the right connections. Your energy is good but you may become wreckless. Balance and caution serve you. The 2018 stars are bright for you.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** It is time to take a stand on love or marriage. Something from spring comes back into focus. Work is good in connection with journeys and long distance collaborations. Your health depends on how you focus on priorities; take care of yourself and know when to relax. Be careful when spending.

**Taurus (April 20-May 21)** Relationships are intense, passionate, and possibly spiced up with some temper flare ups. Simmer down. Work collaborations are productive. There could be dealings with financial institutions like banks, insurance, the IRS, etc. Be diplomatic. Conflicts and excesses can affect health. Spend, but save more.

**Gemini (May 22-June 20)** You may find yourself reflecting on love or married life. December will end in harmony, so stay cool. Full speed ahead at work. Be clear in all communications. A tendency to over do it and excess are enemies to health. Do not rush to judgement. Things aren't all that they seem.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** Love is

linked with big responsibilities. Things are intense in both love and work. Much to do, complex issues and you feel things aren't moving ahead, but they are. It's a good time to adjust your lifestyle. Burn up extra energy by being active. Clean up your living space.

**Leo (July 23-August 22)** Indecision, confusion, contradictions... Analyze romantic situations. Logic will clear up most things by month's end. Enjoy the surprises and adventures until then. Make the most of your talents at work. Income can grow through luck or investments, but not gambling or 'bargains'. Don't over spend.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22)** You are a bit more tender now. Make your nest more comfortable. Communications and travels are exciting. Cooperation is important throughout the month, both professionally and money related. Don't get worked up. Present your arguments in a calm and civil manner. Avoid carelessness while driving.

**Libra (September 23-October 21)** There may be changes in your love life. Diplomatic discussions will solve almost anything. Mind and communication make a great impact on your career. Great potential for profit. Limit stress and avoid intellectual exhaustion. Be clear in any communications you have with higher ups.

**Scorpio (October 22-November 21)** Conquest, adventure, and a lot of stamina are involved in your love life. Love rules your decision making process. It is time to set bold and large scale projects into motion. Evaluate goals and resources. Risky actions have a negative impact on your body. Don't spend more than you have and create debt.

# CASA for Children Named Outstanding Volunteer Group

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) of Oregon and SW Washington presented CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties with the Outstanding Volunteer Group Philanthropy Award at their annual luncheon on November 13, 2017.

The AFP Philanthropy Awards are presented to individuals and groups whose generosity has made a significant impact on the lives of the people in our communities. As Dawn Johnston, Board President of the AFP Oregon & SW Washington Chapter, explained "...the purpose of this special day remains as necessary today as it was in its inception - in fact, perhaps more. The commitment to gather in fellowship with one another and show gratitude for one another remains the same; philanthropy after all means the love of humankind, no matter how technology advances, how the profession evolves, or how greatly the world around us ebbs and flows."

Carla Rose, a CASA for over six years, and CASA Program Manager for Washington County Georgia McGinnis Roberts, who has also been a CASA for 16 years, accepted the award on behalf of all CASA volunteers. In 1986 CASA for Chil-

dren opened its doors with the goal of training citizen volunteers to advocate for children in the foster care system who have been abused or neglected. In the past 20 years, beginning with an initial graduating class of five CASAs, to a current active roster of over 470 active CASAs, their advocacy has helped over 22,000 children and young adults navigate the child welfare and dependency court system safely, quickly, and effectively.

This year our volunteers will devote an estimated 113,280 hours, or the equivalent of \$2.3 million of paid time.

As CASA plans for the future of the agency the primary objective continues to be providing more children and young adults with the benefits of a CASA. This year over 470 active CASA volunteers will serve nearly 1,100 children in the foster care system with the ultimate goal of quickly and effectively securing a safe and permanent home for these young people.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a CASA volunteer, upcoming trainings, or future fundraising events, please contact Anne Marie Johnson, Director of Development and Communications at (503) 988-4170 or [ajohnson@casahelpskids.org](mailto:ajohnson@casahelpskids.org).

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