



Fun Times in Assisted Living

April 30, 2021 Edition

COVID STATUS

We are still blessed to be covid free in our assisted living. Walla Walla rates are still on the rise, so be safe!

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information:

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



“I love things that are old and glittery, that come with layers of glamour and past lives.”
~Candace Bushnell

VINTAGE

They say what’s old is new again. The picture below gave me the inspiration for today’s thoughts. That picture says so many things to me. The intergenerational play, the joy on the faces of the kiddos, the memories being made in that moment. And I won’t lie, I was also praying that no one bonked their heads or anything else. This picture belongs to one of our residents.

They say we’re only as old as we feel. Now granted, that means some days we probably feel about 150 years old. But don’t you have those days when you feel like a kid again. I had a 102-year-old woman tell me more than one time, “Honey, I’m old not dead!” as she winked at an attractive man walking by.

I’m a lover of old things. If you were to walk through my house you’d probably laugh at my crazy grouping of “things”. The picture below reminds me of my grandpa’s rocker. In my living room is an avocado green painted wooden rocking chair. It was my grandpa’s retirement gift from the furniture factory he made his career at. The arms are worn through to bare wood, rubbed smooth over time. It talks to you when you sit and rock with its creaky old wood. That rocking chair rocked every single grandchild on my Dad’s side of the family and half of the great grandkids to. When it came time to disperse my grandparent’s things, well for sure, that chair couldn’t be given away. It held to many memories and too much love.

Old things, they are all glittery and full of glamour from their past lives. So are old people. This becomes ever clearer to me the older I get. There is a poem written about a weathered older woman and it asks, what do you see when you look at me? The first time I read it I cried. What do we see when we look at one another? There is much we will never see. But what I hope is that we see the light of life, love and laughter still in each other. So, I don’t know if old can be made new again. Maybe it can, but should it be? Because with age comes wisdom, patience, love, laughter and so many memories. Let’s take on the next week embracing our glitter and glam, because that is where the memories are kept.

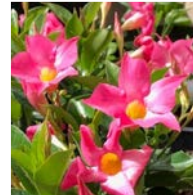
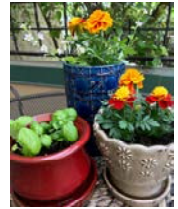
Blessings,
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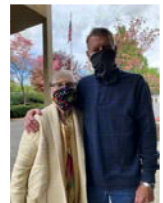
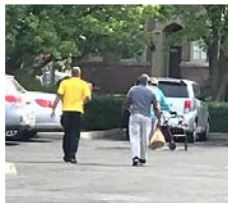
WHATS OLD IS NEW

There is a little know secret of Odd Fellows. It keeps itself hidden from view and not too many people know about it. But our Activities Department and our Social Worker are aiming to change that. In the far end of our 4-story building on the second floor is a sun deck. From the outside it just looks like part of the building. From the inside, it's at the very end of a hall. Folks, it is probably one of the most peaceful places on this entire campus. Add some freshly painted furniture, some cute decorations, a fountain or maybe two, some peaceful flowers and you have our brand new "old" sun deck. So, take a wander down our second floor and look for the porch sign. Pull up a chair and sit a spell.



SURPRISE

It was a week of birthday surprises from sons. We started off with Bernice enjoying a surprise visit with her son on Sunday and ended with Belle being surprised in the parking lot by her two boys. I don't think it matters if your 8 or 80, Birthday Days are the one day of the year that it is all about YOU! On Sunday and Thursday of this past week, we celebrated these two beautiful human beings for the loving mother's and amazing people that they both are. So here's to you Bernice and Belle! We hope you had the happiest of Birthdays!!



AN OLD YARN

The only thing missing was a cat to play with the balls of yarn 😊 This week ladies gathered together in small groups to see if they just might be able to finish that knitting project after all. No small feat let me tell you! Gather together good friends, knitting needles and crochet hooks. Well, you have the makings of some great memories!



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