



Fun Times in Assisted Living

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COVID STATUS

TLC remains blessed to be COVID free. All residents and staff are healthy and well. Nope – that’s not a misprint, we are doing well.

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.”
~ Sophia Loren

THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

Do you ever wonder what you will be like as you grow older? I remember when my parents turned 40. WOW were they old!! Now that I’ve passed that milestone myself, age takes on a different meaning. Age really is just a number.

Having worked in long term care since my mid-twenties, I have spent well over half my life surrounded by seniors. I’ve heard stories of the first car to drive down the streets of Milton Freewater. Stories of old Walla Walla – did you know we had brothels – Oh my! Stories of harvest and cattle drives, chuck wagons, calf branding, business development, marriages (good and bad), births of children, careers, losses of careers, you name it. I have to say, without a shadow of a doubt, that caring for our seniors is a far better history lesson than could ever be learned in a school room!

I think what one does with that history makes the most difference. It’s long been a stigma that a person’s life is “over” when he or she moves into long term care. The person who said that has obviously not see a 95-year-old cut a rug while holding on to a walker. Not gonna lie – it terrifies me as much as elates me to see it 😊 But we don’t stop. It doesn’t matter where we live, we continue to have a meaningful impact on this world. These precious people who call Odd Fellows home cause me to pause and think every day. Not one single day passes where they don’t share a perspective or an idea that I haven’t considered. The wisdom that walks these halls is beyond comprehension.

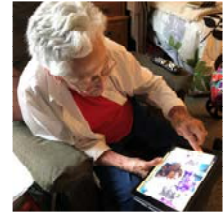
This week we will recognize people who have left us. We will celebrate birthdays centuries in the making. We will recognize quiet simple happenings. We will stop for just a moment and recognize life. Here at Odd Fellows, I believe we have found the fountain of youth. It walks our halls each and every day in the hearts and minds of the precious people who call this place home.

Blessings,
Kari Randall, MSW
Assisted Living Director



GOOD BYE MY FRIEND

In long term care, we have the blessing of getting to say both hello and good bye to some amazing people. We recently said good bye to our good friend Margaret. She was a die-hard Seahawks fan, fiercely competitive gamer, talented artist, crafter extraordinaire, and always up for a good adventure. But beyond that, she loved her family with her whole heart and soul. Margaret had the best laugh! And when she smiled, her eyes twinkled with mischief. Margaret, we miss you, you touched our hearts in countless ways and for that we will forever be grateful!



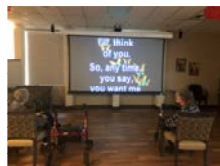
LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

Let the good times roll! It's Mardi Gras!! Though we aren't in New Orleans and definitely aren't dancing down Bourbon Street this year, we can still celebrate. The kitchen cooked us up a good old fashioned shrimp boil! YUM!! Some good food, good friends and great music – that is Mardi Gras!!



KARAOKE ODDFELLOWS STYLE

Do you like to sing? But do you sing when other people can hear you? Singing is good for the soul. It's relaxing and exhilarating all mixed up into one. We've started a singing group. Often, we sing hymns, but sometimes other songs as well. Songs stir up so many memories and emotions. Songs bring us together and join us as friends. And so, we will have joy filled moments while making joyful noises!



INTRODUCING GINA

I'd like to introduce you to our new social worker, Gina Earney. Behind the mask, Gina might be a familiar face to some as she has worked in our Activities Department approx. 2 years ago and also completed her Humans Services internship here as well. Gina is a wife and mother to 3 children. She loves French Bulldogs and spending time in her garden. She moved to Walla Walla from Canada 12 years ago and loves our little community. Gina brings a kind and compassionate spirit to our department! Welcome back Gina, we are glad to have you home again!

BRING ON THE PARTY



Years ago, it was the rarity to have someone celebrate a 100th birthday. Did you know we have 11 people on our campus who are 100 years old or over?!?! Not only that, we were able to celebrate two of them in the past week alone!! Happy Birthday Ruth and Pauline. Ruth turned 100 and Pauline turned 102. These women are inspirations for sure! From baths in the creek on the farm to adventures hiking with nieces and nephews. The things they have seen and done! Beyond that, the love they shared!! It is with a raised glass that we toast you ladies on becoming centenarian's!! Thank you for letting us be a part of your very special days 😊



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