



Fun Times in Assisted Living

COVID STATUS

I reword this every week so you'll know the numbers are true. But I'm running out of different ways to say we are still COVID-19 free here at Odd Fellows. Thank you so much for helping us stay that way.

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

www.oddfellows.com

Click on the COVID-19 tab on the right for the most recent facility updates.

HEI HEI THE CHICKEN 🐔

You may have noticed along this journey that I'm a teensy bit of a Disney fan. The picture to the left is of Hei Hei the chicken from the movie Moana. Hei Hei is a silly little chicken, but no matter what adversity he faces, he keeps going. He also stays with his friend Moana regardless of how many times she tries to send him away. He's become my COVID mascot. His picture is on my computer monitor and each morning when I log on Hei Hei reminds me that I too can keep going.

When I saw today's quote, I instantly thought of all of us. We are distanced, physically. But we don't have to let that separate us. Every week since COVID forced us to close our doors I have spoken to one of you crying out to be able to see and touch your loved one. It will happen my friends, just not yet. Until then, please channel your inner Hei Hei - don't let adversity keep you distant. Call, FaceTime, window visit, visit via our sun deck, but don't be silent. We are creatures of touch and touch is important - but so are our voices. Let them be heard! Let them be heard sending words of love and encouragement to the people you love so dearly. And if your loved one isn't in the mood to visit today, keep calling - stay persistent like little Hei Hei. Even if they send you away, don't give up. Call again, come again, try again. Just don't be silent. Those you love need your words and your voices, now more than ever.

Kari Randall, MSW
Director of Assisted Living

*"Distance doesn't separate people...
Silence does." Jeff Hood*



It's a Bingo Robbery!

Stick 'em up!

Laughter is good for the soul!



Chris Anderson

SWEET MUSIC

Music is truly good for the soul! So is a little sunshine. This week we were lucky enough to have a little of both. Chris Anderson stops at our facility at least once a year and puts on such a beautiful concert for our residents. He prides himself in singing the “oldies” and gospel music, as that is what our residents can most easily identify with. He shared during this visit that he began learning the older tunes because that was what his grandparents loved. He would go visit them and sing for them. It was his gift to them. Thursday, it was also his gift to us.



BOCCE

A couple of weeks ago I shared that we were experimenting with socially distanced Bocce games. They have been a huge success! Who needs a team of four - a team of two just gives the players more game time! Stay tuned, the summer is only starting. More Bocce highlights in the weeks ahead.....

