



Fun Times in Assisted Living

COVID STATUS

We have one positive employee in our assisted living. The employee is a non-direct care staff member. We are monitoring residents closely but thus far have seen no symptoms. We have no positive resident cases.

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information:
www.oddfellows.com/covid-19

CHOICES 😊

Some weeks, I ponder over quotes and what to say to each of you for hours, even days. I want to say just the right thing to bring you just the right message at just the right moment. I looked at the quote below and knew in a split second, that was the one. I hadn't read this particular quote before, but the sentiment of it is one of my personal motivational statements.

Life, it's a whopper for sure! Life is hard!!! It definitely has those moments where you think, "I'm not sure I can take one more step." We have to shoulder through. I use the example of oxen when I talk about teamwork (have you noticed I like animals??). If you watch a team of oxen pull, when one starts to get tired, the other one shoulders in and pulls harder because the load still has to be carried. When the tired oxen catch their breath, they even out the load again and pull together. We need to do that to. LIFE IS HARD!! BUT WE ARE STRONGER!!! And in that moment when we don't think we can keep going. Someone we love shoulders in and shoulders that load for a while until we can breathe again. Together we will make each other stronger!!

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*“We make ourselves miserable
or we make ourselves strong.
The amount of work is the same.”*
Carlos Castenada



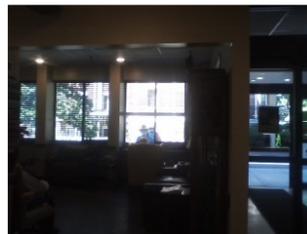
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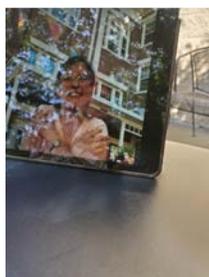
TALK TIME

You might remember last week when I talked about our new speaker system (a handy little gadget) that allows you to talk to your loved one with out having to coordinate virtual visits or cell phones. It works wonderfully!! OK, it's not perfect, but it's so much easier just to look at each other and talk than to remember where you put the phone or if you pushed the right button. We've added a shade outside to help keep visitors more comfortable as well.



BIRTHDAYS ARE A BIG DEAL

Pre COVID, when birthdays came along, families would gather and celebrate. We do things a little differently now, but we still celebrate the ones we all love. We've done socially distanced birthdays with staff and other residents, we've brought out balloons, we've hung banners, played games, whatever it took to make birthdays still feel special. This past week two of our residents celebrated birthdays, each in different ways. One with a socially distanced (but amplified by virtual hugs) visit and one with flowers and balloons. Each one equally celebrating the amazing and beautiful person turning another year young. Happy Birthday Malcolm and Jan!!



BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE . . . OH WAIT, IT'S HOT!

Even with the summer heat and sunshine Bocce continues. You might remember a few editions ago when I said "Bocce is life" here at The Odd Fellows. Yep, rain, snow, sleet, hail, tornado, scorching heat, pandemic, Bocce continues. Our teams had fun this week soaking up the sunshine while talking a little "trash" to the opposing team. Good sports each and every player! We'll keep you posted as the season moves forward. Until then . . .



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