



## Fun Times in Assisted Living

June 17, 2021 Edition

### COVID STATUS

Our most recent resident testing was negative. We still have one staff member who is quarantining at home. Resident and staff testing continues as directed by the Walla Walla County Health Department.

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



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to be a  
success,  
but rather  
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value.”  
~ Albert  
Einstein*

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### SCHOOL BELL

I spent this past week going back to school. OK, I attended our annual Leading Age conference Tuesday – Thursday of this week. Just to ease your mind, it was virtual 😊 I can’t even begin to describe what all I learned and was exposed to, so much amazing information. For me these conferences remind me of being in school. Everyone comes with their notebooks in hand ready to take notes and learn. All bright eyed and eager. 😊

What struck me this year was the overwhelming passion for our elders. I mean yes, this is an annual long term care conference. Each year we are obviously focused on topics that serve our seniors. But there was a different vibe this year. The presenters were on fire. They all brought a passion I hadn’t witnessed before.

One of the classes that caught my attention happened quietly Wednesday afternoon. It talked about how our residents actually feel when living in a facility. It discussed real life scenarios that residents had experienced, some with positive and some with negative outcomes, but each showing a different piece of the care puzzle. I’ve often wondered what it actually feels like to live in a care facility.

That is where today’s quote comes in. To be of value. What does that mean? I suppose value is defined differently by each person. To me value means making a difference for the good. That’s our goal, to ease a burden or relieve someone’s suffering. But do the residents see that. Do they feel that we hear them? Do they feel like they are important? Are we of true value? So many questions and my only answer is “Boy I hope so!”

People talk about sports and their “love of the game”. Well, us to! We’re not in this for anything besides the “love of the game”. We love what we do. We love spending time with the people you also love. We love being there in that moment when they need some help. Now let us strive to help our residents feel that we are of a real value to them. We are here because of them. Without our residents, there is not Odd Fellows.

Blessings,  
Kari Randall, MSW  
Assisted Living Director

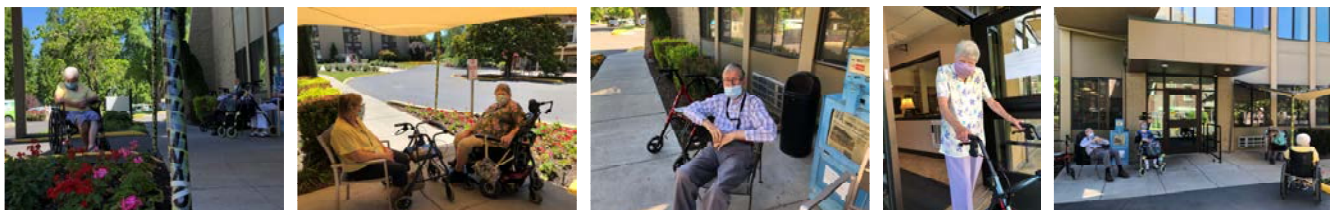
## FATHER'S DAY



Father's Day is this Sunday. It is going to happen whether we are open to visitors or not. And sadly, we are still not able to be open to visitors. We do however promise to spoil your father's, uncles, brother's, cousins, and everyone in between. We promise to shower them with love and treat them like royalty. But what can you do this Father's Day? You can bring them treats or presents. We will have staff stationed at our main door Sunday from 9a-12p accepting and distributing your gifts of love for your father's. You can call your loved on. You can virtually chat with your dad. You can even window visit with your dad. You just can't visit with Dad in person this time. But when we reopen you can come right on in and show your dad's some love!

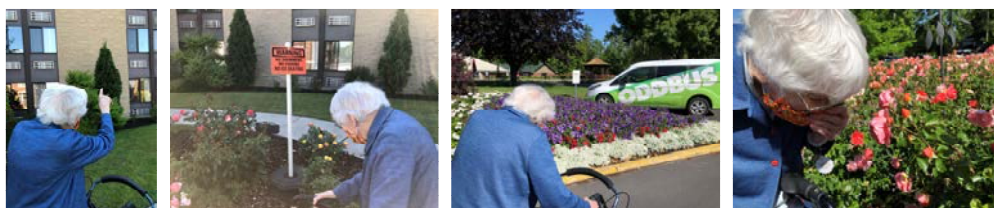
## SUNDAY FUNDAY

Do you remember sitting around on the front porch in the afternoon or visiting with your neighbor after coming home from church? Remember standing at the mailbox catching up on all the gossip with the gal across the street? Sunday's around here have come to mimic that reminiscing from days gone by. A return to the good ole' days perhaps. Whatever the reason. It is heartwarming to see people gather (safely) to just chat about nothing and everything all at the same time.



## SEEK AND FIND

The very first time I came to Odd Fellows campus twenty or so years ago, I was awe struck by our grounds. Working here hasn't changed that. Things hide in nooks and crannies. You'll be walking along, down a path you've walked a hundred times and what do you know, there is something new. One of our beautiful residents let us snap some photos as she explored the wonders of the Odd Fellows campus.



## THIS AND THAT

Candid photography is still my favorite form of photography. Catching people in act shows their true self. Enjoy some candid shots of some of my very favorite people.

