



Fun Times in Assisted Living

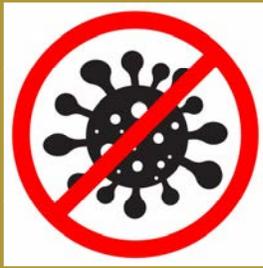
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COVID STATUS

Still no news here. Our Assisted Living Residents and Staff remain COVID-free to date.

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19



HOPE 😊

This morning I attended the funeral of a cousin. While I was there, I kept checking my texts for updates on another cousin who was undergoing emergency surgery for severe brain swelling from an accident she was in. While listening to the service I kept checking the air quality (which was changing by the minute), thinking about how we can protect our residents from yet another danger, and wondering about my friend living in Lincoln City who is under stage 3 emergency evacuation orders from a nearby wild fire. Oh, and let's not forget the pandemic.

I'm not telling you all of this because I want your sympathy. I'm telling you this because during the closing prayer at the funeral this morning, this one little yellow butterfly fluttered through those gathered at the service. Yes, I know one is supposed to close their eyes during prayer, but I'm clumsy and fall over so let's just keep that our little secret 😊 But that butterfly made me remember to hope. Hope cannot be cancelled, it cannot be turned away, it cannot be lost unless we chose to let it. Hope remains, if we accept it.

The sign in the picture to the left is posted at my daughter's gymnastics gym. It's been posted there since the pandemic began and we were in our initial phases of lock down. For some reason it didn't catch my eye until this week. Life will throw us curve balls. That is what life does. It will change and be ever so unpredictable. But we can continue to hope and when there is hope, well, there is something bright to look forward to - like that pretty little butterfly.

Oh, and I just got a text - my cousin responded to commands after her procedure and is stable. And then there was hope 😊

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"And sometimes against all odds, against all logic, we still hope."

Unknown



Who is that masked man??????

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We need your help my friends! I learned as a young working mom that it really does take a village to raise a child. It also takes a village to care for our elders. As we begin to open up to more visitation, such as our outdoor visits, we enter into a new challenge. We are a long-term care facility and the people who call this home sometimes don't remember things as they once did. If you are here visiting your loved one and another resident wanders up to say hi, they might be having a hard time remembering social distancing and mask wearing requirements. We have to help our residents frequently remember when to put on a mask or to take a step back when they are to close. If something like this happens while you are visiting, can you please help us by asking the resident if they have a mask they could put on or if they could take a step back because we can't be too close together right now? This helps save our residents from having to be placed into quarantine. We are required to place any resident who has unmasked face to face contact with a community member closer than 6 feet into quarantine for 14 days. Please, please help us. It is heart breaking to quarantine a resident for something like this. We have 81 residents in our assisted living and a 10 acre campus. It is a challenge to be in all places at all times. Please join our village and help us take care of the people you love the most.

BOCCE

Bocce season continues. I would say that we have more residents enjoying watching the games than ever before, but nope, this is normal. They just really enjoy playing and watching the games. All the good-hearted banter between players, those painful referee calls, that last minute play that saves the game. It reminds me of the backyard get togethers we had "back in the day". Some sunshine, some laughter and a sense of community. It is truly good for the soul!



LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE 😊



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