



Fun Times in Assisted Living

March 19, 2021 Edition

COVID STATUS

TLC has no COVID positive staff or residents. We continue to be blessed to have everyone healthy and well!!

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

www.oddfellows.com/covid-19

“Being negative only makes a journey difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don’t have to sit on it.”
~ Joyce Meyer

POKEY THINGS

There is so much to tell and show you from this week, I’m going to get right to the point. Life is about perspective. Is your glass half full or half empty? Does that question annoy you as much as it does me? I mean I get it, it’s all in how you look at things but come on, could we come up with a new way to phrase it? That’s when I saw this week’s quote.

I’m not a huge fan of pokey things. But stand back and look at a cactus. So stout and strong, yet so delicately beautiful. However, I don’t recommend reaching out and touching one. Those feathery delicate tines are SHARP! You can see cacti as a thing of beauty or as a lethal force. It’s all a matter of perspective.

Remember the cactus as we go forward into next week. Look for the beauty in things. Make your thoughts shift from what is ugly, painful, and hard to things that bring joy and beauty. And when you need a soft place to rest, don’t pick a cactus – OUCH!

Love and Blessings,
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Director of Assisted Living



LET’S TALK VISITS

Last week I mentioned that our visitation guidance were being updated. I didn’t fib, but I also don’t have the final draft. Next week the Department of Social and Health Services have scheduled meetings to review with facilities the new guidance as well as the tools we will be required to utilize in order to make a safe visitation plan. At this point we are anticipating we will be able to allow visitation starting March 29. Stay tuned, I will have more information for you next week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALICE

I don’t think it ever matters how many birthdays one has seen. There is something about having a birthday that is the best feeling. This week we celebrated Alice and her 92nd birthday. Thank you, Alice, for sharing your special day and celebrating with us. Happy Birthday Alice!! We hope your day was as wonderful as you are!



A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Back before Christmas, I shared about our Sunday Spiritual visits. Each Sunday our Wellness Director/Activities Person Dee makes rounds to those residents who want a spiritual visit. She shares with them a card with a thought of the week. Last week's card brought tears to my eyes. The card read, "Dear God, it's been a "CRAZY" year, but I want to thank you for" The answers are what brought the tears. Your family members are such humble and gracious people! Some of the responses were:

<i>"All you've done for me"</i>	<i>"Keeping me safe"</i>	<i>"Odd Fellows Home and all the people"</i>	<i>"You"</i>
<i>"My sanity"</i>	<i>"I'm still here"</i>	<i>"Being in a safe place to live"</i>	<i>"Still being here"</i>
<i>"Everything"</i>	<i>"This place I live"</i>	<i>"Helping me through the year"</i>	<i>"All the health I have"</i>
<i>"Being by my side"</i>	<i>"Faithfulness"</i>	<i>"Guidance and direction"</i>	<i>"Help"</i>

Such beautiful words of gratitude. Some wanted to share their response in pictures. You'll see them below. These are definitely a group of people who are not sitting on cacti. These folks have found a positive focus for their journey!



ST PADDY'S DAY SHENANIGANS – ODD FELLOWS STYLE

Celebrations continue, pandemic or not, the fun must go on. This week we enjoyed a very festive St. Patrick's Day. A celebration completes with St. Paddy's face masks, green snacks, St. Patrick's Day Bingo, a festive yet physically distanced party, and some great River Dance. Joy in every moment! That was the theme of the day. Let the Shenanigans begin!



