



Administrator Kim and dog Ringo



Bonita volunteering at Greenhill with our home made treats



Activity Assist Tabi's kids at bday party

LIFE ENRICHMENT MONTHLY NEWS

Last month we made our new penny toss game! The residents were in charge of cutting all of the pieces out of fabric. We all sat around in a circle and played it for the first time the following morning. The first person to reach 150 points was dubbed the winner! Now on our calendar to play every other Thursday morning! **I can't say what was more fun, playing the game or watching it come together while making it by hand!**

Last year's spelling bee went over so well with the residents, we had to do it again this year for our 2nd Annual Chateau Spelling Bee! Before the actual bee happened, we got into the spelling mood by making some namesake jewelry. Some resident's pieces read their own name, Norma's spelled her great-granddaughter's name, Patsy's had her initials, and Grace's read G <3 J, for her and her husband's initials. **To bump up the enthusiasm, just before show time we all ate worms and dirt!...gummy worms, crushed Oreos, and chocolate ice cream that is.** We have many great spellers here in our community, so it was no wonder when a third of our residents were willing to participate as spellers! The competition was so stiff, spectators had just as

much fun watching at the edge of their seats as the spellers! The last two standing, Patsy and James, went round for round for ten to twelve rounds or so. They had the whole crowd sweating in wait to see who would come out as the victor! The first place certificate and movie ticket, good for one plus two friends, went to James! After the competition, we all relaxed and made bee antennas to use as photo props. A good time was certainly had by all!

On the 19th Kathy Kali came in for a special musical performance and was accompanied by two other very talented musicians. They were all three accompanied by acoustic guitars. They played some awesome classics like "Show Me the Way to Go Home," "The Tennessee Waltz," and "Wild Irish Rose." All songs done were ones the residents just love, and easily tap into their long-term memory. Really they just can't help but sing along and tap the shaker instruments they were handed. It was such a great time – 90% of our residents at the time attended!

Our long awaited and first ever End of Summer 60's Celebration was worth the wait to say the least! The residents

helped prepare for the event by painting a VW bus we used as a photo prop. It was groovy! While it wasn't actually a real bus, it WAS huge at six feet tall! The morning started off with a game of 60's pop trivia. The winner got to take home a peace wreath the residents put together! The main event was when singer/comedian/local celebrity JohnBoy....our Administrator's husband and radio DJ, came in and sung his All-Beatles performance! When we weren't laughing at his jokes, he had us grooving to all of our favorite songs from the 60's. Songs that especially reached some fond memories of our younger crowd including Violet, Marsha, Bonita, James, Sally, and Donna.

The residents had a blast checking out the beautiful restored classic cars at the Rods and Rhodies Show in Florence! On the way we to the coast stopped at the country store in Mapleton for some ice cream and did a little shopping there as well. Violet found a tie dye shirt with puppies on it she could not live

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Happy Birthday!

RESIDENTS & STAFF

Etta M. October 09
Rochelle C. October 13
Ashley October 23

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

Welcome home to **Dianna, Richard, Evelyn, and Bonnie!** We are so thankful for your new friendship.

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I am proud to announce Ridgeline Management's new Memory Care training program called "Moments"! I believe the gentle approach techniques that we will be rolling out over the next year are the best, latest/greatest training techniques available. It was a great honor to be involved in creating this program, and our goal is to stay on top of progressive training for our staff as new information comes available through research, analysis, and positive outcome-based programming. I am happy to be working for a company that believes in staying current and doing all they can to make their dementia-care environments as positive and therapeutic as possible. Stay tuned for more information to come about this wonderful new program!

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without! At the show, the residents remembered their old classic cars they used to own. Violet and Marsha both were the owners of 57' Chevys. Marsha's was red with a gold stripe. She and her hubby loved taking it out on weekend cruises. Violet's was white with original red leather seats!

With our new Activity Highlight of the Week program (naturally we have oodles of fun) we planned our new activities for October. The residents decided our outings are going to be checking out Eugene's Clay Fest, Colonial Days at Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farms, Apple Picking at Detering Orchards, and a trip to the pumpkin patch! We'll also be visited by a few spiders, snakes and ro-

dents when The Safari Next Door arrives for our Halloween party on the 31st! We are currently working on encouraging our residents to participate in a first-ever Miss Chateau Pageant! The competition would consist of three rounds: an Afternoon Tea Wear round where they would have to show off their best hats, gloves, and dresses, a talent round, and a round of questions! All to be judged by our resident panel of judges! Sounds like fun so talk to your favorite residents, family members, and friends living here at Chateau to give them some needed encouragement!

As always, all friends/family/fans of Chateau are welcome and encouraged to participate in any/all events, activities, and outings! It really is a gift to create fun and loving moments together.

THERAPY SUCCESS STORY: ART O.

Art O. was only with us for a short time, but his daughter was determined to get him into Chateau Gardens for the final leg of his dementia journey. She had heard from his private caregiver/companion in central Oregon that she had moved other residents into CG and had lots of positive things to say about us! Art was the close friend of a former resident and our Administrator's sister, Herma. He wanted to live at the place she

had been and be near his own sweet daughter. He adapted quickly to his new surroundings due to the love, care, and friendships he formed with our staff and a few other residents. He was especially fond of our cook Robert, and our RCC Lisa. He thanked me the evening before he passed for making it possible for him to spend his final days in a positive, loving, caring environment here at Chateau, and nothing makes us happier!

CHATEAU GARDENS ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Spelling Bee!



ROCK STAR OF THE MONTH: *Joan W.*

Our Rock Star of the Month for the month of October is Joan W! Joan is our full-time housekeeper and also fills in as a care giver when the need arises due to changes in resident acuity or staff illness/vacation. She also wears the hat of dishwasher and companion when needed! Joan is very dedicated to Chateau Gardens residents and staff. She works very hard to make sure our environment is clean and safe, and does all of her work with a smile on her face. We love her sense of humor, her kindness, her compassion, her flexibility, her positive attitude, her maturity, and her gentle approach to dementia care. When Joan is not working, she is busy playing with her adorable granddaughter! She is all about family, which is just another thing we love about her here at CG!

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH: JUDI W.

If there was ever a term for a jack of all "talents," we here at Chateau Gardens know just the person to fit that bill! That person would be Judi W! This woman seems to be interested in EVERYTHING and talented in MANY! From her younger years as a gifted Charleston dancer to her trips out in the backwoods of Washington, she braved the elements of the outdoors while backpacking with her significant other. A hobby she passed down to her daughters, that they still enjoy it today. These days she keeps up with her many hobbies by continuing to fulfill her life long love of music at music events happening in the community, getting her hands on arranging or planting any flowers and plants that come in, and visting with her daughters, one of which lives locally in Eugene.

Judi grew up in Berkely, California to her parents Earl and Flo W. where she quickly began her busy-body lifestyle full of fun and adventure! Her parents were both busy-bodies themselves and both held leadership positions in their fields. Her mother was the manager of a Hinks department store, which Judi describes as being "similar to a Fred Meyer." Her father inherited the family business, W. Manufacturing Company, from his father, Judy's grandfather. They produced personalized banners and other equipment for schools. As a young girl, her parents would take Judi and her two siblings, Tim and Lee, to her cousin's cabin in Donnor Lake, California. They would go on multiple trips

throughout the year both during the winter and summer months. In the winter they'd snow ski, and in the summer they'd water ski! Judi was very popular in school. She got good grades and was a cheerleader who cheered at her boyfriend's football games. He was the quarterback! While still in high school, Judi got her first job selling tickets at the ticket booth in a movie theater nearby. Her lucky boyfriend and friends would go to the movies all the time to see her and catch a flick... which according to her, was gratis of course since Judi had the hookup!

Judi attended denistry college right after high school where she learned both dental assistance and hygiene. After receiving her degree, she used her skills as a Dental Assistant in the professional world however as she put it, "she is not much into cleaning teeth." She later married Art Perkins, a boy she went to high school with. Art and Judi had two daughters together, Cheryl and Kellie. Cheryl lives in New York and is a retired librarian who has recently focused her skills on her own writing. Her other daughter Kellie visits often, is well known here in the community. She is a liscenced cosmetologist. She blesses us with her manicure skills and is very kind and devoted. Judi has done quite a bit of volunteer work throughout her life. Her husband once invented a device to assist non-verbal people to communicate electronically. Judi volunteered her time training health workers on how to operate the equipment. She



Judi and good friend Ashley



Judi and good friend Yoyo

also helps her daughter volunteer at our local mission.

With Judi's adventurous personality, of course she has tried on more professional hats outside of her career in dentistry! She has also been a Daycare Provider and an Activity Director! She ended up taking residency in the community she worked for! According to Judi, it really helped her trasion having already been so involved in the community and understanding what modern senior care was like. Judi had a very fulfilling life outside of "the office." To name just a few of her recreational interests, she is experienced in tennis, bowling, horseback riding, archery and playing classical piano! **She also is passionate about animals, the ocean, music, and travel! Judi is a very INTERESTING person with such a wide range of INTERESTS, a conversation with her is bound to catch anyone's INTEREST!** Be sure to chat her up! She'd love to talk about her backpacking trips, favorite places to eat, or the many trips she's taken to Mexico City and Hawaii. **You won't regret a nice visit with Judi.**

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



Treat stop on coast trip



Peace for party prep



Sally and Judi helping decorate



We've gone to the dogs!



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ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS *CONTINUED*



Art therapy



Fun with words at
 spelling bee and Flea!



Norma with
 grand daughter
 in mind



Patsy getting
 kisses from
 furry friends!



Friends and roommates
 make life better!



James is spelling
 bee winner!



Vi making
 dog treats



Pet Therapy
 is always
 available!



Furry Cupcake Flea at
 his bday party



June visiting furry
 friends at Greenhill



Our silly
 Eclipse fans!



Wide Ruled
 Paper is in!