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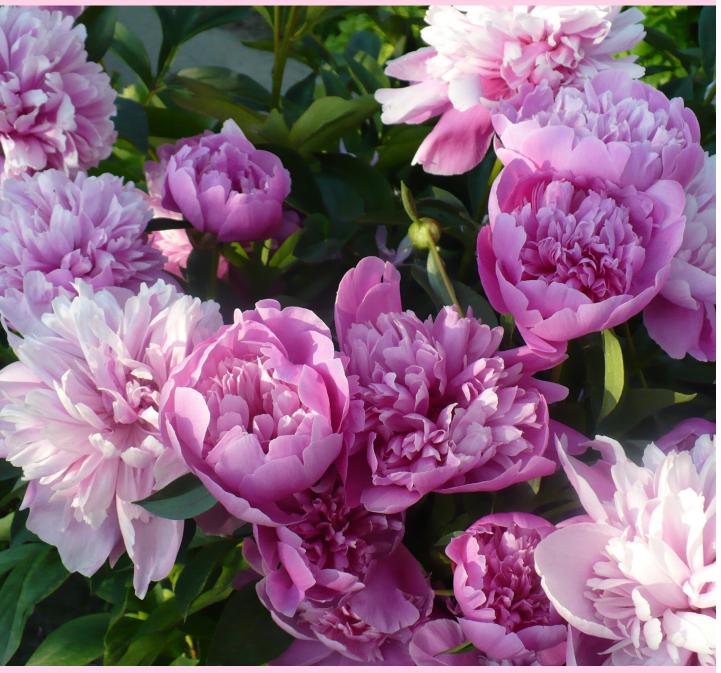
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May 2018 Edition

Arthritis Facts and Care Tips

May marks National Arthritis Month to bring awareness to a very common, but often misunderstood condition. A wide misconception about Arthritis is that it is a single disease. It's actually a way of referring to joint pain or joint disease.

Symptoms of Arthritis can come and go, and include mild to severe swelling, pain, stiffness, and lessened motion range. It can limit a person's ability to partake in some daily activities.

Osteoarthritis is the most common type of Arthritis. **Risk factors include family** history, being overweight, age, and injuries sustained. Those with non-severe Osteoarthritis can help the condition if they: achieve a healthy weight, get enough exercise, rest per activity level - especially during a flare up, avoid repetitive movements, strengthen muscles around joints, and use hot and cold therapy.

Inflammatory Arthritis is another type. Rheumatoid and Psoriatic Arthritis are in

this category. It occurs when the immune system creates inflammation to get rid of what it falsely perceives as infection. It occurs in people with genetic predisposition and environmental risk factors like smoking. Early diagnosis and strong treatment are key in slowing the condition.

Receiving a diagnosis for Arthritis can be done through a primary care provider or Rheumatologist. There are many ways that Arthritis can be helped.

Arthritis Foundation Pain Management Tips:

- Create a plan with your rheumatologist. • Be aware of and
- track your warning signs, like a dull hand ache or daytime sleepiness for days.
- Stay up to date on vaccinations and wash hands frequently to avoid infections which could trigger a flare.
- Stay on top of your emotional health. Anxiety and stress can

increase inflammation. • Slow your

movements, but continue moving to avoid stiff joints. Move joints through the fullest range of motion vou can. If it causes

more pain, stop.

- Do hot & cold therapy, no more than 15 minute intervals, two to four times a day.
- Sleep on a schedule, get restful sleep with lights off, devices off, and avoid caffeine in the hours before you head to bed.

Memories in the Making!





Dungeness Crab Luncheon on board the Chinook!

May 13 is Mother's Day Tea



A fond memory of my mother by Virginia H. My mother was 4'11 & 98 lbs. She loved to dance & sing. After my baby was born she would come and help me with the new baby. People would call her a little bird because she floated like a bird when she moved.

She volunteered up until she was in her 80's.

She was such a vibrant women.

My mother & father had a beautiful married life together. I was so fortunate growing up in a loving family.



Arthritis by the Numbers

American Adults Diagnosed: 54 million+ American Children Diagnosed: 300,000 est. Americans Likely to Have Arthritis: 91 million Direct Medical Costs: At least \$81 billion **Types of Arthritis That Exist: Over 100** Working Adults With Arthritis: 60%

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Deception Pass Bridge

Join us for Mothers Tea

Sunday, May 13

at 2:00 pm

Entertainment with Robbie E.

Please RSVP



May Highlights

- MAY 1 May Day Flower Craft
- May 5-Cinco de Mayo Lunch
- May 3-Book Club Meeting
- **May 10-Animal Encounters**
- May 13 Mother's Day Tea
- May 17 Royal Hats Craft
- May 19 The Royal Wedding TV

May 24 - Lil Sprout Nursery



May 31-Historic Flights-\$12.00 tickets

Tuesday Shopping Days

Sign Up Book located at the **Front Desk**



Wednesday Happy Hour May 2~Betsy & Gerry May 9~Doug Williams May 16~OD Scudder May 23~Stilly Singers May 30~Mel Graham



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Meet Our New Team Members

Chuck H.- Maintenance Director

Stephanie H.—Dietary Aide

Jennifer V.—RCC

Welcome New Team Members



New Residents

Please Welcome Our

New Residents

Bill H.

Pat W.



Chaplain's Corner....

Since Mother's Day and the first day of National Nursing Home Week is Sunday, May 13, let me tell you about Marcia!

During her two years at the care center where I was privileged to serve as Chaplain, Marcia and I had many opportunities to share together. She would attend our worship services as much as possible and she seemed to especially enjoy the hymns of our faith. Since my wife and I enjoy antiques, I found my visits in Marica's room like a trip down memory lane. The many reminders of her life that were in her room always gave us lots to talk about.

As her quality of life slowly but surely began to change, one thing didn't change....and that was her smile and her sense of humor....especially as it related to the food served at our facility. Since Marcia had a reputation as a great cook, she, at times, threatened to apply for the job of cook!

Marcia also had a lot of experience being a caregiver having cared for her mother for over 2 years and for her husband for over 20 years. As all of us know from experience, it's much easier to give care than it is to receive care. But Marcia was just as gracious as a care receiver as she was as a care giver!

For 14 years, God gave me the privilege of sharing in the lives of care center residents who have been described as being "a hidden people in plain view." There always seems to be one special memory that I have of each of them. For Marcia, it would have to be the day when I received a special email from her daughter Gail all the way from Australia.

Gail had been sending messages through me to her mom for several months. One day, Gail was prompted to send a "farewell" message to her mom. It was a touching letter in which Gail shared with her mom her love and her thanks for all that she had done for her.

As I walked down the hall to Marica's room, I wondered if she would be able to understand and comprehend the contents of Gail's letter. She was in bed but awake when I arrived in her room. I asked her if it would be OK if I read her another letter from Gail. I watched the expression on her face as I read Gail's letter....I could tell that she was really connecting with what was being said. At the end of the letter, she looked at me with her classic smile and said very clearly, "Isn't that nice!"

That moment taught me a valuable lesson that I hope we will all take to heart. If you have something nice to say to someone, say it. Say it now. Say it while both of you are on this earth. You never know what effect your kind words will have, and you may not get a second chance!

At her funeral, Marcia's other daughter wrote the following about her mother: "Mom was my best friend....she always let me know that I was loved!"

We all need encouragement...all of us. We all need to feel appreciated...all of us. We all need to know we are loved....all of us. Words that we speak will often live on long after we have left this earth. As the author of Hebrews expressed it, "..let us encourage one another---and all the more as you see the day approaching!" (10:25)







May 2018 Nov				Ashley Pointe 1117 20th Street NE Lake Stevens, Washington 98258 425-397-7500		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Birthday Stone: Emerald Flower: Lily of the Valley		1May Day10:00 Shopping: Fred Meyer10:30 Exercise w/LDS1:15 Cottage Community Meeting2:30 Bingo3:30 May Day Paper FlowerCraft6:00 Pinochle	2:30 Farkel Dice Game 3:45 Margarita & Chips Happy Hour w/Betsy & Gerry	"Western Theme" 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 3:00 Book Club Meeting	4 10:30 Walk for Exercise 11:00 Sing Along–IN2L 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Adult Coloring 3:30 LCR Game 6:00 Movie: Resident Choice	5 10:30 Sit & Be Fit-IN2L 12:30 Everett Civic Music (Ticket Holders) 1:30 Bingo 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Classic TV
National Nurses Week 0:00 Sunday Current Events :30 Movie: The Music Man :30 Root Beer Floats :00 Play Harmonia & Name nat Tune w/Dave	10:30 Strength & Balance w/ Larry 11:00 Poker-IN2L 1:30 Bingo 3:00 Painting 6:00 Bridge	8 Coconut Cream Fie Day 10:30 Exercise w/LDS 11:00 Adult Coloring 1:15 Assisted Living Community Meeting 2:15 Shopping: Safeway 2:30 Bingo 6:00 Pinochle	9 9:45 Bible Study 10:30 Balloon Toss 11:00 Lunch: Senior Center 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 2:30 Farkel Dice Game 3:45 Happy Hour w/Doug Williams	11:35 Library on Wheels 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 3:30 Skip Bo	11 10:30 Walk for Exercise 11:00 Sing Along–IN2L 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Adult Coloring 3:30 LCR Game 6:00 Movie: Resident Choice	12 10:30 Sit & Be Fit-IN2L 1:00 Jig Saw Puzzles 1:30 Bingo 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Classic TV
²³ Mother's Day 0:00 Sunday TV 2:00 Mother's Day Tea Entertainment by Robbie E. 1:00 Play Harmonica & Name hat Tune w/Dave	10:30 Walking Group 11:00 Puzzles (Activity Room) 1:30 Bingo 3:00 Painting	15 10:30 Exercise w/LDS 11:00 Adult Coloring 1:30 Bingo 2:00 Shopping: Haggen 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Pinochle	16 National Chicken Day 9:45 Bible Study 10:30 Balloon Toss 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 2:30 Farkel Dice Game 3:45 Happy Hour w/OD Scudder	1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 3:00 <mark>Royal Hat Craft</mark> 3:30 Skip Bo	18 10:30 Walk for Exercise 11:00 Sing Along–IN2L 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Adult Coloring 3:30 LCR Game 6:00 Movie: Resident Choice	19 The Royal Wedding Day 10:30 Sit & Be Fit-IN2L 1:00 Jig Saw Puzzles 1:30 Bingo 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Classic TV <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
 <i>Happy Birthday, Vi P.</i> 0:00 Sunday Current Events :30 Movie: Seven Brides for Geven Brothers :30 Strawberry Ice Cream ireats :00 Restoration Church Gervice 	10:30 Strength & Balance w/ Larry 11:00 Games (Activity Room) 1:30 Bingo	22 10:30 Exercise w/LDS 11:00 Adult Coloring 1:30 Bingo 2:00 Shopping: Walmart 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Pinochle	9:45 Bible Study 10:30 Balloon Toss 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 2:30 Farkel Dice Game 3:45 Happy Hour w/Stilly	1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John	25 10:30 Walk for Exercise 11:00 Sing Along–IN2L 1:30 Bingo 3:30 LCR Game 6:00 Movie: Resident Choice	26 10:30 Sit & Be Fit-IN2L 1:00 Jig Saw Puzzles 1:30 Bingo 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Classic TV
7 Grape Popsicle Day 0:00 Sunday Current Events :30 Movie: The Ghost and Ir. Chicken :30 Grape Popsicles :00 Play Harmonica & Name hat Tune w/Dave	28 Memorial Day 10:00 Cake Decorating 12:00 Memorial Day Lunch BBQ 2:00 Scavenger Hunt 3:00 Refreshments & Snacks	29 10:30 Exercise w/LDS 11:00 Adult Coloring 1:30 Bingo 2:00 Shopping: Dollar Tree 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Pinochle	30 9:45 Bible Study 10:30 Balloon Toss 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 2:30 Farkel Dice Game 3:45 Happy Hour w/Mel Graham	31 10:30 Exercise w/LDS 1:00 Outing: Historic Flights Museum Everett Paine Field 1:30 Bingo w/Betty & John 3:30 Skip Bo 6:00 Pinochle		Staff Birthdays May 4~Pam B. May 6~Kate J.