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The Renaissance Reader



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Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.

Life Enrichment Director: Jacob Bonagofski

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Artistic Engagement Benefits & Ideas

American Artist Georgia O'Keefe once said, "Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing." O'Keefe's words ring true when we think of art's importance in our daily lives. Art forms provide people of all ages, walks of life, and creative abilities the opportunity to express feelings and become engaged; by extension positively affecting health.

This is especially true for older adults, according to Gene Cohen, MD, PhD. Cohen concluded in a 2006 study that older adults active in arts had better physical health, fewer visits to the doctor, required less medication, and fell less frequently than those in the study not involved in arts (Today's Geriatric Medicine).

Such findings shed light upon the value that painting, dancing, drawing, knitting, sculpting, drama, photography, poetry, creative writing, and playing or moving to music can bring in senior living communities.

In an article entitled "Aging: What's Art Got to Do With It," in Geriatric Monthly, Barbara Bagan, PhD, ATR-BC, shared plenty of detailed positive effects



artistic expression can have on older adults. It:

- Aids in relaxation, anxiety, and depression
- Gives feelings of control
- Improves communication and socialization
- Encourages humor and playfulness
- Improves cognition
- Offers sensory stimulation
- Fosters a strong sense of identity
- Bolsters self-esteem
- Nurtures faith
- Reduces boredom

The next time you engage in an art form, remember how many ways you may be benefitting yourself. For those who wish to start taking part in artistic expression, or help a loved one to do so, a great place to start is with music and an empty page.







Special Moments

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March 2020 Highlights

March is Noodle Month, Peanut Month, Women's History Month, and Craft Month.

01 Peanut Butter Day; Pig Day 02 Read Across America Day 03 Cold Cuts Day; Soup it Forward Day 04 Grammar Day; Pound Cake Day 05 Cheese Doodle Day 06 Oreo Day; Staff Appreciation Day 07 Cereal Day 08 Oregon Day; Women's Day 09 Meatball Day; Barbie Day 10 Blueberry Popover Day 11 Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day 12 Girl Scouts Day; Plant Flowers Day 13 K9 Veterans Day; Good Deed Day 14 Butterflies Day; Potato Chip Day 15 Pears Helene Day 16 Artichoke Hearts Day; Panda Day

SPRING FORWARD! On the evening of Saturday, March 7, set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time which will take effect at 2 AM.

17 St. Patrick's Day; 3D Day 18 Lacy Cookie Day; Sloppy Joes Day 19 Certified Nurses Day; Spring Begins! 20 Ravioli Day; Flour Day 21 French Bread Day; CA Strawberry Day 22 Bavarian Crepes Day 23 Melba Toast Day; Chip and Dip Day 24 Chocolate Covered Raisins Day 25 Lobster Newburg Day; Manatee Day 26 Spinach Day; Nougat Day 27 Scribble Day; Spanish Paella Day 28 Food on Sticks Day 29 Nevada Day; Lemon Chiffon Cake Day 30 Virtual Vacay Day; Park Walks Day 31 Crayon Day; Tater Day



Happy Birthday Wishes!

Robert, March 2nd Karen, March 4th Phyllis, March 17th Dalmar, March 25th Sindy, March 25th Elaine, March 30th

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Our Resident Spotlight Shines On: Alice

The Renaissance is truly blessed to have such a kind-hearted soul in our community. Alice and her family are very loving people and it's much thanks to Alice herself. One of Alice's favorite activities is Bingo. She always likes to say, "I don't come for the game; I like to listen to everyone laughing and enjoying themselves." She, along with many other qualities, is a wonderful conversationalist, so the next time you stop by the Renaissance be sure to say hello to our loving Alice as she will give you the warmest welcome Ever!



Tell us about your vist to our community on Google



Our Staff Spotlight Shines On: Micheal (RCC)

The Renaissance would like to welcome our newest member of management, Resident Care Coordinator Micheal!

Micheal started working for the Renaissance back when Radiant took over the reigns of the community. He previously worked as a CNA for our Executive director Tina in her last community, until she took over at The Renaissance. Micheal gladly followed, as with Tina's guidance it truly makes the workplace a great place to be. With that being said, we know we are in great hands with Micheal as he truly has compassion for his residents and will always make sure they are getting the best care possible. Congratulations Micheal, we know you will do great!

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