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# Ashley Pointe News

February 2022 Newsletter



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### **Healthy Habits to Consider for Heart-Smart Living**

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Please follow advice of your medical professional and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements. This is for informational use only and should not be considered medical advice.

February is an important health month for all as it is heart-focused! It became so in 1963, when President Lyndon B. Johnson encouraged citizens to support solutions for a nationwide problem of heart diseases.

Solutions to better heart health—of which there are many—come from knowing risk factors, like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol. Many risk factors can be addressed with lifestyle changes.

Where better to start that with an active lifestyle?! Getting out for a daily walk is great for weight management and the heart. The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute recommends 30 minutes of moderate-level physical activity on most days of the week. Aerobic activity should be done in bouts of at least 10 minutes.

A healthy diet is also key. The American Heart Association lists a heart healthy diet as one that is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, low-fat dairy, skinless poultry and fish, nuts and legumes, and non-tropical vegetable oils. It limits saturated and trans fats, red meat, sweets, sugar-sweet beverages, and sodium. Items high in salt include tomato juice, soy sauce, and many prepared foods. The DASH Diet is a recommended one by the NHLBI.



#### **Blood Pressure By the Numbers**

(Source: National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute)
Monitoring blood pressure with your medical professional is a smart move. If one has
Hypertension (high blood pressure), that can almost always be prevented with a healthy weight, being physically active, a healthy diet, low sodium, alcohol only in moderation, and taking prescribed medications as directed.

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic (Upper Number)	Diastolic (Lower Number)					
Normal	Less than 120	& Less than 80					
Prehypertension	120-139	Or 80-89					
Hypertension	140 or above	Or 90 or above					

For older adults, impactful actions can be taken to improve heart health, such as stopping smoking, being physically active, having a healthy diet, and reducing alcohol to no more than two drinks per day for men, and no more than one drink per day for women. Managing stress is also important and can be approached with mindfulness meditation, deep breathing, and physical activity.

Let us know what heart healthy choices you make as part of your daily routine on our facebook post for this month's newsletter.
We'd love to hear of your efforts!

## **Special Moments**















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## **February 2022 Highlights**

February is American Heart Month, Black History Month, Cancer Prevention Month and Wise Healthcare Consumer Month. It celebrates libraries, bird feeding, canned foods, embroidery, cherries, and American pies.

01 Dark Chocolate Day; Baked Alaska Day
02 Groundhog Day; Tater Tot Day; Ukulele Day
03 Carrot Cake Day; Optimist Day
04 Homemade Soup Day; Thank a Mail Carrier
Day 05 World Nutella Day; Fun Outside Day
06 FroYo Day; Chopsticks Day; Pizza Baking Day
07 Alfredo Day; Periodic Table Day
08 Boy Scouts Day; Kite Flying Day; Iowa Day
09 Bagel and Lox Day; Pizza Day
10 Cream Cheese Brownie Day; Donation Day
11 Inventor Day; Backyard Bird Count Day
12 Plum Pudding Day; Global Movie Day
13 Cheddar Day; Tortellini Day; Super Bowl LVI
14 Valentine's Day; Book Giving Day

15 Gumdrop Day; World Hippo Day
16 Fat Tuesday; Almond Day; Anthropology Day
17 Cabbage Day; Random Kind Acts Week
18 Wine Day; Pluto Day; Caregivers' Day
19 Chocolate Mint Day; Arabian Horse Day
20 Cherry Pie Day; Muffin Day; Love Pets Day
21 Presidents' Day; Sticky Bun Day
22 Sweet Potato Day; Margarita Day
23 Banana Bread Day; Dog Biscuit Day; Tile Day
24 Tortilla Chip Day; Toast Day; Chili Day
25 Chocolate Nut Day; Clam Chowder Day
26 Pistachio Day; Tell a Fairy Tale Day

27 Retro Day; Strawberry Day; Kahlua Day

28 Floral Design Day; Chocolate Souffle Day

February Facts: February is named for the Latin word February, or purification. The Welsh call February "y mis bach" meaning "little month." At one time, February had as few as 23 days! Together with January, it was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.

#### **Regarding Covid-19:**

Safety and comfort of our residents and staff remains our first priority during the Coronavirus cases that have happened nationwide. We are following mandated health guidelines. Please note that all activities are subject to cancellation per current mandated health guidelines. To read a full list of measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website.

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Visit our facebook at: www.facebook.com/ AshleyPointeSeniorLiving Inventors' Day is Feb. 11. These are some inventions we are grateful for!

"Electricity" - Jim

"Air Conditioners" - Angelita

"TV" - David

"Telephones & computers" - Ruth

"Wristwatch" - Dave

"Toilet" - Annette

"Printing press & books" - Kim H

"Sewing Machine" - Lois



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:
Doris

Born in Tennessee and married to a career Air Force guy, Doris traveled the country for over 23 years. She loves to travel, and two of her favorite spots are Hawaii and southern Arizona. She is an avid quilter along with many other hobbies including painting, caring for plants, playing the piano, putting picture books together and just about anything creative. Doris loves the beach too! She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. A favorite dinner is cornbread with pinto beans and collard greens along with real banana pudding for dessert. We love Doris!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Randy

Randy is our new maintenance director, and we are delighted to welcome him to Ashley Pointe! He was born in Everett and has lived in the Everett area most of his life.

Randy has two daughters and a grandson and a granddaughter.
He enjoys golfing, fishing, and camping as well as watching adventure movies like Indiana
Jones and the Raiders of the Lost
Ark. He has enjoyed trips to
Disneyland with his family. He really likes Eggs Benedict, and for dessert, his favorite is German
Chocolate Cake, but cheesecake is the runner-up!

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All activities subject to change per mandated health guidelines.		10:00 Morning Exercises 11:15 Bible Study 1:00 Storytime 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 IN2L: Brain Games 4:00 UNO game 4:30 Pre-Dinner Visiting	10:00 Latin Soul Dancing Exercise Class 11:00 Brain Games 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Rummikub 3:00 Happy Hour 6:00 Western Movie	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 Words W/I a Word 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Bingo 2:30 IN2L: Travel Tour 3:30 Crossword Puzzles 4:00 Music & Socializing	10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Charades 1:00 Puzzles 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Matching Games 4:00 IN2L: Animals 6:00 Adventure Movie	Happy Birthday, Rodney!  10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 On This Day 1:00 Wheel of Fortune 2:00 Dominoes 3:00 IN2L: Relaxation 4:00 IN2L: Classic TV
10:00 Gather & Chat 11:00 Brain Teasers 1:30 Sabbath Day Devotional & Hymns 3:00 Family History Work 4:00 Fellowshipping 6:00 Classic Movie	10:00 Chair Yoga 10:30 I SPY Game 11:00 Room Visits	10:00 Morning Exercises 11-11:15 Fireside Chat with Jeff - Main Bldg Residents 11:15-11:30 Fireside Chat with Jeff -Cottage Residents 1:00 Storytime 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:45 Valentine Craft 6:00 Comedy Movie	Chef David 11:00 Famous Couples	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 Words W/I a Word 11:30 Library Cart Route Service 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Bingo 2:30 IN2L: Discussion— Wedding Memories 4:00 Love Songs & Visiting	10:00 Chair Yoga 11:15 Joke-Telling Time 1:00 Sudoku 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Craft Project 4:30 IN2L: Big Band Music 6:00 Action Movie	10:00 Morning Exercises 10:30 Morning Walk 11:00 Coloring 1:00 Wheel of Fortune 2:30 Puzzles 3:00 IN2L: TED Talk 4:00 Jenga
13 Happy Birthday, Virginia!  10:00 Gather & Chat 11:00 Dominoes 1:30 Sabbath Day Devotional & Hymns 2:30 Word Search 3:00 Family History Work 4:00 IN2L: Classical Music	Happy Valentine's Day! 10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:15 Bible Study 1:00 Storytime 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Youth Advisory Grp Get-to-Know-You! 4:30 Pre-Dinner Visiting And Music: Crooners	16 Happy Birthday, Judith!  10:00 Latin Soul Dancing 11:00 Live Piano Music With Andrea  1:00 Storytime 1:30 Rummikub 3:00 Happy Hour: Tom & Jill Hudon 4:30 Pre-Dinner Visiting	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 Words W/I a Word 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Scattergories 3:15 LSHS Interact Club: Valentine Project 6:00 History Movie	10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Bus Outing for Lunch: Conto's AND Dollar Store 2:00 Puzzles 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Dominoes 4:30 Music & Socializing	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 IN2L: Cooking Class 1:00 Wheel of Fortune 2:30 Nature Walk 3:00 Coloring 4:00 Brain Games
10:00 Gather & Chat 11:00 IN2L: Symphony 1:30 Sabbath Day Devotional & Hymns 2:30 Puzzles 3:00 Family History Work 4:00 Rummikub 6:00 Documentary	Happy President's Day!  10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Room Visits 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Presidential Trivia 3:00 IN2L: History Lesson 4:00 Tech Class with April	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:15 Bible Study 1:00 Storytime 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Bus Outing: Go for a Drive! 4:30 Jukebox Music	10:00 Latin Soul Dancing 11:00 Live Piano Music With Andrea 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Rummikub 3:00 Happy Hour: Deano 6:00 IN2L: Classic TV	10:00 Morning Exercises 11:00 Words W/I a Word 1:00 Storytime 1:30 Bingo 3:00 Book Club: The Hundred-Foot Journey (meeting in the Garden Rm) 4:30 Pre-Dinner Visiting	10:00 Donuts & Coffee & Morning Socializing 11:00 Art Class 1:00 After-Lunch Joke-Telling Time 1:30 Puzzles 2:30 Skip-Bo 3:30 Movie Event: The Hundred-Foot Journey	10:00 Morning Exercises 10:45 Guest Speaker:     Mayor Brett Gailey 1:00 Wheel of Fortune 3:00 UNO 4:00 IN2L: Humor 4:30 Puzzles
10:00 Gather & Chat 11:00 IN2L: Faith Worship 1:30 Sabbath Day Devotional & Hymns 2:30 Afternoon Walk 3:00 Family History Work 4:00 Fellowshipping	10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Show & Tell 1:30 Bingo 3:00 Knit & Crochet Club 4:00 Tech Class with April 4:30 Music & Socializing					