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Creative Fitness & Hydration Ideas for Older Adults

Follow your medical professional's advice and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements.

Physical fitness and staying hydrated, while naturally easy and fun for some, can seem intimidating for others. Look forward to creative approaches to both this Senior Health and Fitness Month!

Fun Fitness

For most of us, there's some type of physical fitness that appeals (workout machines, sports, dance, yoga, swimming), but sometimes creativity spurs extra motivation! Think outside the box with ideas like: in-air arm swim strokes, hula hooping laughter yoga, gardening, soft darts, bean bag toss, bowling, croquet, mini golf, striking poses and holding them, noodle ball volleying, and scavenger hunts.

Our community uses It's Never 2 Late (IN2L) that has many fitness avenues, from Conductorcize and Sit & Be Fit to Tai Chi and Chair Chi (for varying fitness levels). Explore the features with our life enrichment team.

Themed Walks

Walks can be more fun when paired with an activity. Consider a bird walk, tree walk, or flower walk and mark observations with a field guide book. Get artsy by collecting flowers for pressing. Head out on a nature walk where each walker collects a leaf, twig, rock, wildflower, blade of grass, etc. Paint positive-message rocks and on a walk leave them places for others to find. Other ideas: museum walk or mall-window shop, or see which walker can write down the most street sign names or models of cars spotted.



Physical fitness is important for older adults. It makes activities of daily life easier to do, and it helps with bone density and muscle strength. An added bonus is a decreased likelihood for falls.

Hydration Elation

For older adults, hydrating is especially important as thirst tends to decrease with age. Water doesn't have to be the only source for hydrating though. Some foods high in water content include celery, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, bell peppers, grapes, and tomatoes. Soups, broths, and stews also can increase fluid intake, but watch for sodium content. When it comes to beverages, add some excitement to water with fruit or mint infused in it, or try milk, coconut water, or herbal caffeine-free teas like hibiscus or chamomile.

Share Your Best Fitness/Hydration Idea

We hope you are inspired by these out of the box ideas for fitness and hydration! Did you think of a fun idea you would like to share? Please do so on our Facebook on the 1st!





Special Moments



Happy Birthday!

Linda: May 19th Jim: May 25th

Those born in May are Taurus (May 1-20) and Gemini (May 21-June 20). The birthstone for May is emerald. The birth flower for May is lily of the valley. May is said to be the luckiest month in which to be born!



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May 2022 Highlights

May includes awareness observances for mental health, asthma, blood pressure, osteoporosis, skin cancer, and strokes. It celebrates seniors, nurses, photography, strawberries, salsa, asparagus, and barbecues!

- 01 Chocolate Parfait Day; Lemonade Day
- **02** Truffle Day; World Tuna Day
- 03 Teachers Day; Two Different Shoes Day
- 04 Firefighters' Day; Bird Day; Star Wars Day
- 05 Astronauts' Day; Hoagie Day
- 06 Nurses' Day; Crepe Suzette Day
- 07 Kentucky Derby Day; Fitness Day; Trains Day
- 08 Mother's Day; Coconut Cream Pie Day
- 09 Lost Sock Memorial Day; Moscato Day
- 10 Shrimp Day; Washington Day
- 11 Receptionists' Day; 3rd Shift Staff Day
- 12 Intl. Nurse Day; Nutty Fudge Day
- 13 Apple Pie Day; Fruit Cocktail Day
- 14 Buttermilk Biscuit Day; Dog Mom Day
- 15 Chocolate Chip Day; World Baking Day
- 16 BBQ Day; Sea Monkey Day
- 17 Cherry Cobbler Day; Walnut Day; Idaho Day
- 18 Museum Day; Juice Slushies Day
- 19 Devil's Food Cake Day

- 20 Endangered Species Day; Pizza Party Day
- 21 Waiters' Day; Strawberries and Cream Day
- 22 Solitaire Day; Instrument Day
- 23 Lucky Penny Day; Turtle Appreciation Day
- 24 Brothers' Day; Scavenger Hunt Day
- 25 Tappers' Day; Senior Health & Fitness Day
- 26 Paper Plane Day; Blueberry Cheesecake Day
- 27 Grape Popsicle Day; Road Trip Day
- 28 Brisket Day; Enjoy a Hamburger Day
- 29 Paperclip Day; Coq Au Vin Day
- 30 Memorial Day; Creative Day; Mint Julep Day
- 31 Macaroon Day; Save Your Hearing Day



Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!



Our resident and staff safety and comfort remain our first priority as Coronavirus cases have occurred nationwide. We are following mandated health guidelines. All activities are subject to cancellation per those guidelines. To read a full list of measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website.



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In Our Words

In honor of Senior Health & Fitness Day, these are some of our favorite healthy food/fitness choices.

"Asparagus" -Dawn

"Avocado's" -Alyssa

"Chicken" -Anny

"Walking" -Bill

"Salad" -Libby

"Carrot's -Brady

"Apples" -Steve

"Greens" -Dorothy

"Celery & Ranch" -Tamia



Staff Spotlight: Tracy

Tracy is our employee of the month. Her passion is to be in health care as a nurse. She likes to eat, fish, camp and watch movies - mostly comedies and thrillers.

Tracy has been a QMAP and care giver for New Dawn for the past 3 months but she has been doing this for 3 years. Tracy likes doing self care with the residents and is very dedicated. The residents love her. Tracy goes above and beyond when asked to help out on various shifts and is truly an asset to New Dawn.



Resident Spotlight: Helen

Helen was born in Kansas City,
Missouri, and spent many years
teaching school in Kansas City and
Colorado Springs. She loved being
a teacher and still likes to talk
about her students.

She married her husband Art in Colorado Springs in 1985, and they had three beautiful children: Summer, Shannon and Nicholas. Her husband's job took them to many places in the United States, including Michigan, California and Louisiana. After he passed away, she returned to the place she loves most, Colorado, where she can enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and wonderful weather.

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