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## The Renaissance Reader

July 2022 Newsletter



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#### **Social Wellness Efforts Impact Overall Health**

July, with its warm weather and ample gathering opportunities, is the perfect occasion for **Social Wellness Month**. It's a time for celebrating connections and relationships with others, as well as support systems we have in place.

The counseling group Words of Wellness so-named the monthlong observance, but social wellness has long been valued. In July of 1905, Dr. Joseph Hersey Pratt pioneered group therapy among tuberculosis patients in Boston, making its mark for decades to follow. Then in 1948, the World Health Organization identified how social wellness positively impacts overall health.

According to the Mayo Clinic, research shows strong social nets positively impact our ability to handle stress, cardiovascular functions, and self-esteem. Harvard Medical • School shared that studies indicate people with satisfying relationships have fewer health • problems and live longer, while those lacking social ties may suffer from depression and • cognitive decline in later life.

At our community, we encourage social wellness through group activities and events.

Live music is an interactive opportunity we love opening our doors for. We welcome visitors and volunteers of all walks of life who share their time and talents with us. We also welcome the greater community to our events in the hope that connections will be made, and great times will be had.

#### **Steps Toward a More Social You**

To increase your social wellness, consider actions you can work Into your daily life.

 Know you can start small. Wave, smile, and say, "Hi, How are you?" That can open doors for great conversation.



The more, the merrier! Taking part in a holiday event can be a fun, easy way to naturally engage with others.

- Take part in art, fitness, music, cooking gardening, spiritual, or game groups.
- Volunteer to share your experience with others or teach a skill to others.
- Be there for people by being present with them and being a good listener.
- Be an active conversationalist. Ask others questions in conversation, and let people know when you relate with them.
- Express gratitude and compliments toward others in a genuine manner.
- Enjoy others' successes with them.
- Schedule things on your calendar. It may encourage or remind you to engage more.

While social wellness is an area that takes time to grow, it's certainly one whose benefits can be felt after socializing. We hope that you find some of the suggestions here helpful if you're looking to grow in relationships with others. Let us know how these ideas work for you on our Facebook on the 1st!

# Special Moments











# Happy Birthday!

Staff

Jay: July 5th Brooklyn: July 11th

Skyler: July 12th Tammy: July 21st

Kaitlyn: July 22nd Susan: July 23rd

### Residents

Mary Dell : July 3rd

Rey: July 10th Mary W.: July 13th Gayle: July 14th

Mary L. : July 17th

Those born in July are either Cancer (June 21-July 22) or Leo (July 23-August 22). The birthstone for July is ruby. The birth flowers for July are larkspurs (delphinium) and water lilies. July babies are said to have a sunny disposition and great self control.

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### July 2022 Highlights

July observes Eye Injury Prevention, Minority Mental Health, Social Wellness, and UV Safety. It celebrates: Blueberries, Baked Beans, Culinary Arts, Grilling, Horseradish, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Independent Retailers, Peaches, Picnics, and Watercolors!

02 Made in the USA Day

03 Chocolate Wafer Day; Beans Day; Fried Clam Day

04 Independence Day; Caeser Salad Day

05 Apple Turnover Day; Hawaii Day

06 Fried Chicken Day; Hand Roll Day

07 Macaroni Day; Chocolate Day

08 Chocolate Almonds Day; Freezer Pop Day

09 Sugar Cookie Day; Collector Car Day; Kebab Day

10 Kitten Day; Pina Colada Day

11 US Pet Pics Day; 711 Day; Blueberry Muffin Day

12 Jell-O Day; Pecan Pie Day

13 Barbershop Music Day; French Fry Day

14 Mac & Cheese Day; Tape Measure Day

15 Gummi Worm Day; Tapioca Day; Horses Day

16 Corn Fritters Day

17 Peach Ice Cream Day; Ice Cream Day

18 Caviar Day; Sour Candy Day

19 Daiquiri Day

01 Unique Ice Cream Day; Gingersnap Day; Joke Day 20 Fortune Cookie Day; Hot Dog Day; Chess Day

21 Junk Food Day

22 Hammock Day; Mango Day; Penuche Fudge Day;

23 Gorgeous Grandma Day; Vanilla Ice Cream Day

24 Parents' Day; A. Earhart Day; Drive Thru Day

25 Hire Veterans Day; Sundae Day; Wine/Cheese Day

26 Aunt & Uncle Day; Bagel Day; Coffee Shake Day

27 Crème Brûlée Day; Love Is Kind Day

28 Intern Day; Milk Chocolate Day; Chili Dog Day

29 Chicken Wing Day; Lasagna Day; Lipstick Day

30 Friends Day; Father-in-Law Day; Cheesecake Day

31 Avocado Day; Mutt Day; Raspberry Cake Day

### A message from our Executive Director, Andrew Steighner:

Happy Independence Day Renaissance Family! We have an awesome month lined up for us here in July. I want to remind all residents that we will be having bus drives every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please make sure that you sign up with our amazing activity team, Cassidy or Stacy. We have our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Blast on 7/4 and a July Birthday party on 7/5. We have a lunch outing on 7/20 for residents so please talk to Cassidy about getting out for some yummy food. Residents make sure to invite your friends and family to our open BBQ on 7/21 starting at 11am in our courtyard. Live music is scheduled 7/8, 7/13, and 7/22 with Jim Dossey. We have JJ Dion in the house on 7/13 and 7/27. This is going to be a great month I encourage all the residents to join in our gardening club in our beautiful courtyard with our planter boxes. Residents please join in outside too as we will be having lawn games outside too! I want to specially thank all the amazing team members that I work with here at the Renaissance. We certainly appreciate each and every one of you. I also want to thank all the residents for the support. I do have to honor, Cassidy, our Life Enrichment Director here at the Renaissance. July will be her last month with us as she is relocating to Georgia to be with Family. Cassidy we appreciate you and everything you have done for the residents here you will be greatly missed!

Thank you all and have a fun and safe July!

The person who works for others, without any motives really does good.

Blessings, Andrew



**Staff Spotlight:** Taylor

This month we would like to recognize our Med-Tech, Taylor! Taylor has been with the Renaissance for almost a year and has been a wonderful addition to our team. Taylor is always kind and patient with our residents. Taylor is a hard worker and remembers to put the residents needs and wants first. Thank you Taylor for providing a positive and safe environment for our residents.



**Resident Spotlight:** Carol

This month we would like to recognize one of our fantastic residents, Carol! Carol and her sweet dog, Gracie, are always there to greet you with a smile and an adorable tail wag. Carol is always willing to jump in and help out. Carol enjoys puzzles, cards, and occasionally a game of Scrabble. Thank you Carol & Gracie for always putting a smile on our faces and making all feel welcomed.

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