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



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# **Making Friends Over 60**

Making friends at any age is all about seizing the social opportunities that come our way, and sometimes going out of our way to look for new ones. While older adults may not have a playground of potential friends all exploring simultaneously, they have plenty of avenues for gaining and maintaining friendships. Here are some tips for making new friends over 60.

#### **Benefits to Seeking Out New Friendships**

There are great benefits to increased social interactions and relationships. A 2019 study in "The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences" determined seniors who engaged in social interactions outside of their inner circle experienced more positive moods, fewer negative emotions, and had higher levels of physical activity. Friends can also encourage us to follow healthier lifestyle habits, reduce the risk for health problems, and improve our confidence and self-worth, according to the Mayo Clinic.

#### Ways to Increase Your Net of Friends

Starting new friendships can be done in so many different ways. Step outside of your routine and explore options you may not have considered.

- Take part in a club or consider starting one focused on an area of your interest like baking, birding, books, exercise, fishing, gardening, knitting, or movies in your community.
- If you are religious or spiritual, take part in a local service or church group.
- Attend a class teaching something you've • always wanted to learn where you'll be able to interact with other students and gain a skill. Even one-off painting sessions can lead to friendships!
- Seek out a support group if you are struggling through a tough time and need



Never underestimate the power of your smile or a wave. It signals to others that you're open for positive interactions.

some peer support or to feel less alone.

- Consider volunteering or participating in work for a charitable cause with other peers.
- Look into the social calendar at your local senior or community center. Many offer way more than Bingo nowadays.
- Refresh healthy connections from the past. If a relationship was good and time or distance led to a break, consider seeking out an old friend through social media or a mutual connection.

#### How to Break the Ice

When it comes to making a first approach in a social situation, you can start small. The act of simply saying hello and asking a question can lead into a conversation. If you need to start smaller, for residents at senior living communities, spending time in common areas or leaving your door open at times you would welcome social interactions can increase possibilities for them to take place.

Let us know if our tips have been helpful for your friendship quest, and please share any ideas that you think our readers would find helpful on our Facebook on the first.





**Residents & Staff:** 

Melody : March 23 Lyn : March 24 Paul: March 29

John : March 8 **Christian : March 8** Shawna : March 9 Corina : March 24

# March 2023 Highlights

Observes: Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Endometriosis, Developmental Disabilities, Brain Injury Awareness, Caffeine Awareness, Hemophilia Celebrates: Noodles, Peanuts, Women's History, Nutrition, Celery, Crafting, Athletic Training

01 PB Lover's Day; World Music Therapy Day 02 Banana Cream Pie Day; Read In America Day 03 Mulled Wine Day; Employee Appreciation Day 04 Marching Music Day; Pound Cake Day; Sons' Day **05 Cheese Doodle Day** 06 Oreo Cookie Day; White Choc. Cheesecake Day 07 Flapjack Day; Tennis Day; Alex. Graham Bell Day 24 Cheesesteak Day; Choco Raisin Day; Cocktail Day **08 Intl. Women's Day; Oregon Day** 09 Barbie Day; Popcorn Day; Meatball Day **10 Blueberry Popover Day; Bagpipe Day; Ranch Day 27 Spanish Paella Day; World Theatre Day** 11 Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day; Johnny Appleseed Day 28 Black Forest Cake Day; Food on a Stick Day; **12 Daylight Savings; Plant a Flower Day 13 Coconut Torte Day; Good Samaritan Day** 14 Butterflies Day; Pi Day; Potato Chip Day 15 Kansas Day; Pears Helene Day; Shoe Drive Day **16 Artichoke Hearts Day; Panda Day** 17 St. Patrick's Day; Corned Beef & Cabbage Day

18 Corn Dog Day; Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day 19 Certified Nurses' Day; Chocolate Caramel Day 20 Spring Begins; Ravioli Day; Flour Day 21 3-D Day; Strawberries Day; French Bread Day 22 Bavarian Crepes Day; West Virginia Day 23 Chip Dip Day; Melba Toast Day; Tamale Day 25 Medal of Honor Day; Intl. Waffle Day 26 Nougat Day; Spinach Day World Piano Day 29 Lemon Chiffon Cake Day; Nevada Day 30 Doctors' Day; Park Walking Day; Virtual Vacation Day 31 Tater Day; Prom Day; Clams on Half Shell Day; **Cream Cheese Frosting Day** 

## **Our Executive Director's Corner**

Dear residents, family members, and friends,

Spring is almost here. Say goodbye to those dark and gloomy winter evenings. Temperatures get higher, colors get brighter and longer days come. We have a full and eventful calendar to celebrate Spring.

Last month, the residents enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's Day party, decorated with balloons and red hearts to go along with wonderful treats.

I look forward to see you here at the Arbors community.



### **Staff Spotlight**

Rachel is our spotlighted employee this month. She's been a Med Tech for over four years. You can always count on her for help; she shows integrity to her team and residents,

Any challenge at work Rachel can rise up with the most gentle solution showing love and compassion to our residents. She has a great sense of humor and brings positivity to the Arbors' family.

She is an amazing mom of three wonderful boys: Connor, Declan, and Owen. She loves to spend time with her kids and family; she shows true dedication to her home and family values.

We are lucky to have Rachel as part of our Arbors team.



#### **Resident Spotlight**

This very bubbly lady is always looking for ways to help others every day. Kay was born and raised in Los Angeles. She became a teacher in preschool and taught at TMCC. Some of her hobbies back home were gardening, sailing, skiing and crafting. Kay and her husband George raised three wonderful kids. She was a homemaker and liked spending time in the garden and water painting while listening to smooth Jazz. Here at the arbors, you find Kay enjoying exercise classes, taking walks, and mostly coming to our art painting class.

Kay adds a bright spot to all our lives here at the Arbors.

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