

April Spotlight: The Diamond Peak Home

This month we are putting a **Spotlight** on **The Diamond Peak Home**. One of the things that sets Diamond Peak apart from our other homes is that it is the only home on our campus designated as all male. The staff that work there say they love "the guys". Erica, who has worked at Diamond Peak for two years, says "they are so appreciative of everything we do, from little to big." Kayla, who also works in the home, adds "the residents make it a special place and the families are great."

The only non-male resident is the friendly black lab, Coco, who greets everyone that comes into the home. One resident Dave says of Coco, "she's the boss - she runs the whole house."

The Resident Coordinator of the home is Sharon Durrant, who has been with EHL all 10+ years that we have been in business. Most of those years she has worked at the Diamond Peak home. She jokes, "I've been here as long as the furniture, except the furniture has been replaced." For Sharon, caring for the men of Diamond Peak is personal. Her dad had Alzheimer's and passed away from the disease ten years ago. "I love the guys and I treat all the residents like they were my Dad. I make it a goal to bring fun and joy to their day."





Coco

Support Groups

<u>Memory Loss Solutions®</u> EHL Campus Support Group Monday, April 3rd

5:00 - 6:00 pm @ Main Campus

Tuesday, April 18th 12:30 - 1:30 pm @ Main Campus

Alzheimer's Support Group Thursday, April 6th & 20th 1:30 - 3:30 pm @ Good Samaritan Society 3500 Hilyard Street, Eugene

Sweetheart Party

Thank you to everyone that attended our annual Sweetheart Party in February. We had great fun and good food, and enjoyed seeing residents, families, and staff have such a good time. Thank you also to Uncommon Bonds for providing beautiful music for the evening.



We are pleased to announce that Jackie is our April 2017 Employee of the Month!



Jackie was born and grew up in the small coastal town of Eureka, California. She is the proud mother of three grown boys - Brent, Tristin, and Kory - and has two grandsons, Kayden and Lucas. Jackie says, "I'm looking forward to having a granddaughter some day!" She states she is a very happy newlywed, and that her family also consists of two female ferrets, Fiona and Amelia, who are loads of fun. These two fuzzy family members like to steal shoes!

Jackie has been a part of the EHL community since January 2006, and has been on this campus previously since 1995 under Good Neighbor. She works as the Resident Coordinator for the Redwood Home. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Jackie replied, "There are many reasons... I get to share in our residents' lives and I have found that I need them more then they need me. We dance and joke and even have had a cry or two together."

Thank you, Jackie, for your hard work, your dedication, and for being a part of our EHL team!

In Remembrance 🚬

Toshío Sato

Toshio came to EHL in November of 2016. Amee, Resident Coordinator in our Birch Home, commented that "the staff at Birch (myself included) will miss Toshio's smile and laugh. It was such a great pleasure to care for Toshio and to know his wife Nancy. He will be missed." Toshio passed away at the age of 76.

Donna Ward

Donna came to EHL in September of 2015. Destiny, Resident Coordinator in our Willow Home, shared that "Donna had a beautiful smile. She loved to go out to the flower beds and pull the weeds. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to care for her." Donna passed away at the age of 89.

Shirley Cunningham

Shirley came to EHL in February of 2017. Amee, Resident Coordinator in our Birch Home, states "although we didn't get the chance to know Shirley for long, we will always remember her wonderful smile and fighting spirit." Shirley passed away at the age of 79.

Harvest of the Month

The Harvest of the Month for April is organic yellow beans from Stahlbush Island Farm in Corvallis, Oregon. The beans are ordered through Hummingbird Wholesale.

Organic yellow beans are served in our baked beans and Sloppy Joes.



Optum Medicare Advantage

As of January 1st, ElderHealth & Living became a Medicare Advantage campus. Thank you, families, for your patience and understanding as we navigated our way through the OPTUM transition! If you are having any concerns or questions, please contact **Kate** at **541-747-4858**.





Monday, Apr. 10th @ 1:45 hosted by The Club Fiddlin' Sue & Tom

Friday, Apr. 14th @ 1:45 hosted by Birch Home Easter Eggs

Thursday, Apr. 20th @ 1:45 hosted by Redwood Home Garden Club

Wednesday, Apr. 26th @ 1:45 hosted by Cascade Home Collage Arts





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