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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Alzheimer's Association Celebration

We were so honored to be recognized at the Alzheimer's Association Walk Celebration. ElderHealth & Living is the proud recipient of the Purple Cup for being the top fundraising team for the Eugene 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's! Overall, and with your generous support and help, we raised just over **\$10,000** for the Alzheimer's Association.



We will be looking to do it again in 2018, so please be looking for news in September as to how you can be involved in all the fun fundraising activities that happen on our campus.

Thank you all so much!

Support Groups

Memory Loss Solutions®

EHL Campus Support Group

Monday, February 5th

5:00 - 6:00 pm

@ Main Campus

Tuesday, February 20th

12:30 - 1:30 pm

@ Main Campus

Alzheimer's Support Group

Thursday, Feb. 8th & 22nd

1:30 - 3:30 pm

@ Good Samaritan Society
3500 Hilyard Street, Eugene

Looking for Magazines & Books

Our recreation department is looking for gently used magazines and books. The magazines will be used for collage projects (see examples below!) and the books will be part of a book club for our residents. If you have any magazines or books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the front office and let them know they are for the recreation department.



Thank you!



Phone & Internet Issues



As some of you may be aware, we have been having some phone and internet issues on campus. Please see below for information directly from our tech support.

Thank you so much for your patience as we deal with these issues.

Recently, we had a series of service outages for phone, internet, and data. We believe it all started with an unexpected power issue, such as a power surge, that took down multiple devices on the network. As of now, the data and internet is up and running while work continues on the Home phone connections to make them stable. The phone vendor did a total rebuild of the NEC voice system and it is being monitored. We are working hard to get everything resolved as quickly as possible.

Additionally, we are looking at improving the connectivity between the buildings so that internet, data, and voice work flawlessly. For this we are looking at a couple options, and fiber optics is one of the mediums being explored. To start this initiative, we have contacted the Springfield Utility Board (SUB) to complete a feasibility study and system engineering to connect all buildings via fiber optics. We are looking forward to finding a viable solution and we will keep you informed along the way.

If you can't get through to a Home on campus via phone, please call the main office at 541-747-4858 during business hours or contact the Shift Supervisor at 541-852-3232 after hours.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Erika @ Willow Home

We are pleased to announce that Erika is our February 2018 Employee of the Month!



Erika was born and grew up in Newport, Oregon. She shared with us that, "I love my family! My Mom is my hero and she is always there for me. My parents mean the world to me and I have amazing grandparents." Erika also shared that her family consists of a younger brother and her boyfriend of five years, Ryan. The fuzzy members of her family include a cat named Toby and a rabbit named Bella - Bella was rescued after Erika found her on the side of the road. Erika says finding Bella was a blessing after the recent loss of a second cat family member.

Erika has been a part of the EHL community since March 2014. She works as Direct Care Staff in the Willow Home. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Erika replied, "I love being able to help people. I have an awesome RC and coworkers. Working at EHL has taught me a lot of things and in my home, we are all like family. I love seeing the smiles on everyone's faces."

Erika's Words of Wisdom:

"Never regret something that once made you smile. Good things come to those who believe, better things come to those who are patient, and the best things come to those who don't give up."

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

In Remembrance

Howard Bennett

Howard came to EHL in October of 2017. Evette, Resident Coordinator in our Cedar Home, shared with us that, "Howard will be deeply missed for his infectious smile and great sense of humor. The ladies here at Cedar really enjoyed his wit and warmth." Howard passed away at the age of 82.

Thomas "Tom" Strickland

Tom came to EHL in March of 2017. Sharon, Resident Coordinator in our Diamond Peak Home, shared with us that, "Tom was a man of few words but he loved hugs and pictures of his granddaughter. He also loved being around staff when they were cooking, and loved peanut & honey sandwiches!" Tom passed away at the age of 71.

Rosemary "Rosie" Andrade

Rosie came to EHL in October of 2014. Ameer, EHL Administrator, shared with us that, "Rosie was such a sweet person. I will miss how she would grab your face and give you a kiss. I will always remember how great of a dancer she was and how much she loved looking at the flowers." Rosie passed away at the age of 75.

Ardis Burke

Ardis came to EHL in August of 2017. Staff from our Willow Home shared with us that, "Ardis was the most sassiest lady in the most greatest way. I will miss coming in on the mornings and hearing her say 'Hey good lookin'. She kept us all in line." Ardis passed away at the age of 95. She will be deeply missed.

12th Annual Sweetheart Party



Please join us for our 12th Annual Sweetheart Party on **Thursday, February 15th** from **5:30 to 7:00 pm** in all of our homes. This is a party where residents, families, and staff come together to enjoy one another's company and delicious desserts and drinks. This fun event includes music and an optional sweetheart photo with your loved one. Please RSVP with our front desk at **541-747-4858**. We hope to see you there!



EHL Activity Corner

Thursday, Feb. 8th @ 1:45 hosted by **Redwood Home**
Conversation Heart Coloring!

Wednesday, Feb. 14th @ 1:45 hosted by **The Club**
Valentine's Day Party!

Monday, Feb. 19th @ 1:45 hosted by **Mt. Vernon Home**
President's Day Trivia!

Thursday, Feb. 22nd @ 1:45 hosted by **Diamond Peak Home**
Paper Airplanes & Rockets!



*Happy Valentine's Day
from EHL!*



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