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Celebrating 4th of July

All of us here in the village are gearing up for an unforgettable summer - the sunshine on our skin and the fresh taste of fruit. With July 4th approaching, we decided to ask some of our residents what Independence Day means to them.

One of our residents said he looks forward to any reason to celebrate, which is a habit he picked up during his four years in the Navy. He said the Navy taught him the important "duty of celebration" which consists of never turning down hot food and a good drink. Another resident recalled the rattle you feel deep in your chest when you watch a firework explode and disappear into the night sky, with the smell of smoke lingering in the air.

Independence Day can mean many different things to many different people. It is a celebration after all, but for some it is more an inward celebration, prompting a time of reflection on years past. A very special resident named Larry shared his story with us. He was asked, "What does July 4th mean to you? What does independence mean to you?" His answer was something we won't soon forget.

Larry began to describe his 16-month tour in Korea, hiding in foxholes with the frost glazing his mask every time he let out a breath. He told us of his arrival in Korea, passing by the remnants of soldiers that weren't as lucky as he was to be coming to the tail end of the war. "It was only four years of my life, but I suppose that's why celebrating freedom and the way we are able to live is so special."

So, our dear friends and family, here's to sipping on cold drinks, eating delicious food with the ones we love, and quieting ourselves to reflect on the beauty of the life we were given. For as Maya Angelou said, "Freedom is never free."



Support Groups

Memory Loss Solutions®
EHL Campus Support Group

Monday, July 1st

5:00 - 6:00 pm

@ Main Campus

Tuesday, July 16th

12:30 - 1:30 pm

@ Main Campus

Alzheimer's Support Group

Thursday, July 11th & 25th

1:30 - 3:30 pm

@ Good Samaritan Society
3500 Hilyard Street, Eugene

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Ambryllynn @ Redwood Home

We are pleased to announce that Ambryllynn is our July 2019 Employee of the Month!



Ambryllynn was born in Eugene and grew up in the tiny town of Cave Junction, Oregon. She has two brothers and one sister. Ambryllynn has two amazing sons and states, "They are my world!" In her free time, she loves spending time with her family, hunting, fishing, and camping.

Ambryllynn has been a part of the EHL community since February 2017. She currently works as Direct Care Staff in our Redwood Home. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Ambryllynn replied, "I like being able to hold a hand or give a hug when loved ones can't be there with our residents. I love learning the history and stories only our peeps can tell. I love that everywhere you look on campus, there is someone going above and beyond to make someone smile."

Ambryllynn's Words of Wisdom:

"I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful." --Bob Hope

Thank you, Ambryllynn, for your hard work and your dedication!



In Remembrance

Carolyn Freeman

Carolyn came to EHL in April of 2019. Erica, Resident Coordinator of our Cascade Home, shared with us, "Carolyn had a great sense of humor and a very sweet smile. She will be missed." Carolyn passed away at the age of 79.



Sandra Dunn

Sandra came to EHL in May of 2019. Jackie, Resident Coordinator of our Mt. Hood Home, commented that, "Sandra was the cutest little woman." Although she wasn't with us long, we were honored to care for her. Sandra passed away at the age of 83.

In loving memory

Frederic "Fred" Shepard

Fred came to EHL in April of 2019. Jackie, Resident Coordinator of our Mt. Hood Home, shared that, "Fred was a very handsome man. He was an artist who painted beautifully. He was adored by his family and we want to thank them for allowing us to love him." Fred passed away at the age of 89.

In loving memory

Clarence "Bud" Jenkins

Bud came to EHL in December of 2018. Chelsea, Resident Coordinator of our Aspen Home, shared that, "Bud had an infectious smile. He was such a kind, smart, and caring man. He would always laugh and giggle, which brought a smile to our faces. We will miss him." Bud passed away at the age of 87.



Martin "Marty" Kaufman

Marty came to EHL in January of 2016. Staff at EHL has shared that, "We will all miss Marty's great smile and his fierce independence. He kept moving and exploring until the end." Marty passed away at the age of 77.



Look back at life, and think about the good old days. Time will fly, things will change, but those memories will always stay...

4TH of JULY BBQ



Join us for a BBQ in the EHL Park on July 4th!

12:30 pm • Thursday, July 4



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