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Meet our New Owner!

We are so excited to feature Peary Wood, our new owner, in this month's newsletter. We hope to set up a virtual meet-and-greet soon for families and friends of our residents, but in the meantime, we are thrilled to share the below interview with him.



Tell us about your experience with senior care and why you are passionate about what you do.

I was a submarine sailor in the Navy from 1977 to 1981. I spent over a year completely under water. In college, I got a real estate job that eventually led to my involvement with senior housing in 1984. I am passionate about this field because I believe in what we are doing for our older generation, for the folks that took care of us. It takes a special heart and a special person for senior care.

What are your goals and visions for ElderHealth & Living now that you are the proud new owner?

I want to maintain the vision of Liz and Nancy, and eventually roll out this model of care to my other facilities.

How do you keep your employees motivated and working together as a team?

I lead by example and make sure the team understands what the ultimate goal is. I believe in taking care of your employees, who in turn take care of our residents.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in El Paso, Texas and I grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. I was raised on a cattle ranch and briefly thought about becoming a veterinarian but soon realized the ranching life was not for me. I moved to Oregon in 2008 and currently live in Portland.

Do you want to share anything about your family, your hobbies, or other interests?

I am married to my wife, Debi, and we have four kids and eight grandkids. We are known as "Mimi" and "Papa" to our grandkids, whom we absolutely adore and love to spoil. My hobbies include cooking and playing guitar. I also enjoy long walks with Debi. I enjoy staying busy.

Do you have a favorite quote or any words of wisdom to share?

I have two rules I live by:

1. Do the right thing, even when it is hard.
2. Do the hard things first.



Welcome to our **FAMILY** Peary & Debi!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Brittany @ Cedar Home



We are pleased to announce that Brittany is our August 2020 Employee of the Month!

Brittany was born in Eugene, Oregon and grew up in Springfield. When asked about family, she shared that her mom has been working at the same job for over ten years and her grandparents like to travel a lot. She hopes to travel like them someday. She has two brothers and six sisters, all part of a blended family. She reports that she doesn't have any kids but she says, "I have three cats and a dog, who are like my kids."

Brittany joined EHL in March of 2019 and currently works as Direct Care Staff in our Cedar Home. When asked why Brittany likes working here, she replied, "I started working at EHL because my great-grandparents were here and I thought it was a nice place because the people were so friendly." Brittany also shared with us that, "I have an autoimmune disease and that is why I work hard and I keep myself busy because once I stop, it is hard to do something else because I hurt or I am tired." We love that Brittany shared this with us. We appreciate all of our staff who we know have their own individual issues and continue to provide the best care to our residents.

Brittany's Words of Wisdom:

"The only way to get really good at something is to be really bad at it first." --St. Vincent

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

In Remembrance

Suzanne "Sue" Holland

Sue came to EHL in May of 2019. Chelsea, Resident Coordinator of our Aspen Home, shared with us that, "Sue was a very sweet and gentle lady. She was always kind to others. She loved her husband, horses, and German Shepherds - they always made her light up with a big smile. We will miss her so much." Sue passed away at the age of 75.



We are Looking for Facemasks!

We are once again reaching out to our friends and families for a donation of washable face masks. Due to state regulations, all our employees are required to wear masks at all times with no expected end date in sight, and our supply is running low. Masks can be dropped off at the front door of the main office.

We thank you all so much for your support through this pandemic and for your previous donations.



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