



Good Life

NEWS

at Miramont Pointe

SEPTEMBER 2021

GREETINGS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Summer is beginning to wrap up. It's hard to believe. I am going to be happy to see some rain and cooler weather after this hot, strange summer weather we have had. Remind me I said this in January when we are all sick of the rain.

We have a lot of new faces around here. We have hired many new care staff, so please make them feel welcome to our family. We have had a substantial change in the dietary server department with the students going back to school. I am sorry to see Marissa White, dining room supervisor, resign. It sounds like the "new job" was too good to pass up. I love to see staff members moving forward in their own careers. We hate to see them go but wish them the best in the future.

I hope you all are enjoying the menu changes that have been made by Chef April. You will continue to see changes to improve your dining experience. Please be patient, as it takes time to fully implement the desired changes. I also wanted to point out that often times when we are "out of something" it is not because we did not order it (or don't have the budget). There is a major problem with the supply chain in many of the areas that we do business. I know the country is working to resolve this issue, but there will continue to be issues for the rest of 2021 and possibly beyond. Please understand that we strive to not run out but have limited storage, so sometimes it is unavoidable. If you would like to participate in the dining committee, please reach out to Pat K. in room 520. The more input from the customers the better is what I say. We want the pulse of what "everybody" is thinking, not just a select few. We are looking to increase the offerings in the bistro over the next few months, so keep your eyes open for that.

What a great Luau last month. A big shout out to Julie, Amber and Chef April for making this event wonderful. The pool is open, so please be sure to enjoy it. We have some dynamite places around the community, and I encourage you to use them; that is what they are for. We have quite a few new residents, so please make them feel welcome. We were all new once so try to remember how it felt and just say hello. Thank you for making this a great place to live and work.



SEPT. 12 — GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day takes place on the Sunday after Labor Day. It is a national observance, but it is not a federal holiday. Most businesses follow Sunday working hours.

On Sept. 6, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation declaring the first Sunday after Labor Day Grandparents Day.

President Carter's proclamation explained why this day is so important:

"As we seek to strengthen the enduring values of the family, it is appropriate that we honor our grandparents.

Grandparents are our continuing tie to the past, to the events and beliefs and experiences that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill some of the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society with a link to our national heritage and traditions."

"All at once, summer collapsed into fall."
-Oscar Wilde

CENTURY CLUB

We are proud to congratulate Miramont's residents who this month will celebrate their 100th birthday!

Congratulations, Bob N., 9/14, #519, and Lorraine Z., 9/14, #615!



SPOTLIGHT: DEE D.

Morley "Dee" D.

Dee was born in Cottonwood, Idaho, at home. He was the youngest of four (two sisters and one brother) and was born six years after his closest sibling. The Depression hit the family hard, and they soon were living in a cabin in the mountains in western Montana, probably on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Dee's mother's father came from Ireland and married a French Canadian woman. Dee's dad's father was a railroad steam engineer and was killed in an accident on the railroad when Dee's dad was only six. Dee's widowed grandmother went on to marry a half-breed Flathead Indian and to have seven sons and one daughter with him. These quarter-native uncles and aunt all owned land on the Flathead Reservation; some served on the tribal council. One of them left Dee three acres on the Reservation that he has never seen.

Dee's mom and dad hunted and fished, grew a garden and panned for gold on the Reservation. Dee's first-ever memory of a toy was when his dad caught a fish and put it in a bucket of water for him to play with.

Dee's family moved to Portland when he was about six. Everyone worked hard in his family to make it through the tough times. Dee mowed lawns and did odd jobs till he was about 10. The family had no money to spare at Christmas for trees and presents. His dad used to play pool for candy bars that Dee remembers as his Christmas gifts.

When Dee was 10 to 12, he farmed himself out to a dairy farmer in Klamath, Calif., traveling there alone on the bus. He was to be paid \$200 for an entire summer's work with no days off. The dairy farmer was very frugal, so when Dee wore out his pair of boots, the farmer bought him some new ones and deducted the cost from his \$200.

Dee didn't like high school, but he did meet his future wife there. The high school didn't like him very much in return, so when he was 16 and a junior, the school asked him to leave because of a caper involving lifting a case of quarts of beer from a beer wagon and drinking his proceeds in his friend's car in front of the school.

He never went back to high school, but his future wife, Athena, stuck with him. (Her dad was from Greece, and her mom was French, hence her lovely name.) She tried to keep him straight. He went to work at a casket company, then he worked at Centennial Flour Mills in Portland and as soon as he was 18, he joined the Marine Corps.

He got his GED in the Marine Corps. His first duty post was in San Francisco as a naval prison guard. He didn't like that duty, and he stayed for a month and a half before he threatened to go AWOL if he was not transferred. (Be careful what you ask for.)

He was then transferred to Camp Pendleton, just north of San Diego, and assigned to a weaponry battalion. Then, he was off to Korea for a year. He came back from his tour in Korea as a sergeant with a frostbitten finger and a case of malaria. He was in the hospital for a couple of weeks in San Diego where he was given an experimental new medicine for the malaria which worked. He did get a case of Bell's Palsy, but that resolved.

He and Athena had agreed to wait to get married until his tour in Korea was finished. As soon as he got back, they had a small wedding in Portland and took a Greyhound bus back to San Diego for his last year of service, which ended in February 1954.

As he was leaving base for the last time in his uniform with his duffel bag over his shoulder, he took off his cap and threw it ahead of him through the gate. He was detained for two hours as being "out of uniform." He considers himself lucky he did not suffer worse consequences.

He and Athena stayed in San Diego for about six years. Athena worked at Boeing; Dee was the night manager at the Naval Exchange. About five years after they were married, they started their family with their first daughter. Meanwhile, Dee went to San Diego City College, earning his two-year degree in Math and Marketing. Then he went on to San Diego State College, where he studied Astronomy and Philosophy. (He wonders who would actually pay him for lying on the ground, gazing into the sky and musing?) He didn't finish a degree at San Diego State, however, as after his second daughter was born, he burned out from overwork.

Athena's father became ill, so they moved back to Portland to help out. First Dee worked for a canned food company. After a few years, he went to work for Lucky Beer Company as a salesman. After that, he went into the bar business; eventually, he owned four bars in Portland.

Then Dee undertook another career change and got his real estate license, specializing in buying and selling businesses. He sold out of his bars. (It's easier to sell them than own them.) He then went to work for the courts as an expert witness,

providing testimony about the values of businesses in cases such as divorces or dissolving partnerships. He recalls last testifying in a federal tax-evasion case involving topless bars.

After 62 years of marriage, Athena died in 2015. For about four years, Dee had been able to take care of her through a series of illnesses, as he could work much of the time from home.

Then, at age 82, Dee finally retired, as he himself was starting to become ill. He moved into Miramont in 2018.

He is proud of his two daughters who have great work ethics. He has four grandchildren and is awaiting the birth of his first great-grandchild in September.

I enjoyed laughing through Dee's anecdotes in this interview, my first for Spotlight after taking over from Sue B. Hers will be big shoes to fill; she will be missed.

Joan F.

Resident



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Visit facebook.com/MiramontPointe to see pictures and catch up on all the fun here at Miramont Pointe. This is a great way for family members and friends to stay connected!

WATCH YOUR GARDEN GROW

Have you noticed the colorful garden on the left, just as you begin to cross the bridge? This lovely area has been cared for over five years by Marie M.'s daughter, Teri. We want to thank her for providing such a lovely addition to



our turn around. Countless residents and their families comment on the beautiful flowers. Teri is just one of the many family members and residents who enjoy all of our flowers. As staff and residents together care for our flowering pots and baskets, be reminded of what a treasure this extra spot of beauty adds to our lives.



TIE DYE TUESDAY

NEW RESIDENTS

- Raili M., 111
- Frank M., 215
- Lillie B., 410

YES, IT DID!

"All at once, summer collapsed into fall." -Oscar Wilde

CORRECTION

Please note that our new residents, Hans and Waltraud W., were improperly listed as Hans and Walter in a previous newsletter. "Wally" is Waltraud's nickname. Welcome to Miramont Pointe, Hans and Waltraud.

REMEMBRANCE

- Mary "Mazie" L.

May her memory be a blessing.

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

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| Eleanor F., 5th | Kathleen H., 14th |
| Rosemary P., 8th | Neil G., 23rd |
| Frances H., 9th | Margie O., 27th |
| Jim M., 10th | Orville B., 27th |
| Bob N., 14th | Roger S., 28th |
| Lorraine Z., 14th | |

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

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| Inna K, 2nd | Brenda S, 15th |
| Cathy H, 4th | Abby R, 17th |
| Jesus O, 4th | Makyah B, 19th |
| Allison M, 6th | Malinda S., 26th |
| Sierra G, 12th | Griselda B, 27th |
| Sam P, 13th | |



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Hi everyone. I hope you had a nice summer and Labor Day weekend. I'm also hoping you all enjoyed our luau.

I see the Marketing Department is filling apartments. Way to go, Marketing.

Welcome to JJ; we are looking forward to all that you have to offer to Miramont. I've already noticed positive changes. He is taking charge of many areas that have needed looking into. Cheers to you, JJ. keep up the good work!

It is apparent we have had glitches in our dietary department. Most of these glitches are because the department is transitioning. People have left, and new people are learning. It's been necessary to endure some of these glitches to affect this transition. It would be helpful if you could communicate issues to the people responsible when they come around to your table or by filling out the comment sheets that are available by the entry and exit. Also, the dining room committee meets twice a month, is open to all residents and would be a forum for discussion.

I hope you noticed the wonderful flowers on the dining room tables. They have been nicely assembled and distributed by our volunteers and Patricia C. They have done a great job and could always use more help. You may want to join them Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the cafe.

Our Mini Mart store is still in need of volunteers. When looking at the calendar on the Life Enrichment door, I haven't seen volunteer names on their available days. Please fill in the dates you are available so we can assure enough people are available to keep the store open.

Best wishes,

Fred