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Social Etiquette: Everything You Need to Know About Manners and Behaving Well



What Is Social Etiquette?

Social etiquette is a set of rules, manners, and actions that help people to portray themselves as pleasant, polished, and professional human beings. People who are social etiquette experts know how to behave and look their best in various social situations.

Why Is Social Etiquette Important?

While social etiquette may seem like a ton of unnecessary rules to follow, it can actually be very beneficial for your life. Here's why:

- Social etiquette **shows you how to behave** in different social settings, so you don't have to question your own behavior.
- Social etiquette **allows you to look like a kind and caring person** – which is something everyone likes about others.
- Social etiquette **helps people to interact with each other** in a way that prevents unnecessary social confrontation or drama.



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Service Coordinator Corner | Matthew Bush (231)268-8990

Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer **free basic tax return preparation** to qualified individuals.

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

People who generally make \$58,000 or less

Persons with disabilities; and

Limited English-speaking taxpayers

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

While the IRS manages the VITA and TCE programs, the VITA/TCE sites are operated by IRS partners and staffed by volunteers who want to make a difference in their communities. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

VITA/TCE services are not only free, they are also a reliable and trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA/TCE volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. This training includes maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all taxpayer information. In addition to requiring volunteers to certify their knowledge of the tax laws, the IRS requires a quality review check for every return prepared at a VITA/TCE site prior to filing. Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA/TCE volunteers prepare millions of federal and state returns. They also assist taxpayers with the preparation of thousands of Facilitated Self-Assistance returns.

If you would like to participate in this program and get your tax return prepared for free, please give the following information to Matt (Service Coordinator):

1. Name
2. Social Security Statement
3. Date of Birth
4. Proof of Income
5. How much you pay in rent...no copy of lease is required
6. Phone Number
7. Tax Preparation Agreement (Signed and Dated)
8. Copy of driver license if you have one
9. If you get SSI...how much per month?
10. Retirement statement if you have one
11. Your electric bill that shows how much you can claim towards a heating credit
12. W2 if you had a part time job

House Rules

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9. Car repairs and maintenance work of cars should not be done on the property of the Village.
10. Common area laundry facilities are for residents only.
11. While not mandatory, should residents want to obtain renter's or personal property insurance, they do so at their own expense.
12. The unit or common areas are not to be used for unlawful purposes.
13. Window treatments are provided; However, should residents choose to install their own drapes, window shades or blinds, they must have a neutral colored **BACKING**.
14. Do not drive or park motor vehicles and trailers on the lawns of this campus (not even when moving in or moving out of the complex).
15. All must participate in Tornado and Fire Drills. Residents may not tamper with, unhook, or disengage the smoke detector located in resident apartments.
16. Appliances should be used in the manner for which they are designed. Appliance cords may not be damaged.

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- Social etiquette makes it **easier for you to build and maintain connections.**
- Learning social etiquette can teach you how to **communicate effectively** and nicely.
- Social etiquette can help you to **look more professional and make a good impression.**
- These are just a few of the social etiquette benefits. There are many more, but just these few can make a huge difference in your social life!

Social Etiquette for Better Communication

- Before addressing someone as “you”, or even before using their first name, it’s good social etiquette to ask about it. Not everyone likes to be referred to as “you” and some people have a specific preference when it comes to names.
- If you have done something wrong, if you’ve hurt someone, be a good person and say “I’m sorry”.
- When in the discussion, small chat or conversation, allow people to end their thought. It’s very rude to interrupt and speak over other people.
- Visiting someone at their home? Before you decide that bringing kids or pets means no difference to the party host, it’s best to call and ask them about it.
- Always knock before entering the door!
- Do not gossip and do not talk about someone behind their back.
- This is an old tradition, and may not apply to all countries, but it’s generally considered good social etiquette to bring a gift or food when visiting someone at their home.

To read the full article and for more information, please visit:

<https://www.shinesheets.com/social-etiquette-rules-and-manners/>

Getting to Know Your Neighbor

By: Patricia Pasini

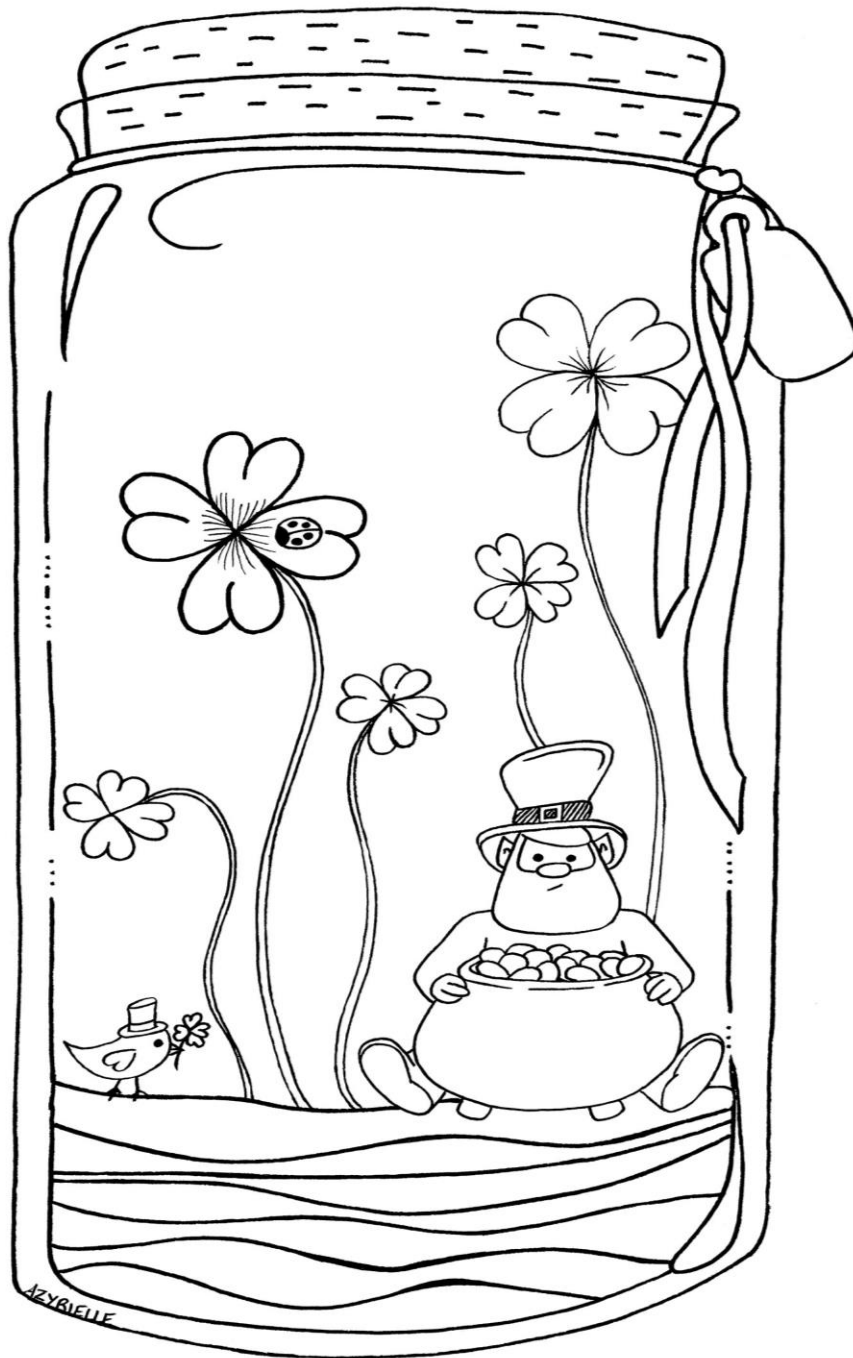


I have been given the great privilege of introducing you all to one of your newest neighbors, Kathleen Morgan.

Kathy is a bit of a home body that likes to work on her many hobbies, which include but is not limited to sewing and reading, she even has a loom. She also likes to take walks when the weather is nice.

Kathy’s family moved to Northern Michigan when she was in the 5th grade from Detroit but she had been visiting her grandfather every summer before that, so she didn’t have much of a cultural shock. She is one of six siblings and still remains close with her family.

Color Me



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BIRTHDAY BASH

March 10th, at 1:00pm

* Please let Trish know if you will be bringing something.



Picture by Nick Fewings – unsplash.com

BIRTHDAYS:

- Allen K 3/7
- Brenda M 3/16
- Roger M 3/29



Picture source: Monica Voigt

March Symbols

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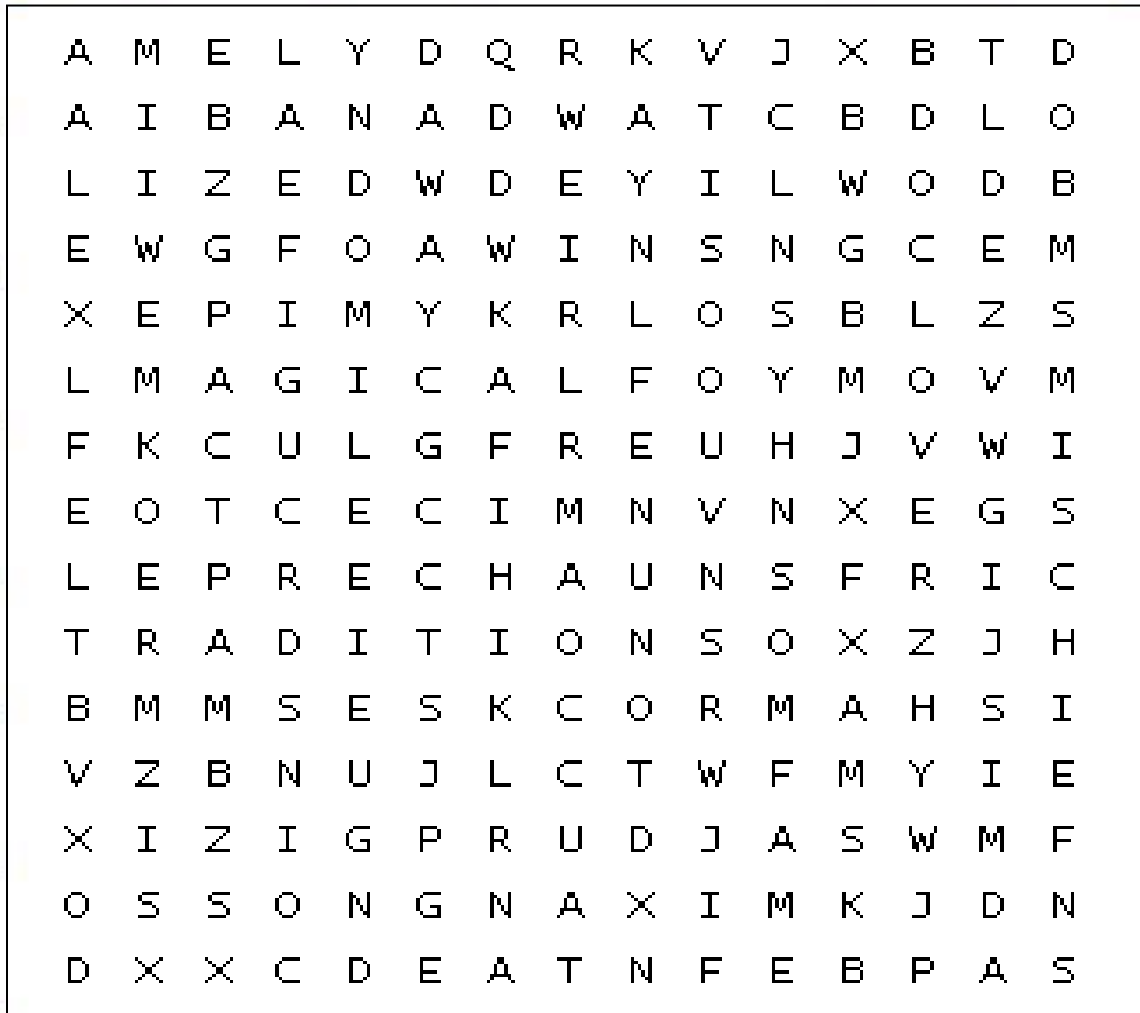
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Aquamarine

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Zodiac Signs: Pisces & Aries

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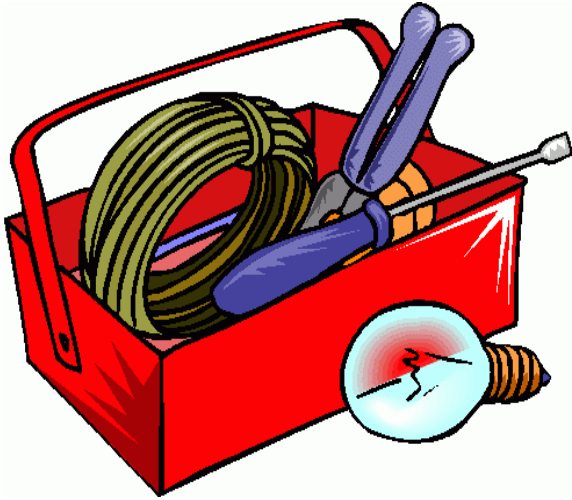
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MESSAGE(S) FROM Maintenance:

The Bi-annual inspections will be starting March 27th and continuing until completion. If you have any outstanding work orders let the office know so they can be added to the schedule. A flyer will be going out soon, this will serve as an introduction for our newer residents and a refresher for everyone who has been through the inspections before.

*Thank you,
Joe & Molly*

The Senior Advocate

You are not Alone!

By: Lynn Alexander

If you are over 65 years of age, you are not alone. The Washington Post reported recently that some 17% of people living in the United States, or more than one in six, were 65 or older in 2020, according to a report from the Administration on Aging. That percentage represents 55.7 million people, an increase of 15.2 million, or 38% of people 65 and above, since 2010, compared with just 2% growth in the under 65 population. The figure also reflects a consistent increase in the nation's older population since 1900, when there were 3.1 million Americans 65 and older, or 4% of the population.

These days, due to medical advancements, improved surgeries and medication, as well as wellness and nutrition initiatives, we have more Centenarians than ever before. We are now able to welcome great grandchildren into the world and attend graduations and weddings of loved ones from younger generations. This allows us to mentor as never before and share family history that provides a sense of belonging and continuity. Sharing time and love is more important than any material gifts we give. Enjoy this treasured time, which was not granted to our ancestors, and live life to the fullest with our friends and loved

**RANDOM
LITTLE
TIDBITS****1. Breakfast Fundraiser**

There will be a breakfast fundraiser March 7th at 9 am to help the kitchen and bird seed fund. Breakfast will include sausage grave and biscuits, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. There will not be a set price, just donate what you can.

2. Blood Pressure Check

Barb will be doing blood pressure checks the first Wednesday of every month in the dining room at 11 am. There will not be a sign up sheet available, it is first come first serve. Please, call the office or speak with Matt if you have any questions.

3. Office Operating Hours

Mondays and Fridays, the office will be closed to visits not on our schedules. If you have work orders to be submitted or need to speak with Trish or Monica, please call the office.

4. St. Patrick's Day Meal

Thanks to the generous donation of a board member, we will be having a St. Patrick's Day meal again this year. Willow will also donate cabbage to go towards the meal. There will be a sign-up sheet on the board for anyone wanting to bring a dish or dessert. A reminder flyer will go out at the beginning of that week.

5. Painting with Monica 3/22

Monica's missed doing arts and crafts with everyone and has decided that she would like to host a quarterly painting session. There is a sign-up sheet on the board across from the office, it will be up until March 15th. If you have not added your name to the list and it comes down, you will need to wait for the next painting session. Once the list is removed, there will be not last minute additions and if you

6. Work Order Requests

Please, do not stop Joe or Molly and ask them to do work in your apartment or around the building. All work orders need to be scheduled so that we are able to keep track of work being done. Call the office to have the work orders added to the schedule. If you have any questions, call the office.

Recipe Swap & Funnies

NO BAKE P.B. OATMEAL BARS

Thank you, Mary Ann Stockwell, for this recipe.

Ingredients:

- 2 C. Peanut Butter
- 1 C. Honey
- 3 C. Old Fashion Oats
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla
- ¼ C. Chocolate Chips

Directions:

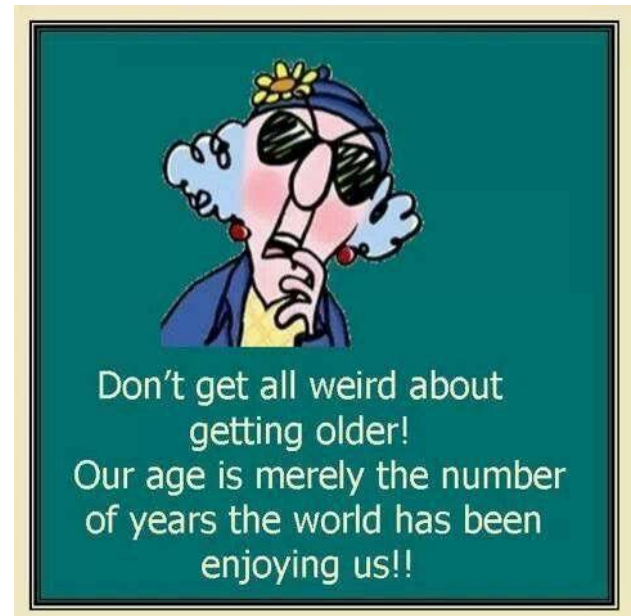
1. In a medium saucepan, mix peanut butter and honey over a medium heat until melted (stirring constantly), stir in vanilla.
2. Remove from heat, adding oatmeal, while still hot, until all ingredients are combined.
3. Pour into a well-greased 8x8 baking dish evenly.
4. Add chocolate chip on top.
5. Place in refrigerator until firm.
6. Slice in to bar shapes and enjoy.

This recipe can be modified by adding dried fruit and nuts, make it fun and yummy by making it your own.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please bring it to the office and it will be included in the next newsletter.



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The Winner of February's BINGO:
Willow Liebenow

Commodities – March 9, 2023

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