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### **NEVER BELIEVE THE MYTHS ABOUT AGING**

A few months before his fiftieth birthday in 1907, the psychologist Sigmund Freud wrote that anyone over fifty was beyond their sell-by-date. But nothing could be farther from the truth. Freud himself wrote his most important books in his fifties and sixties. While our mental and physical skills decline over time, it turns out that most and possibly all are use-it-or-lose-it skills. This means, if we never stop using these skills, we get to hang onto them, and even advance them, far later in life than anyone thought possible.

Take VO2 Max, or maximal oxygen consumption. It refers to the amount of oxygen a person can utilize while exercising. VO2 Max starts to sag in our twenties and falls off a cliff after fifty. For years, scientists believed there was nothing that could be done about this. Then marathoners and triathletes and ultra-runners—in their sixties, seventies and eighties—began to post times that shouldn't have been possible. Researchers took a closer look at elite octogenarian athletes and found that training could erase fifty years of decline. They also found the same to hold true for strength and cognitive skills. The conclusion? Never believe the myths about aging.



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# FLIRTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

No one forgets their first date. No matter how long ago that may have been, first dates tend to bring smiles to the people who're telling their side of the story. Today, online dating is becoming increasingly popular for older adults to meet new people and develop meaningful relationships. It allows seniors to increase their social circle and get to know others from the comfort of home. With so many potential benefits, it's no surprise that more and more seniors are joining online dating sites and apps.

For many older adults, dating can be a rewarding yet daunting experience. The fear of meeting a new person and starting from scratch can be overwhelming. But with an open heart and a willingness to explore new possibilities, seniors can still find meaningful connections.



For seniors, the dating scene has changed drastically over the years. But the prevalence of dating apps and websites makes it easier than ever to find potential partners. Age is just a number, and everyone has something to offer. Residents should focus on their positive qualities and what they can bring to a relationship rather than dwelling on their age or perceived shortcomings.



### **MARCH 2024 EVENTS!**

- Happy Hour w/Lukas S. 3/8
- Happy Hour w/Kevin Wills 3/10
- Daylight Savings Begins 3/10
- Happy Hour w/Billy 3/13
- St.Paddy's Day Happy Hour 3/17
- First Day of Spring! 3/19
- Alice in Wonderland Tea! 3/20
- Towne Hall Meeting 3/21
- Palm Sunday 3/24
- Easter Sunday 3/31

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

officially became a month-long one in 1987 when Congress passed a

resolution designating March as Women's History Month.

Educators in Santa Rosa, California, first celebrated Women's History Week in March 1978 to increase awareness of women's contributions to society. In 1980, U.S. President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 National Women's History Week, with these words: "The achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well." The week-long event



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		arch 2024		86	10:00a Knitting with Barb 10:00a Friday Fitness w/Tammy 10:30a Coffee w/Donna 1:30p XL Crossword 2:00p Matinee Movie 3:30p Spintopia! 4:30p Toss and Talk  MCA	10:30a         Coffee & Chronicle         2PL           11:00a         Balloon Volleyball!         3FA           11:30a         Word in a Word         3FA           1:00p         Afternoon Walk         2FL           2:30p         Dealer's Choice Card Game         2FC
10:00a Coffee & Chronicle 2PL 11:00a Table Top Shuffleboard 3FA 11:30a Word in a Word 3FA 1:30p Aqua Painting! MC 2:00p Sunday Funday Social w/Julia! 2PL 3:30p Sunday Sequence! 2FA	10:15a Communion 2PL 11:30a Brain Games 3FA 1:00p Monday Moves w/Tammy 2F 1:00p Grocery Store Outing OUT 1:30p Manicures 3FA 2:00p Let's Learn Italian! 3:30p Parlor Bingo! 6:00p Zoe Movement Lecture w/Bamiji	10:00a Morning Exercise 2FI 10:30a Jeopardy! 2PL 11:00a Fitness Fun! 3FA 11:30a Jeopardy! 2:00p Uno! 2FC 3:30p Matinee Documentary 2FT	10:45a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       2FI       1         11:00a       Today in History       3FA       1         11:30a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       3FA       1         1:30p       Demo w/Chef Brian!       2FC       2         2:30p       Gardening Club       2FA	0:30a Singing Group 1:00a Morning Exercise 1:30a Brain Games 3:30p Art & Design 3:30p St. Paul's Mass 3:30p Sunset BINGO!	12:00a International Women's Day! 10:00a Knitting with Barb 3LG 10:30a Coffee with Donna 2PL 11:00a Morning Warm Up 3FA 11:30a Today in History 3FA 1:00p XL Crossword 2PL 2:00p Happy Hour w/Lukas S. 2PL 2:30p Happy Hour w/Lukas S. MC 3:30p Spintopia! 2FT	11:00a Balloon Volleyball! 1:00p Afternoon Walk 2FL 3:30p Weekend Bingo! 4:30p Finish the Lyrics MC
10:00a Coffee & Chronicle 2PL 11:00a Table Top Shuffleboard 3FA 11:30a Word in a Word 3FA 1:30p Aqua Painting! MC 2:30p Sequence! 2FA 3:30p Sunday Sounds w/Kevin Wills 2PL	10:15a Communion 11:00a Morning Exercise! 11:30a Brain Games 1:00p Grocery Store Outing 1:30p Manicures 2:00p Let's Learn Italian! 3:30p Parlor Bingo!	10:00a Morning Warm Up w/Lori 2FI 10:30a Jeopardy! 2PL 3FA 11:00a Fitness Fun! 3FA 11:30a Jeopardy! 2FA 2:30p Wellness-U Talk 2FA 2:30p Uno! 2FC	10:45a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       2FI       1         11:00a       Today in History       3FA       1         11:30a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       3FA       1         1:30p       Gardening Club       2FA       2	0:30a Singing Group 2FT 1:00a Morning Exercise 3FA 1:30a Brain Games 3FA 30p Art & Design 2FA 30p St. Patrick's Day Trivia 30p Sunset BINGO!	10:00a Knitting with Barb 10:00a Friday Fitness w/Tammy 11:00a Morning Warm Up 11:30a Today in History 1:30p XL Crossword 3:30p Spintopia! 4:30p Toss and Talk  3LG 3FA 2FI 4:30p Morning Warm Up 3FA 4:30p Morning Warm Up 3FA 4:30p All Crossword 2PL 4:30p MCA	10:30a       Coffee & Chronicle       2PL         11:00a       Balloon Volleyball!       3FA         1:00p       Afternoon Walk       2FL         2:00p       Name 5       MC         3:30p       Weekend Bingo!       2PL
12:00a St. Patrick's Day 10:00a Coffee & Chronicle 2PL 11:00a Table Top Shuffleboard 3FA 11:30a Word in a Word 3FA 1:30p Aqua Painting! MC 3:30p St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour w/Scott Hansen PRM	10:15a Communion 11:00a Morning Exercise! 11:30a Brain Games 1:00p Monday Moves w/Tammy 1:00p Grocery Store Outing 1:30p Manicures 2:00p Art for All Ages w/Chris 2:30p Let's Learn Italian! 3:30p Parlor Bingo!	10:30a Jeopardy! 2PL 11:00a Fitness Fun! 3FA 11:30a Jeopardy! 1:30p Afternoon Trivia 2PL 3:30p Choir on Disney + 2FT	10:45a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       2FI       1         11:00a       Today in History       3FA       1         11:30a       Chair Yoga w/Jessica       3FA       1         2:00p       Gardening Club       2FA       2         3:30p       Scrabble       2FC       3	0:30a Singing Group <b>2FT</b> 1:00a Morning Exercise <b>3FA</b>	11:30a Word in a Word 3FA 2:00p Movie Matinee 2FT	10:30a         Coffee & Chronicle         2PL           11:00a         Balloon Volleyball!         3FA           1:00p         Afternoon Walk         2FL           2:00p         Chair Yoga w/Megan         2FI           3:30p         Weekend Bingo!         2PL
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31 EASTER  12:00a Easter Sunday! 10:00a Coffee & Chronicle 10:30a Easter Prayer 11:00a Table Top Shuffleboard 11:30a Word in a Word 1:30p Aqua Painting! 3:00p Easter Basket Decorating  EASTER  2PL 3FA MC 3FA 1:30p Aqua Painting! 3FA MC 3:00p Easter Basket Decorating	HAPPY	Happy Birthday to all of our friends born in March!  3/7 Carol Jean G. 3/9 Eve K. 3/14 Tom M. 3/22 Frank S.	BIRTHDAYS		2FL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 3FC 2FA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Activity Room 3LG 2FC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Café 3FT 2PL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Parlor CY 2FI 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Fitness Room FIT 2FT 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Theater MC	3rd Floor Café OUT Outing 3rd Floor Lounge PLR Parlor 3rd Floor Theater PRM Piano Courtyard Room Fitness Center TER Terrace Memory Care Memory Care Activity Room

All activities subject to change.