Renaissance Lifestyle

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Visiting with Residents Update

Family can now visit residents in designated areas outside the community. Visiting hours are 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and are limited to two visitors at a time. All visitors must check-in at the front desk for a temperature check and to do a visit questionnaire. Both residents and visitors must wear masks and practice social distancing. Please call to schedule your visit. Visits are 30 minutes to ensure we give everyone a chance to visit with their loved ones.

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY TIPS

-- Use alternative forms of communication such as phone calls & video chat services to speak with loved ones.
-- Practice social distancing. Avoid physical contact & maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself & others.
--Avoid touching your face.
-- Engage in good handwashing techniques. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap & hot water.
-- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.

Executive Director's Corner

Dear Residents, Family, and Friends:

I would like to thank everyone once again for their support during this time. Navigating the different changes and policies has been challenging, but we thank you for your patience and flexibility. We are continuing to make adjustments to ensure the safety of all residents and staff members.

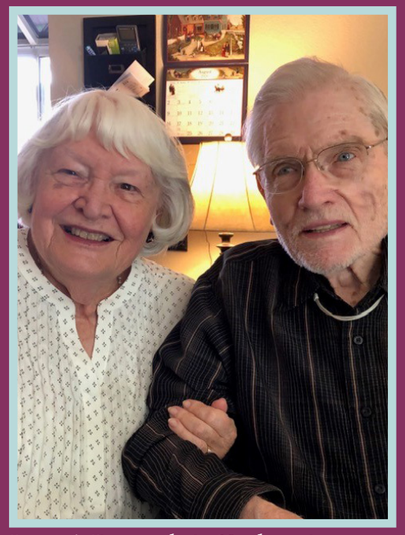
We're excited to share that we are now accepting visitors outside the community. Two visitors can meet with their loved one for 30 minutes in a designated outside area. We stress the importance of wearing masks and abiding by social distancing guidelines during this time. Please call the concierge to schedule your visiting appointment or to ask any additional questions about this new process.

Thank you again to our outside partners who have donated personal protective equipment and other items for staff and residents. We truly appreciate the outpouring of support we've received from the community. So once again, thank you from all of us at Renaissance Village Murrieta.

Stay safe! We're here to help in any way we can!

Brian Taube, Executive Director

Resident Spotlight: Jim and Janet A.



Janet & Jim on their 62nd anniversary.

Jim A. was born on September 18, 1931. He had four brothers and four sisters. They lived in Kilgore, Texas, and his father worked for Gulf Oil Company. The family all helped grow fruits, vegetables, and various cattle every year. He played football in high school, and then at half-time, he'd grab his band uniform. After Jim graduated, he went to Kilgore College before joining the Air Force due to the impending draft for the Korean War.

As a boy, Jim went forward in a church service and got baptized. However, it was in the Air Force at Langley Field Virginia, that he was witnessed to by a Christian serviceman and taken to a Youth for Christ meeting when he came to understand what it meant to accept Christ as his Savior. Jim served in a combat training group for B-26 bombers. He was a crew chief and flight engineer in Korea and Germany. In Germany, he met missionaries and helped start a Christian Servicemen's Center.

Janet M. was born in Los Angeles, California, on June 30, 1936. She had two brothers and a sister. Her mother led her to accept Christ as a child, and in high school, she dedicated her life to serving God wherever He wanted her to go. She heard about the Moody Bible Institute all her life because of her father's involvement with the organization. He was a pastor, began the ministry of Sermon's from Science, and founded Moody Institute of Science. Janet remembers collecting interesting things with her brothers for their dad to photograph, as he made the first Moody Science film, "God of Creation."

In 1954, Janet started attending Moody Bible Institute. She helped with the new student orientation during her second year, which is where she heard Jim's testimony. Jim served in the Air Force for over four years and focused on making good grades in his studies. Near the end of that year, they found themselves seated across from each other at a formal school banquet. Her date asked Jim to see that she got a seat for the play he was in. However, Jim and Janet ended up talking to each other more than their dates. That summer, Janet stayed to direct Vacation Bible School at a local church, while Jim attended summer school. They played ping-pong with some students one evening, and the rest is history.

After Janet graduated, she taught the women's physical education classes at Moody while Jim finished his senior year. He proposed at Thanksgiving, and they announced their engagement at Christmas. Janet learned to budget, cook, and sew during the year leading up to their wedding. After Jim graduated, he served as the assistant pastor and youth minister at Salem Baptist Church. They committed their lives to serve the Lord together in a dedication service given by her father on August 2, 1958. When they returned, the church requested Jim continue serving while he finished his undergraduate work.

The two describe their first year of marriage as "living on thin air and love." After returning from their honeymoon, they had just enough money to establish their pantry. Jim's savings bought a 1954 blue Ford and their trip to California. They used Janet's savings for the down payment on their 8x36 trailer home. With bills and everyday expenses, it would appear that there was no way they could make it. However, they chose to trust God with it all.

Their daughter, Elaine, was born in 1960, followed by Elise in 1961. Both girls were born with a dislocated hip, which required years of orthopedic treatment. In 1962, Jim had outpatient surgery to remove a cyst on his right wrist but went into anaphylactic shock. Had he not been at the hospital, they couldn't have saved him. In 1967, Jim had a cervical disc collapse from an old football injury that paralyzed his arms. He needed a spinal fusion, and over time, regained the use of his hands and arms. In addition, the loss of much of his stomach due to a bleeding ulcer, kidney cancer, and normal pressure hydrocephalus are all examples of how God intervened to get the proper diagnosis and treatment for Jim.

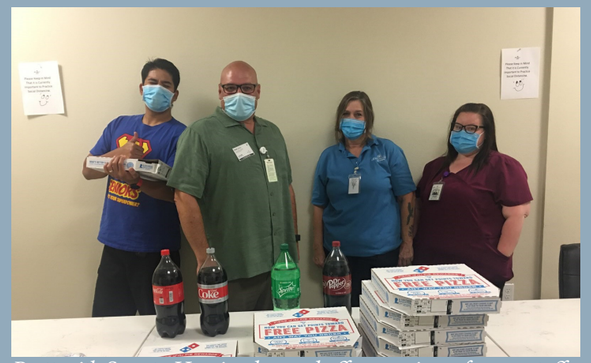
After Jim graduated from Elmhurst College and worked full time at the church for a year, he went to Northern Baptist Seminary. They sold their trailer and moved into the student apartments. Jim served at a church in Evanston, Illinois, and also serviced vending machines during early mornings. They anticipated Jim pastoring a church in a small town when he graduated, but God had other plans. Moody Bible Institute called and asked Jim to serve as an Assistant Dean of Students. From 1963 to 1972, Jim also taught psychology, and was a Chaplain in the National Guard, while finishing his Master's in Education. In 1964, they bought their first house in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. On the day of Jim's ordination service in 1965, their daughter, Janine, was born.

After Janet's father retired from the Moody Bible Institute of Science, the Trustees asked Jim to head the program. As a result, the family moved to California. Before retiring in 1996, Jim was the advisor for 50 students going to Munich to show Moody Films during the 1972 Olympics. Janet advised the female students. They brought their girls and saw many of the places Jim was during his time in the Air Force, met missionaries, ministered to service members, and worked with students to showcase the films at the Peterhof Theater. Following his retirement and the closing of the Moody Institute of Science, Jim and several others started Discovery Media Productions, which later became Illustra Media. When Elaine went to college, Janet worked in Special Education. She retired after 24 years to help Jim with the new ministry.

In 1990, they bought a home in Murrieta, California, before moving to a one-story house at the Oasis in Menifee in 2001. However, in January of 2018, Jim suffered a stroke, and after rehab, returned home to life in a wheelchair. Janet soon realized keeping up the house, shopping, cooking, and caring for Jim was too much for her. When Janet saw Renaissance Village Murrieta, she knew it was the place for them. On August 2, 2020, the two celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Life has not been easy the past couple of months because of COVID-19, but they appreciate the care they receive to keep them well.

In addition to their three daughters, they have four grandsons and four granddaughters, as well as 11 great-grandchildren plus their husbands and wives, which brings the family to 34. Jim and Janet credit their lasting marriage to a deep commitment to seeking God's will for their lives. They always put the other first, stayed out of debt, and surrounded their family with a good church and wonderful Christian friends. God saw them through each challenge and experience and blessed them far beyond their dreams.

GREAT DAYS AWAIT AT RENAISSANCE VILLAGE!



Brett with Sonata Hospice dropped off some pizzas for our staff.

Paula & Faye enjoying a conversation in the Dining Room.

Joan celebrating her birthday with a beautiful looking cake.

Who doesn't love nachos? Thanks, Accent Care!

Jeanne & Henry enjoying their lunch together in the Dining Room.

Residents enjoying a show in the TV Room together.

Happy Birthday to our Executive Director, Brian!

Staying cool on these hot afternoons with an Ice Cream Bar during NALW.

Victoria, Cristina, and Brian hamming it up at the photo booth Mission Healthcare provided for National Assisted Living Week.

We're so excited to see residents in the Dining Room once more!

Thank you to Bret at Sonata Hospice for hosting Taco Tuesday for NALW.

BRAIN TEASERS

Are you great at puzzles? Give these riddles a try!

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

2. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

3. I appear once in summer and twice in autumn, but never in winter. What am I?

4. I have cities but no houses, forests but no trees, water but no fish. -- What am I?

5. What begins with T, ends with T, and has T in it?

6. You can hold it without using your hands or your arms. What is it?

1. Johnny 2. Meat 3. The letter U 4. A Map 5. A Teapot 6. Your breath

We LOVE Our Staff!

We couldn't ask for a better Renaissance Villages Family. Once again, we want to extend thanks to our wonderful staff. Everyone has done a great job over the last couple of months. We know everything with the Coronavirus pandemic has made things challenging, but we appreciate their flexibility and problem solving. Thank you for doing your absolute best in making residents feel comfortable and cared for during these times. We appreciate every one of you. Keep up the good work.

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SOLVE THE PUZZLES? CHECK WITH CONCIERGE FOR THE SOLUTIONS.

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A Look At Myself by Bobby R.

ALL THAT I AM,
IS DEPENDENT ON ME.
FOR I CAN BE ALL,
THAT I WANT ME TO BE.

I CAN MAKE MYSELF SOMETHING,
THAT I'M PROUD TO BE,
BUT WHATEVER I DO,
IS UP TO JUST ME.

I CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE,
AND WHAT I WILL SEE,
CAN BE ALL THAT I MAKE IT
IT'S UP TO JUST ME.

I CAN FALL BY THE WAYSIDE,
I CAN CLIMB UP THE HILL.
I WON'T DO WHAT I CAN,
I CAN DO WHAT I WILL.

THERE WILL COME A TIME,
WHEN I WILL LOOK BACK,
AND SEE THINGS I'VE ACCOMPLISHED
AND THE THINGS THAT I LACKED.

SO I'D BETTER START NOW,
I MUST USE EVERY DAY,
TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD,
IN EVERY SMALL WAY

Perks of Reaching 60 or Being 70 and Heading Towards 80

You may have seen this list before, but we love it. We hope you do too!

- **Kidnappers are not very interested in you.**
- **In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.**
- **No one expects you to run anywhere.**
- **People call at 8 p.m. and ask: "Did I wake you?"**
- **People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.**
- **There is nothing left to learn the hard way.**
- **Things you buy now won't wear out.**
- **You can eat supper at 5 p.m.**
- **You can live without sex but not your glasses.**
- **Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.**
- **You can't remember who sent you this list.**
- **And you noticed these are all in Big Print for your convenience.**

My Blessings List by Janet S.

First and foremost, I am so thankful to have Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, by my side, each day.

I was blessed to have a loving husband, Hugh in my life, for 59 ½ years. He was the best! He was an awesome dad to our three wonderful children, and a "Papa" to seven grandchildren and two grand baby angels, in Heaven.

Renaissance Village staff is such a blessing too. Each day, they show up for work to serve, honor, and protect the residents.

I have been so fortunate to form many friendships here at R.V. We are family, such a God-given gift!

An Attitude of Gratitude by Paula S.

I wake each morning, glad that I
Can see the sun, the moon the sky.
And so I say to the Lord above
"Thanks for showing me your love."

I am grateful to be in such a good place.
Good friends, good food, friendly and fun wait staff.

I'm grateful for family who call often and show their love.

After losing my hair to chemo, I'm grateful to have some hair again.

To help the days go by, we residents gather to talk, and sometimes for games. These are things we can do to make our lives more fun here. Management has worked hard to keep us safe. Thank you, Brian.

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