

# Tender Care Village



# The Village News

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## TRACI'S MESSAGE

Tender Care Village has certainly been tested this winter. Our village community really stepped up to the challenge, our members canceled and rescheduled requests for both our safety and theirs, our volunteers braved the weather to help with critical transportation needs, shoveled walks and driveways, assisted with grocery shopping and called just to check in with members. Together we have created an amazing village community.

Now it's time to say good-bye to winter and hello to spring. As the weather begins to warm, I look forward to our weekly strolls with Susan, adding a monthly social event to the calendar and seeing growth in both our membership and volunteerism. I welcome suggestions from members and volunteers regarding ideas for social events and/or growth as we edge closer to our first-year anniversary.



I encourage all members to look at the monthly calendar and give some of the functions a try, it offers you a chance to meet other village members and volunteers all while having a good time and/or getting some exercise.

Thanks to all for helping us get through the winter and now let's bring on spring and all it

has to offer, together Tender Care Village can change the image of aging.

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**Buster** by  
Patricia Ransier Wells

The winters of my youth were as cold inside our house as it was outside. The house was built in

**Buster**

1889 and for that time, it was considered a very well- built house. In the early days, we relied on a coal stove set in the dining room and a wood burning range in the kitchen for heat. Before I was twelve, we had upgraded to an oil stove in the dining room and a kitchen range in the kitchen. The only difference in heating was that on really cold mornings, my Mother would turn the oven on and then open the door to let the heat swirl around the kitchen. At night, she would heat irons on the oil stove, wrap them in towels and tuck them around our feet at night. This made me feel so loved.

We looked forward to spring and our spirits would be renewed with the fragrances in the air of damp soil and seeing the growing plants and trees. Birds building nests and as the weather warmed, I'd open my window a little for the fresh air and would be awakened in the morning by the sweet songs of those birds.

As spring warmed, the days begin to settle into routine, so it was a big deal when something occurred out of the ordinary. And it happened! Chuck had brought home a baby pigeon!! He kept the baby on our screened-in back porch that was near the kitchen. He was very tender in his care of the little guy and taught me how to feed him and gently massage his craw when he got old enough to ingest grit.

I was the standby in case Chuck couldn't be there for a feeding. Although he was only fourteen, he had a job washing dishes at a restaurant and would ride his bike to and from work. He didn't get off work until the restaurant closed and dishes were done.

I'm not sure I recall this accurately, but the naming of the baby bird was a point of a small discussion between Chuck, Bruce and I. Bruce was the onlooker, taking in all the activities and instruction. One of us said, "What should we name him?". I recall a silence as everyone shifted gears to think and Bruce said, "How about Buster?" And that's how I think it happened, but who knows.

I loved that bird, but he grew so fast that I don't think I spent a lot of time with him outside the times I fed him and as activities called, it wasn't long before Buster was just a member of the family that lived under the eaves of our house and my life got busy doing other things.

Fast forward to my sophomore year in high school circa 1955. School was out for the day and I was on my way home and saw an acquaintance ahead of me. (Now, you understand, the devil made me do this. The acquaintance didn't like me particularly and her quest was to become a part of the "In group". Now you understand that I've never been nor wanted to be, in an "In group". I liked my life just fine.)

I hurried to catch up with her and asked if she minded if I walked with her. She shrugged her shoulders, I made small talk, no response. I can't explain why I did this, but I said to her, "Sondra, what would you say if I whistled and called and a bird came and sit on my shoulder?" Her head whip around and she said, "I'd say you were crazy." So, I whistled and called out, "Buster!"

We were both looking down the block and would you believe it? There he was, Buster had honed in on me and was coming fast. I lifted my arm and he landed, then hopped up to my shoulder. I sweet talked to him for a second, but I had no treat so moment later I lifted my arm and he flew back to our house.

Sondra didn't say a thing. I personally was delighted, because it had been years since I had handled Buster, but he still remembered me. I loved that bird.

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## In Memory of Edythe Johnson

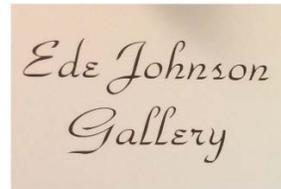
I am sorry to share we have lost a treasured member of our Tender Care Village community, Edythe Johnson. It was such a pleasure for me to meet and then quickly become a friend of Ede's. I will forever remember how kind, talented and fun this lady in purple was to all she met. Our volunteer, Sharon, was not only a volunteer but also became a dear friend of Ede's and she has graciously written a remembrance of our remarkable Edythe.



### WITH LOVE AND WARM REMEMBRANCE

Edythe (Ede) Pearl Johnson was born September 2, 1923, with the creative side of her brain fully engaged. Ede found her life's passion through painting. When Ede was 61, after raising her family, she decided she wanted to open her own art studio. She and her husband purchased a building on Clearwater Ave. in Kennewick for painting, teaching and selling some of her artistry.

Shortly after the building acquisition, her husband passed away, but Ede put her 'Can Do' attitude to work. She outfitted the building and offered classes right away. She thought about putting a mobile home behind the studio to live in, but thought better of it, which is good because later zoning changes would have made her move it.



Ede has taught for over 30 years, and as many as three generations of family members, and given everyone the peace, means and guidance for creativity and in some cases, earning power.

When it was time for Ede to semi-retire, she sold the studio on Clearwater (which is now a bicycle shop across from Winco) and built a cozy studio behind her Kennewick home. Ede taught in her home studio as well as through the Kennewick Senior Center. Ede taught well into her 95<sup>th</sup> year! Some of Ede's art hangs in her personalized gallery near the Coffee Shop at TRIOS Southridge, which is a lasting testimony to her God-given skill, talent and artistry.

Ede had a quick mind and knew how to interact with anyone anywhere. She never lost her 'edge' 😊 Ede's comforts in life were her children and their children, her art, her cozy home, her neighbors,

and her special Havanese boy, Snickerdoodle (dog), who would never leave her lap. Ede has left a void in our community and will be missed and warmly remembered. Ede was a special friend.



Ede's memorial service will be Saturday, March 23, 2019, from noon to 4 p.m. at Hillspring Church, 1153 Gage Blvd., Richland, WA. [She'd LOVE seeing everyone there wearing purple!].



## BINGO ANYONE?

Join us for bingo, prizes and fun!

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 3pm

*Please call Traci by Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to get the discounted \$5 price and arrange transportation*

Kennewick Senior Center- 585-4303

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm – 3 pm

\$8 at the door or \$5 in advance (call Traci)



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Hunny-Du Crew (Dale and Lori Jones) - (509) 948-0490, 20% off cleaning or handyman services for Tender Care Village Members

The Magical Touch (Cindy Mendoza) – (509) 572-5113, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a reasonable rate on all services

CleanWorks Window Cleaning (Mike Moore)- (509) 737-1971, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a discount on services

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| Sunday | Monday                                                   | Tuesday                                                          | Wednesday | Thursday                                        | Friday | Saturday                                                     |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                                          |                                                                  |           |                                                 | 1      | 2                                                            |
| 3      | 4                                                        | 5<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am                   | 6         | 7<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am  | 8      | 9                                                            |
| 10     | 11                                                       | 12<br>Bingo 1pm-3pm<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am | 13        | 14<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am | 15     | 16                                                           |
| 17     | 18                                                       | 19<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am                  | 20        | 21<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am | 22     | 23<br>Edythe Johnson<br>Memorial (12-4)<br>Hillspring Church |
| 24     | 25<br>New Volunteer<br>Orientation/Training<br>10am-12pm | 26<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am                  | 27        | 28<br>Exercise/Kadlec<br>HealthPlex<br>9am-10am | 29     | 30                                                           |
| 31     |                                                          |                                                                  |           |                                                 |        |                                                              |

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