# M.O.V.E. FORWARD!



We are glad you took the time to check out our magazine. It has articles, announcements, and topics that are meant to help M.O.V.E. members improve their health and well-being.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Please **email** suggestions, comments, ideas, and information that you would like to see in our newsletter to <u>realwomenhelpingwomen@gmail.com</u>

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## "This is the best time to M.O.V.E. Forward, I believe we can do it."

#### SEPTEMBER 2023 M.O.V.E. MEMBERS

**Director, Dr. Crawley** 

### WORD OF THE MONTH CULINARY

Culinary means having to do with cooking or the kitchen. If you go to culinary school, you're learning how to cook, most likely because you want to work as a chef. (vocabulary.com).

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Autumn

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The approaching display of Fall foliage by the trees exemplifies how visually appealing change can be, and it is an example of the same kind of beauty as our teacher, Josy, who is gracios enough to show us one of her Autumn outfits.

# It's a new season.

Start your self-healing journey today.

healing

Find ways to discover your inner fortitude and sense of well-being! Identify your needs, prioritize your goals, and create a plan to take care of the most important person in your life!



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Comparing a woman's health journey to a pumpkin can provide a unique perspective on various stages, challenges, and transformations that women may experience throughout their lives. Here's a metaphorical comparison created by ChatGPT:

#### 1. Seed Stage:

In the beginning, a woman's health journey can be likened to a pumpkin seed. It represents potential and the start of life. Just as a seed requires nurturing and care to grow, a woman's health at this stage depends on proper prenatal care, nutrition, and a supportive environment.

#### 2. Growth and Development:

As the pumpkin seed grows into a sprout, women experience the stages of childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood. This period is marked by physical and emotional development. Proper nutrition, education, and healthcare are vital during these stages, just as a growing pumpkin plant needs water, sunlight, and nutrients.

#### 3. Blooming into Womanhood:

The blossoming of the pumpkin plant's flowers is analogous to a woman entering her reproductive years. This stage comes with its unique set of challenges and responsibilities, including menstrual health, sexual health, and family planning. It's a time of fertility and potential for new life.

#### 4. Maternal Health and Pregnancy:

When a pumpkin starts producing fruit, it's akin to a woman's journey into motherhood. Pregnancy involves nurturing and protecting the growing life within, paralleling the importance of prenatal care and a healthy lifestyle for expectant mothers.

#### 5. Harvesting Strength and Resilience:

Just as pumpkins mature on the vine, women age, and face various health challenges. These challenges can include menopause, hormonal changes, and the need for ongoing healthcare. This stage requires resilience and adaptability to maintain good health.

#### 6. Caring for Future Generations:

Mature pumpkins can produce seeds for future growth, symbolizing the passing down of knowledge and wisdom through generations. Similarly, women who have experienced the full spectrum of health challenges can provide guidance and support to younger generations, promoting better health outcomes.

#### 7. Fading and Legacy:

Eventually, pumpkins wither and return to the earth, leaving seeds behind for the next cycle. In the twilight years, women may face health issues related to aging but can leave a lasting legacy through the knowledge and values they've imparted to their families and communities.

In this metaphor, a woman's health journey, like a pumpkin's life cycle, is marked by growth, transitions, and cycles. Each stage requires care, attention, and adaptation to changing circumstances. It emphasizes the importance of nurturing health from the early stages and passing on the wisdom gained throughout life to promote the well-being of future generations.

# Self-care comes in many forms, what do you see?





\_\_\_\_\_ agree to:

- be honest with myself
- be kind to myself

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- honor my intuition
- set time to focus on my self-care
- be open to new possibilities
- stay present in the moment
- express gratitude
- exercise regular
- read daily

Signed \_

Date

commit to loving acts of self-care



It is with an open mind and loving heart that I enter into this sacred contract with myself.





Culinary arts therapy (CAT) is a growing practice that uses cooking as a form of therapeutic expression. CAT is a more flexible and accessible alternative to traditional talk therapy, catering to the modern world's desire for something less conventional. CAT involves creating various dishes, such as breakfast, main courses, and desserts, tailored to the client's needs and preferences.

A CAT therapist works with clients to tailor their sessions to their needs and preferences, usually using an office space with a kitchen and online sessions. They also offer group sessions in offices and at clients' homes. Homework is also provided to help clients become more mindful to translate kitchen lessons into real-world takeaways.

CAT can help with depression, anxiety, and grief by providing relief from certain thoughts or actions. It also helps manage self, time, thoughts, and energy, which can then be applied to other areas of life. Grief, in particular, can be helped by cooking, as it allows for positive processing of memories tied to memory.

While CAT is not as well-known as other creative therapeutic techniques like music therapy and art therapy, its growing interest in CAT is promising. With the world's changing and evolving nature, CAT is expected to grow significantly in the future. The future of culinary arts therapy may become sustainable, as more people seek meaningful experiences from repeating mundane tasks. Cooking with Mindfulness: A Stress-Free Experience

If you have to make a lot of meals every day, you might find that being mindful while you do it makes the process more enjoyable and soothing.

Here's how to get started:

- Take time to prepare the ingredients and be present.
- Be mindful while you cook the food.
- Be present when deciding how to present the food

By being mindful and present while cooking, you can reduce stress and anxiety, and savor the process. Remember, cooking doesn't have to be a rushed activity; enjoy it, and the results will speak for themselves.



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## Hmmmmm HOW OFTEN SHOULD I BUY NEW UNDER GARMENTS?

Earlier this month, I checked my sneakers for wear and tear because I remembered my sneaker article from a couple months ago. Afterwards, I started to think of other things that should be changed often, and googled, *how often I should buy new underwear and bras*. Based on what I learned, which is shown in the table below, I think it's pretty much up to each person to decide. I decided that I am going to change them whenever I feel the need or if there is a sale that I can not pass up. Dr. C.

Kind	Average Months	Care	It is time to replace
Bra – Bras with stretchy elastic offer support and flexibility, but as they get worn down and exposed to moisture and heat, the polymer chains in the elastic begin to break down.	It depends on the price; a good quality bra should last 8-18 months, while a less expensive bra should last 6-12 months. It also depends on how frequently the bra is worn during the week, how frequently it is washed, and how your body changes.	<ul> <li>Use gentle soap</li> <li>Wash less (Every three wears is suggested – do not do that when sweating)</li> <li>Avoid dryer</li> <li>Wash in cool water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Straps falling off your shoulder</li> <li>Creases in the padding</li> <li>Band is stretched out</li> <li>Underwire is painful or coming out</li> <li>Your bra looks as if it has hair</li> <li>Uncomfortable</li> </ul>
Panties – Delicate genital skin can be protected with the use of underwear; when wearing underwear, choose cotton materials, stay away from tight fits, and change it every day.	Consider buying new panties every 6-12 months. They do not have expiration dates, if, you wear them once within 24 hours, wash and disinfect after wearing them. Varies – whatever you feel the need, holes, elastic broken, weight change, become uncomfortable	<ul> <li>Wash in gentle cycle</li> <li>Use gentle Soap</li> <li>Use lingerie bag</li> <li>Avoid dryer, hang dry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stretching</li> <li>Fading</li> <li>Body changes</li> <li>Stains</li> <li>Uncomfortable</li> <li>Repeated yeast, or urinary tract infections</li> <li>Irritated skin</li> </ul>

If you have a new friend, you may want to get a new sexy bra.

 If you have a partner, you may want to change it up every now and then to keep things spicy.







(noun) activity requiring physical effort carried out to sustain or improve health and fitness

Exercise

Flip the coin and do the following based on how it lands.

Heads=30 min exercising

Tails=30 min of reading









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## REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL YOUR SISTER ...



A little about Char... "My business is unique in we promote sisterhood, inclusivity, relationships, self-care, and empowering yourself. Call Your Sister Blog LLC's mission is to build an international community for women to feel a sense of belonging. We want to share the good, bad, and everything in between.

The blog covers current events (Black Lives Matter, gender differences in pay for Olympic athletes), past traumas (loss of a family member, dealing with a breakup, shedding light on sexual assault), self-care in real-time (Smoothie Vlogs, Char's 7 Days of Fitness), advice (falling in love, LIVE events on social media). We ask questions, share laughs, and embrace love and each other. Call Your Sister Blog, LLC is comprised of two women, the daughter/mother team that handles the writing, design, and maintenance of the blog! Char and Via enjoy sharing the "real and the raw" with the sisterhood and believe "you can't grow through it until you go through it." The tagline "remember…you can always call your sister" is the foundation of this organization and will continue to propel them into future endeavors."

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## Motherhood Unmasked: The Balancing Act

October 15th



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Day 1 - Selfcare Day 2- Relationship Building Day 3 - Entrepreneurship / Finances



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## Will I have enough money to retire?



Bonnie Anderson, MBA Licensed Insurance Agent

For many of us, especially women in the prime of our careers, every story has two sides. There's the side we're living and the side we're dreaming about. So many smart, well-educated women ask me, "Will I have enough money to retire?" When I need it, will my money really help me? The truth is that most people have too much debt and don't know what their financial future will be like. Here's the twist, though. The way we think about money is changing because of a plan called "your family bank." Imagine being debt-free in 7–9 years, including your mortgage, without spending any extra money, to all my fellow women out there. Those in charge are inspiring and push the limits. Now is the time for you to take charge of your money. Find your way to financial independence.

Bonnie is available to discuss your financial goals, needs, and priorities: This can include:

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- Tax-Free Retirement Strategies
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Accountability Group for Grant Start-up Funding and Crowdsourcing Business Ideas

- Third Thursday of each month
- 6-7 PM (Eastern)
- Everyone is welcome and is expected to share.
- https://meet.google.com/yty-wbsm-mjn

Meeting format (subject to change)

- 1-minute to introduce your business
- 30-seconds to state your challenge
- 30-seconds for the group to think of ideas
- 2-minutes group members will offer you suggestions and strategies to overcome your challenge and achieve success

We will continue this format until everyone has asked a question then transition into networking if time permits

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#### **Our Wise Ladies (O.W.L.s)**

O.W.L.s recently completed reading *The Six,* by Anni Taylor, a slow-burn psychological thriller.

Join our Slack Community to help choose our next book selection.

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