

Starting the Conversation
Let's look Alzheimer's in the eye this year

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Dennis Garboden, President Compass Senior Living

### from the President

### Does a company's mission statement mean anything?

That is a question that I did not think about much until we started Compass Senior Living. I have been involved in other companies that had "mission statements" and "values". My experience was that these were words

that some in the company thought were a requirement to have as a company – but they had no actual meaning – and no Life.

When we started Compass Senior Living, we wanted a company that was founded on the belief that we are good people that will surround ourselves with good people. When we'd try and define the "type" of person we wanted to be associated with – the simplest and truest description was simply...Goodness.

So, when we were planning our new company in 2013 we knew that we wanted to have a Mission Statement that would describe us and describe those we wanted to associate ourselves with. We chose four words: Goodness, Loyalty, Faith, Fun.

Goodness – Be good, do good.

**Loyalty** – Be loyal to one another and have one another's back, especially in hard times.

**Faith** – Have faith that if you do the right things – the right things will happen.

**Fun** – in work, in life, in relationships…it is important to have balance and fun can be that balance.

Faith Fun Loyalty

Goodness

"Guided by Goodness, Loyalty, Faith, and Fun" became our mission. This statement guides our decision-making. We ask ourselves when interviewing – Is this person someone that is good and loyal? Has the faith to do the right thing? Laugh easily and smile often?

Goodness is true north. This formed our "Compass" and in doing so, we not only have our mission statement for guidance – but we can also ask what our true north direction is. Is it goodness?



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### Caring is what makes us human

Over the last few months our Director of Education and Innovation, Jean Garboden, and I have traveled to several Compass Senior Living communities to conduct training we call Caring is What Makes Us Human: Empathetic communication with those who have dementia. It has evolved into a powerful and engaging series of stories

that reflect the more than 10 years we've been working to try to understand dementia and find a better way to care for those who have it. Our employees are required to attend. It's those that are not required to attend that inspire me.

For several of the trainings elders and families have joined us. Recently, I was inspired looking out at the elders' faces that were engaged in the conversation—unafraid of what they'd learn. They aren't

afraid of knowing what Alzheimer's or other dementias can do. And, with their presence, they are facing it head-on. Elders may see this daily amongst their peers and wonder, "am I next"? And yet, they were the ones most interested in learning what it means, how to understand, and how they can care for others.

### Engaging in the conversation

These elders inspire me because they are engaging in the conversation that most are too afraid to have. They are arming themselves with the knowledge that will help to eliminate fear. They are building understanding that those with dementia are still "in there" and they are whole human beings to be loved-- not feared. They are showing us that age, impairments, and change are to be understood and accepted. The elders that choose to engage are ambassadors powerfully making a better elderhood future for the rest of us.

### Disrupt the fear about Alzheimer's

Like cancer, the movement to find a cure for Alzheimer's

is growing because most of us know, or have known, someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia. If you haven't yet, you will. By learning about dementia and how we can communicate with those who have it, you join the movement to change language around "locked units". They are not prisoners to be locked away. They are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, daughters, sons, aunts, and uncles. They simply need us

to look them in the eye, sing to them, dance with them, and know they still desire to be heard and understood.

#### Resolve to learn more

As this new year starts please make a resolution that will make real change with one simple act. Resolve to learn more, participate in conversations, and try to understand Alzheimer's and other dementias. Follow in these elders' footsteps and learn what you can do to help just one individual. After all, caring is what makes us human.

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### January - March ~ Public Welcome!

- **Nurse's Corner** 1st Fri. each month, 3 p.m. Health info, answers to your health questions, free blood pressure checks, and screenings.
- **Financial Seminar** Chris Walsh, Edward Jones Advisor, 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month.
- Total Fitness chair exercise class offered every Wed. & Fri. at 10:45 a.m. Call Jeannie Price-White at 928,474,3912 for class schedule.

Jan 11 – Tony Pace - Payson High School Audi-Litorium 7 p.m.; Call to "Win 2 TCCA Tickets" at 928.474.3912.

Feb 10 – Pavlo - Payson High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.; Come and receive a special Valentine's treat from Majestic Rim Snack Co.

Mar 16 – Áine - A Wee Bit of Irish Concert at Majestic Rim, 3:30 p.m.; RSVP to Cristine Royer via email: croyer@majesticrim.com or call 928.474.3912 to reserve your seats.



# Inspired Aging... reimagine elderhood



It annoys me when people say, 'Even if you're old, you can be young at heart!' Hiding inside this well-meaning phrase is a deep cultural and stereotypical assumption that old is bad and young is good. What's wrong with being old at heart, I'd like to know? Wouldn't you like to be loved by people whose hearts have practiced loving for a long time?

I travel around the United States and visit with elders who are 80, 90 and 100+ years old. I am inspired and amazed, that for many of them, no matter what their physical or cognitive challenges, the one thing they all have in common is that they are curious, interesting, and passionate life-long learners.

People who perceive themselves as lifelong learners often are "superagers," remaining vital and cognitively resilient through very old age.

Between 1900 and 2000, average life expectancy increased by nearly 30 years in the United States and most other developed countries of the world. For the first time in history, most people now being born can expect to live seven, eight, nine, or more decades. This changes not only the trajectory of individual lives but also the shape of societies. Adults 60 and older are now the fastest-growing segment of our population.

### This increase in longevity gives rise to new important questions:

- What do we want to do with an extra 30 years?
- How should we, as individuals and as a society, shape the direction and purpose of our longer lives?
- Can we design a path to our future that improves the wellbeing and opportunities of people at all ages?
- Should we be creating new social and business policies that will foster these opportunities?
- How do we prepare young people for longer lives and can these questions be answered in ways that would be beneficial for all generations?
- How do I personally reimagine a purposeful lifestyle for myself?

BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU

people who once said they would never grow old and never trust anyone over thirty.

Having created a new stage of life, Elderhood - the next step is to make these extra 30 years meaningful! For some of us it may be:

- Choosing a healthy lifestyle so that the extra 30 years of life can be vibrant.
- Volunteering or working in jobs to make the world a better place; creating a legacy through service, mentoring and activism to benefit future generations.
- Embracing new paradigms for aging to realize our potential. Reinventing our life, and doing something we have always dreamed about but never had the opportunity to do.
- · Assuming the Elder teaching

**role** as the conduit to connect the generations to restore the broken connections in our culture. Even the frailest elder has something to teach us, if we, as students, recognize the elder wisdom as an opportunity to actualize their purpose and legacy.

The truth is, we don't yet know what Elderhood, this new stage of life, can be, but the first step is to change the lens through which we view aging and challenge our stereotypical assumptions.

No matter what our age or frailty or ability, we are always fully capable human beings. Until our last breath, we are evolving, and are in a period of renewal, growth, and experimentation.

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We have added 30 years to our lives, not just for the lucky few but for the majority of people in the developed world. The truth is that we have created a new stage of life called Elderhood - but have not yet envisioned its purpose, meaning, and opportunities.

### What does this new stage of life mean?

- Psychologists Erik and Joan Erikson viewed later life as a time when the impulse to give back to society becomes an urgent need.
- Carl Jung, an early psychologist with interest in the challenges of the second half of life, saw older age as a fertile period of spiritual growth and individuation.
- Betty Friedan, a social psychologist, researched aging late in her life and suggested that there is a "fountain of age," a period of renewal, growth, and experimentation based on a new freedom.
- Dr. Bill Thomas, a geriatrician, is at the forefront of a strong nationwide movement to reframe life after adulthood, which is Elderhood, as an exciting stage of human growth and development. In his book *Second Wind*, he explores the dreams and disappointments, the struggles and triumphs of a generation of 78 million







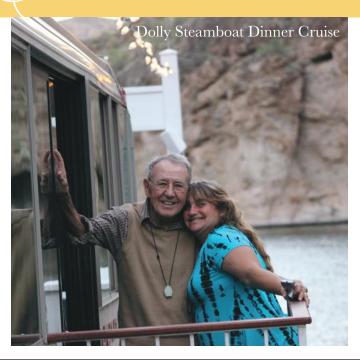
### Majestic Rim Retirement Living

Independent senior living offers many luxuries and personal experiences that are unique and engaging to most individuals. More importantly, there may be items on your "bucket list" that you can still fulfill while enjoying the independent lifestyle you so desire and deserve. Majestic Rim is proud to offer excursions and day trips to enjoy Arizona's special parks, exhibits and attractions. We've once heard a resident share, "Don't confuse 'retired' with 'bored' because regardless of age, we are filled with adventure whether it's traveling, hiking, kayaking or even skydiving."

Just take a look as to where we've been, what we've seen and the new experiences we've enjoyed.

There are just too many excursions to show here on one page, so call Jeannie Price-White at Majestic Rim to get the excursion locations and destinations for 2018, we'd love to have you join us!

### Xcursions





If there was ever a time to consider new healthy habits, look into participating in an adult-focused fitness program. Establishing an exercise regimen is important at any age, but as we get older we need to consider the importance of flexibility, stability, balance and overall strength. Join us at our Total Fitness classes and let's get active together. Classes are offered every Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 a.m. These free classes are available to residents, family and of course, open to the public.

Start 2018 right by working your muscles and stretching your limbs with these low-impact adult focused exercises to strengthen core muscles, increase flexibility and gain balance. Together with exercise we can prevent chronic disease, improve our moods and lower the chance of injury.

We are offering an Exercise Challenge this quarter beginning Wednesday, January 3 where you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. Those attending the most classes during the quarter will receive great prizes. Bring your friend, neighbor, sister and spouse to get active with us at Majestic Rim. Who knows, there could be more prizes waiting for you!











## Explore



Nestled at the base of the Mogollon Rim sits Majestic Rim Retirement Living where a vibrant and active community is gaining quite a reputation for their community involvement. "Giving to others is a blessing to all," shared Barbara as she wrapped baby items into gift boxes for New Beginnings Pregnancy Center. Every quarter the Resident Services Coordinator, Jeannie Price-White organizes community outreach opportunities to support various agencies and non-profits in Payson. In 2017, residents have volunteered to read books to children at local elementary schools,

donated school supplies to after-school programs for underprivileged children, provided new shoes and clothing to children of all ages, baked for local fire departments, and so many more.

You are invited to experience the values and the culture of caring by participating in one of our future outreach events. The residents happily share and give items to community non-profit agencies, children programs and Payson events as this has blended into our everyday living. Come explore the lifestyle at Majestic Rim.



### Majestic Chicken Salad

- 3 cups Chicken, cooked and cubed
- 3/4 cup celery
- 1/2 cup green Onion
- 1 cup apple, diced
- 1/2 cup cashews
- 1/2 cup sliced grapes
- 1/2 cup craisins
- 1/2 tsp dill, dried
- 1/2 tsp parsley
- 3/4 cup Mayo
- 1 tsp Celery seeds
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

Mix all together, scoop into a croissant with lettuce, tomato, and a slice of red onion.

Bon Appetit!

Kathy Bickert, Photographer



## Aperience Majestic Rim Retirement Living

The Majestic Rim kitchen is the heartbeat of Rim Country and we love hosting guests to a wonderful meal. You see, lunch isn't any ordinary meal, it's an experience; especially to those who carefully prepare and serve it. Kathy Bickert, Dining Services Director carefully plans every entrée to please your pallet. The fresh ingredients, homemade desserts, comfort soups, an abundant of fresh vegetables and fruits fill the 22-item salad bar all to feed your senses and memories of home. It doesn't matter



what time of day, the aroma from the kitchen will always stop a person in their tracks.

To share with our readers, Kathy provided a resident favorite, the Majestic Chicken Salad. The aroma consumes the dining room from the chicken sizzling in a bath of butter and garlic. Once cooled and chopped into cubes, blend the chicken with the array of crispy produce and fresh dill... throw in some seasonings and Voila!



### A bit of decadence from our

### Dark Chocolate Raspberry Bark



Prep time: 2 hours Cook time: 5 mins Total time: 2 hours 5 mins

#### **Ingredients**

• 10-16 ounces dark chocolate • 6-8 c

• 6-8 ounces raspberries

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Place a piece of parchment paper or foil on a flat tray.
- 2. Rub cookie cutters with oil.
- 3. Melt Chocolate according to package directions.
- 4. Pour or spoon chocolate into cookie cutters (1-2 ounces per cookie cutter) reserving some for the topping.
- 5. Place raspberries upside down into the chocolate while it is still soft.
- 6. Chill for 30-60 minutes, until it is solid enough to be removed from cookie cutters.
- 7. Drizzle remaining chocolate over the tops of the raspberries.
- 8. Chill in the refrigerator for another 30-60 minutes.
- 9. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

### Dark Chocolate Strawberry Smoothie

Dark chocolate, creamy greek yogurt, and sweet strawberries are the perfect combination in this frosty heart healthy Dark Chocolate Strawberry Smoothie!

Prep Time: 5 minutes Total Time: 5 minutes Servings: 2

### Ingredients

1/2 cup nonfat or lowfat strawberry Greek yogurt

3/4 cup frozen strawberries

1 cup skim milk or milk of choice

1 tablespoon unsweetened dark cocoa powder

1/2 cup ice only if using fresh berries

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Place all ingredients in a blender (or Bullet, food processor, etc.) and blend until smooth.
- 2. Pour into a glass and top with sliced fresh strawberries, if desired. Enjoy immediately!



### itchen to yours...

### reek Yogurt Honey Blueberry Muffins

#### **Ingredients**

2 cups whole wheat flour

1 cup all purpose flour

1/2 cup + 3 tablespoons brown sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup low-fat greek yogurt

1/2 cup whole milk

(you may use another fat percentage if preferred)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 large eggs, at room temperature

1/4 cup honey

1/2 cup olive OR coconut oil (if using coconut oil, be sure it is above room temperature and melted)

1 cup blueberries

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners; set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl whisk together flours, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon; set aside.
- 4. In a medium bowl whisk together the yogurt, milk, vanilla, eggs, honey, and oil.
- 5. Gently fold the yogurt mixture into the flour mixture, and using a spatula, fold until combined, being sure to mix just until all the flour disappears. Fold in blueberries.
- 6. Divide the batter evenly among the prepared muffin tins, place pan in the oven, and bake for 18 minutes, reducing the heat to 375 degrees after 9 minutes of baking.
- 7. Allow the muffins to cool for 5 minutes in the pan before carefully transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely.





## Grain Games

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- 9 Many times
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- 16 Make a letter
- 17 Farm building
- 18 Evaluate
- 19 Place
- 20 Pouch
- 21 Hit the water
- 23 Runners used to travel over snow
- 24 Tapered spike of frozen water
- 26 Feign

- 28 Container top
- 29 Head coverings
- 31 Energy unit
- 34 Code
- 37 Spring flower
- 39 Greek god of war
- 40 Alternative (abbr.)
- 41 Phoenix's Basketball team
- 42 Fermented juice of the apple
- 44 List of definitions
- 47 Self-esteem
- 48 Quarry
- 50 Heavy drinking cup made of pottery
- 51 Flightless bird

- 52 Constructs
- **56** Baseball player Ty
- 59 Nuzzle
- 63 Cause of sickness
- 64 Blend of metals
- 66 Troop
- 67 Stake
- 68 Weighted fishnet
- 69 Capital of Italy
- 70 Hand outs
- 71 Frozen pizza brand
- 72 Payable
- 73 Get together

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- 38 Utilization
- 39 Expert
- Revolutions per minute
- 45 Melted ore
- 46 Certain
- Operate 49
- 51 Type of wood
- 53 Long, skinny boat
- 54 Rank
- **55** Freezing rain
- 56 Throw off
- 57 Tub spread
- 58 Singular form of name for Russian pancakes served with sour cream
- 60 European monetary unit
- 61 Frozen form of precipitation that falls as ice crystals
- 62 What a clock tells
- 65 Affirmative
- 67 High naval rank (abbr.)

Can you solve these visual word puzzles? Let your mind explore and you are sure to find the answers. Good luck!

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- 3. Backrub
- 5. Two left feet
- 7. Big fish in a little pond
- 9. Long time, no see
- 4. All thumbs
- 6. Black sheep of the family
- 8. Tennis shoes
- 10. All in a day's work

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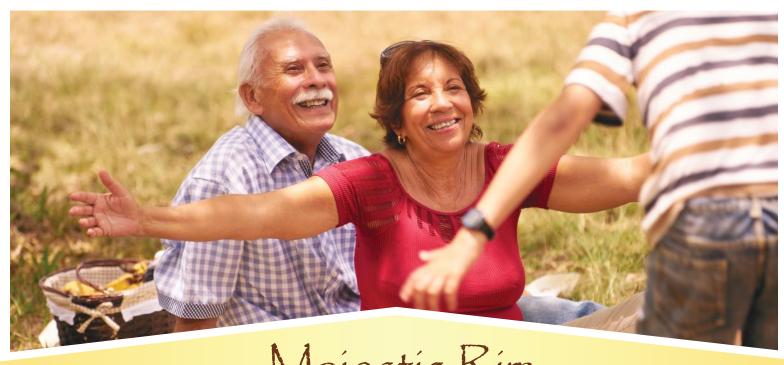
# "There's a long life ahead of you, and it's going to be beautiful, as long as you keep loving and hugging each other." – Yoko Ono

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