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Welcome to the 17th issue of our CK Senior magazine, and with this issue, welcome to the launch of our new website www.ckseniormag.ca

We are now happy to provide you with an online presence of our publication including both current and past issues. We hope you enjoy this hard copy in hand, and the option to read the current issue online and stroll down memory lane through some of the past issues, articles, recipes, pictures, etc.

By the time you are reading this we will be halfway through the month of February and more than halfway through the winter season - so far so good. The weather has been great this year, we've had minimal snowfalls (up until February), some cold days for sure, but also the bonus of the sun shining on us most of those days. February is our shortest month of the year but also a month of many events. We have Valentine's Day on the 14th, Family Day on the 16th, Pancake Tuesday on the 17th (Our last big feast before Lent.) and then the Chinese New Year begins on February 19th "the Year of the Sheep (Ram, Goat)." With all of these celebrations going on, before we know it we will be into the month of March and will be starting to smell spring coming in the air.

As always it's been a pleasure to put together this issue of CK Senior and we thank our advertisers and contributing writers for making this possible. As you go through the pages we hope you once again discover all the wonderful businesses and services available. Enjoy the rest of your winter, your spring, and we'll be back with issue #18 in June.

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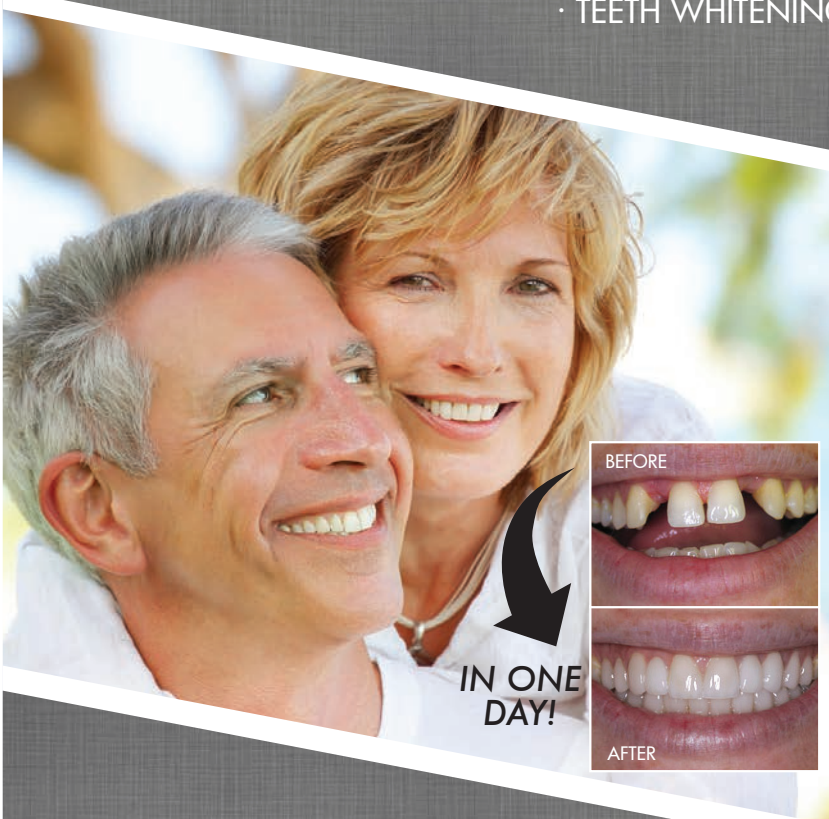
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DANCING TO THE MUSIC

What a great way to spend a morning!



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On the cover of this issue we'd like to introduce you to Rita McKinnon and Richard Pouget! Every Thursday morning at the Active Lifestyle Centre (ALC) on Merritt Avenue in Chatham, you will find Rita and Richard (along with their friends) enjoying square and round dancing to the music of violin, fiddle, and piano.

Rita has been dancing for the last five years and has just celebrated turning three quarters of a century, while Richard joined the dance a year ago and will be celebrating 80 years of age this coming August.

These pictures share the story of the fun that dancing brings!

In the lyrics of (singer/songwriter) Lee Ann Womack:
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For more information on programs that the ALC offers please go to: www.activelifestylecentre.org

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SIZE MATTERS

It's the little things that add up

We have all been told over the years that “bigger is better,” this may not be the case when you or a loved one are considering a retirement community. In this day and age most retirement communities have computerized records of residents’ birthdays, their names are always on the chart, right along with allergies to medications, and so on. It is not uncommon to receive your birthday greeting and the “standard stuff” at almost any retirement residence. So, would you think that the experience at all homes would be generally the same?

“We couldn’t disagree with you more,” say Debbie Ouellette and Andrea Sullivan, General Managers of Hudson Manor and Maple City Residences. At properties our size we ‘know your story.’ Our staff get to know the life story of all of our residents, we are smaller properties which allows us to actively interact with our residents on a daily basis. We would never just get a birthday card dropped off at a room, we would hand deliver it and then plan a party afterwards. We take the time to listen to residents and love the intimate details of what they did before retirement, learning how big their families are, what their favourite snack is, or what kind of music they enjoy. They are our family; we hear the ups and downs of what is going on in their lives and genuinely take interest. That is something you can’t fake, and that is what makes us different.”

Ouellette and Sullivan go on to say, “Many of our residents come to us with big life changes going on. This could be in the form of a declining medical situation, selling their family home, recently losing their life partner, or in some cases all of these things could be happening at once. It is our job to make them feel welcome and help them through a brand new process. That is something that can’t be done with a fancy computer program or magic algorithm, we take the time to listen and get to “know their story.”

Ouellette is even taking the feedback from her residents a step further. Over time she has seen a gap in services in the standard model of retirement communities in the area. “It seems to be an all or nothing situation in most cases. When a resident checks into a retirement residence they automatically get signed up for every meal every day, housekeeping services every day, and many other daily services. What about a senior who wants to cook their own meals from time to time? What if they like to tidy their own room and have their own snacks on hand? We should be able to offer those more independent seniors an option, and rightfully discount the service for them.” Ouellette said, “I can’t go into too many details right now, but let’s just say there could be some exciting changes this summer.”

In this highly digitized age, bigger is not necessarily better when it comes to what size of retirement home for which you are looking. Forego the “big box” approach and drop by Hudson Manor or Maple City Residence, you’ll see the difference, and they will get to “know your story.”

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"I am 89 years old and this is the first time I have ever camped and loved everything about it"

- Jeanne Deschryver, Resident



The day trips are designed to bring both a change of scenery and ensure that everyone remains active in the community. They are also an opportunity to help break down generational barriers by connecting staff with residents in a different environment.

"For some residents this is their first experience with camping and for others a reliving of old memories such as, fishing followed by an outdoor fish fry."

- Gwen Daly, Executive Director,
Blenheim Community Village Long-Term Care Home

At the end of each event, it is easy to see from the smiles on everyone's faces how much fun was had and how important the outings are. The camping adventures are definitely something that everyone looks forward to every year.

*This article (along with the photos) has been written and submitted by:
Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network, Chatham, ON*

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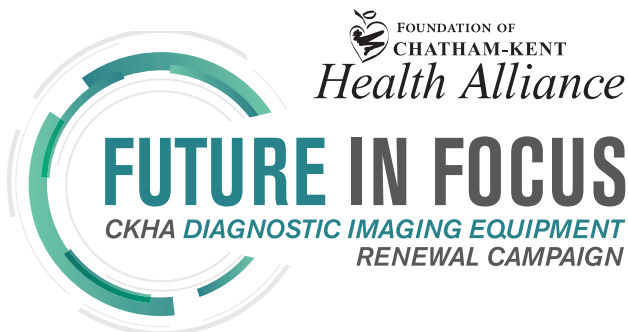


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LOOKING BACK

C-K Senior of the Year 2014

Dixie Peters was well-deserving of the 2014 **SENIOR OF THE YEAR** award last summer, and congratulations go out again to Dixie on such a wonderful accomplishment!



Dixie has been volunteering her time to help others for nearly 20 years, which includes unbelievable compassion and devotion to widows, widowers, family and friends in their struggle to deal with losing a loved one. Dixie began supporting others after experiencing the loss of her husband Jim. She attended a Chatham Mental Health Association grief workshop and from there she began volunteering and later became the widow-widower support group program coordinator. Over time, the program was discontinued and Dixie decided to continue the support group on her own creating "A Time to Mourn"- a current Blenheim & Area bereavement support program.

Thank-you Dixie, we are lucky to have volunteers like you to help make Chatham-Kent a better place for all of us.

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June 19th, 2015

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THE NEW DAY'S RESOLUTION

Dr. Lalit Chawla MD, CCFP, FCFP

As we head into the second month of the New Year, inevitably many people will have made a new year's resolution which they secretly know they won't keep in its entirety. As I get older I find more and more people are joking and even making a farce of the whole idea of a resolution, and rightfully so. They, through years of experience, have understood that people more than likely won't change by simply creating a new year resolution.

Yet the sparkle of the brand New Year challenges many of us to participate in making another New Year's resolution. The New Year is great because it landmarks a new chapter in our lives as to what may come. We celebrate the New Year with new vigor because it brings new hope. Like all books, we can read the first several pages but if it's not compelling we won't continue. In other words, in order to make effective change in our lives we need to understand **WHY** we really want to make that change in our lives; to go beyond the first chapter and complete the story. For example, the most common New Year's goal is to lose weight. This is really a perceived goal. Nobody wants to lose weight; what we want is to gain something from that weight loss such as more energy, to look younger, to stop taking too many medications, to keep up and play with our kids, to live longer etc. In summary, to participate in our life in a more positive and empowering way!

I tell patients the key to getting what you want in the New Year, or any time of the year, is to be clear and write down why you want it. Only then will you be able to begin moving forward to the feelings you want from your resolution. Once you know why and have many reasons to support them, then and only then will you create a life that you truly want.

The next step? How to make that change you desire really happen. Once we have the **WHY**, it's helpful and necessary to harness strategies that will work for you. In my lectures and workshop I go through many strategies that work incredibly well and that allows for sustained change and results. Here are a few that I'd like to share with you using weight loss as an example.

1. Focus on the present moment.

Failure and disappointment comes when our focus is on long term results without celebrating or focusing on short term goals. Don't look into the future about losing 20 lbs of weight ...it doesn't work. Look at the moment-to-moment events in your life because in reality that's all we can control is our moment to moment thoughts and actions. When we look too far ahead, we walk into potholes or trip over a curb because we are not focused on the present moment. Think of your life in terms of hours and the day you have in front of you. The past is gone and tomorrow will come again and again; don't jump ahead.

2. Focus only on changing 1% daily.

For the majority of us it is difficult for us to change our

whole life and behaviour by trying to be the “new you” immediately. If you could improve your behaviours and thoughts by only 1% a day, in one month, you’d improve by 30% and that’s a great investment. So if you don’t drink enough water, make that your “1% goal for the day” and continue with that behaviour consistently. Try drinking a bit more daily and add that new routine to your life. Water is a vital fuel for life, and you can’t feel 100% healthy if you don’t fuel your engine. The body runs on water, not caffeine, soda pop, juice or alcohol.

Even if you have digressed, remember to celebrate the 1 % change you’ve made daily. Daily celebration is the key to feeling that you are moving in the right direction. Too often, we think we need to only celebrate after we have achieved our end goal, but really your end goal should be a daily goal that you are trying to achieve. Don’t set the bar too high, even high jumpers progress upward slowly when they are practising.

3. Remember the important principle of conditioning and establishing routines.

The one reason New Year’s resolutions fail is because we forget this crucial principle. We condition ourselves to new change for the moment and the excitement of the “New Year” moment. We all can change for a moment, but by the time spring rolls around, the “New Year” has turned around and become an “Old Year” resolution. So write (or recall) your “New Year WHY Resolution” somewhere that you will see it daily. We need to remember what the reasons are that we want to change; to gain a new empowering emotion, state or wellbeing that the change will bring us. So think of this as a New Day’s Resolution vs. the New Year’s Resolution. (I’ve touched on this point briefly but there are more in depth ways to add this principle in our lives).

4. For weight loss, use the buddy system.

Most people need a friend to keep them accountable and aligned. That’s why so many sports have cheer leaders. Choose a friend that can keep you honest and committed. Don’t plan to exercise with a friend who doesn’t do it on a regular basis, you both might give in and say “Let’s skip our walk and go for a coffee.” That’s why people hire personal trainers, they won’t let you sleep in and they won’t take you for coffee. The best motivator is a friend with a megaphone and not afraid to use it.

5. Make your resolution fun and use your imagination in terms of meeting your goals.

Making weight loss fun, for example, takes the work out of it. There are new ways to be challenged online and still be connected. There are many online activities and programs that also add a sense of community and purpose to the

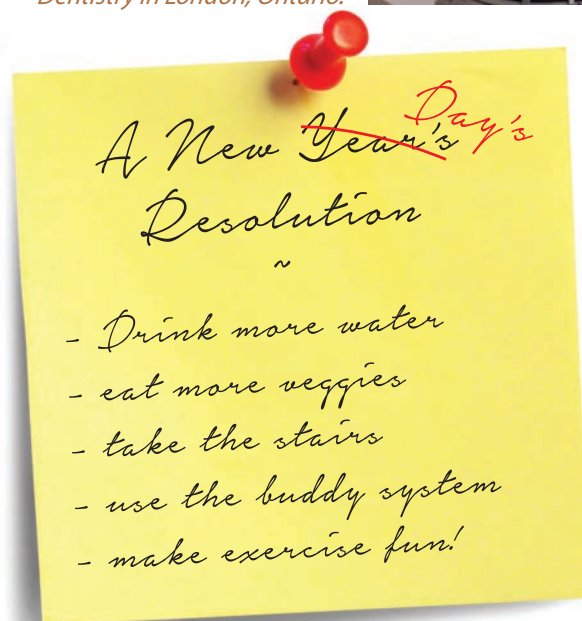
goal you are striving. So linking up with others who share your sense of purpose and excitement helps you achieve what you are going for.

These are a few simple strategies to help things move along. So as you don’t really need to make New Year’s resolutions anymore but actually make New Day’s Resolutions to live your best life on a daily basis. As cliché as this may sound, the old saying “The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step” and each health step certainly does matter!

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In CK Senior, Issue 15, I discussed the important considerations when selecting an appropriate substitute decision maker in Powers of Attorney. In this issue I will focus specifically on the Powers of Attorney for Personal Care. In particular I will discuss several possible *special instructions* (also known as “advanced directives”) that you may want to consider.

WHAT IS POWER OF ATTORNEY?

In Ontario, the Substitute Decisions Act provides for two different types of Power of Attorney documents. The Power of Attorney for Personal Care can generally be considered the “health care” power of attorney; sometimes referred to as a living will. The Continuing Power of Attorney for Property generally deals with decision making regarding your assets, liabilities, and financial matters.

SUBSTITUTE DECISION MAKERS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW YOUR WISHES

The Substitute Decisions Act requires that substitute decision makers (“Attorneys”) follow the wishes and instructions expressed by the incapable person prior to their mental incapacity. These wishes may include immensely important subjects such as preferences regarding long-term care, or end-of-life decisions. However, as important as it is to communicate your specific wishes and preferences to your Personal Care Attorney in case the circumstances should arise,

I always counsel clients that it is also important to consider echoing those wishes in writing. Reiterating your special instructions within your Personal Care Power of Attorney will at the very least help make difficult life-changing decisions somewhat easier for your Personal Care Attorney.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONS

For various reasons, which I discussed in Issue 15, you may not appoint any of your family members to be your Personal Care Attorney. Or, for example, you may select just one or a few of your children to be your Personal Care Attorney. In such cases, although you do not want certain family members to have ultimate decision-making authority regarding your health matters, you may wish for your Personal Care Attorney to involve these other family members in certain decisions and to consult with them before making a final decision.

PREFERENCE OF CARE FACILITY, HOME CARE, OR LIVING WITH CHILD

Your children may have suggested to you, or you may have discussed with your children, that you would agree to living with them if the situation should ever arise in which you require permanent health care. On the other hand, you may specifically want to ensure that your children would not feel obligated to provide such care for you, or perhaps you would refuse such an offer from your children. If you would prefer to be cared for at a certain facility, you can include these preferences in your Personal Care Power of Attorney. Also keep in mind that if you prefer, and if your health and financial situation permits, you may wish to receive long-term care within the comfort of your own home. You should consider stating these intentions in your Personal Care Power of Attorney.

NO RESUSCITATION & DISCONTINUE LIFE SUPPORT

Including a no resuscitation provision in your Power of Attorney means that you do not consent to “CPR” in certain circumstances. If you include such a provision you will need to indicate whether or not this is “no matter what” or only in certain scenarios depending on your medical condition and likelihood of recovery. Discontinuation of life support is quite a different directive and applies typically in situations involving comas. Alternatively, you may wish that your life be prolonged regardless of your medical condition or diminished health.

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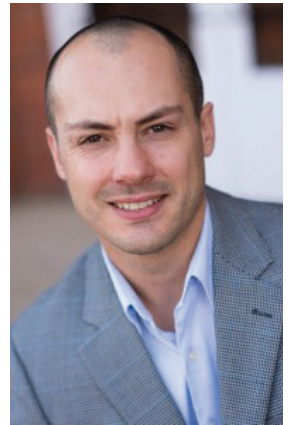
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These are just some of the possible special instructions that you may consider appropriate to include in your Personal Care Power of Attorney. The above list, of course, is not exhaustive and your particular circumstances or beliefs may require the inclusion of other advanced directives. Everyone has different beliefs, circumstances and experiences; the most important thing is that you have these discussions with your loved ones and family, as well as with the lawyer drafting your Power of Attorney documents, to make sure that your Personal Care Power of Attorney is right for you.

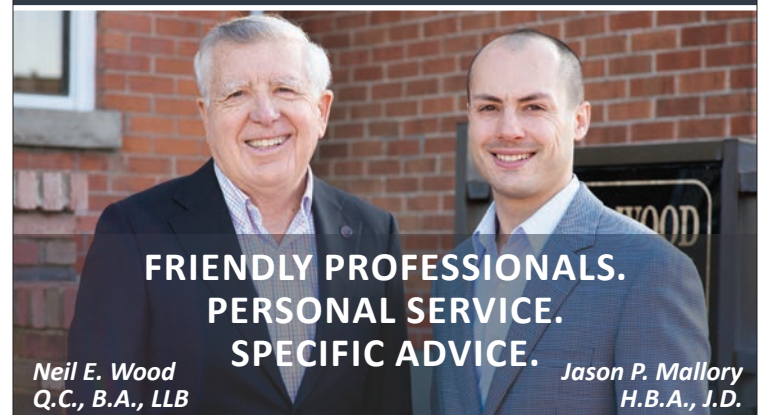
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for the filling

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- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 1/4 cups extra sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups light cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
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Instructions

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1. In the bowl of a food processor, mix flour, sugar, and salt to combine. Add cold butter and pulse until butter is pea-sized.
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3. Form the dough into a flat oval and wrap in plastic. Chill for at least 30 minutes.
4. When you are ready to bake, preheat the oven to 450 degrees.
5. Roll out the chilled dough to fit a deep dish pie plate and crimp the edges.
6. Partially bake the pie crust for 8-9 minutes, making sure you weigh the bottom of the crust down with pie weights or dried beans so that it does not puff up as you bake it. Allow to cool slightly.

for the filling

7. Defrost the spinach and drain well. You can let it sit overnight to defrost in the refrigerator or you can defrost it in the microwave. Either way, it is important to get all of the water out of the spinach. After it has drained, wrap the spinach in a few layers of paper towel and squeeze to remove the last remaining moisture.
8. After partially baking your pie crust, reduce the oven to 425 degrees.
9. Place the onion in a small pan and sauté with the butter until the onions are soft and translucent. Cool slightly.
10. Sprinkle the drained spinach and sautéed onion evenly into the bottom of the partially-baked pie crust. Sprinkle the shredded cheese on top of the spinach and onions.
11. In a bowl, beat the eggs. Add cream, salt, nutmeg, and cayenne pepper, and whisk to fully combine the custard mixture. Pour or ladle the custard over the spinach and cheese.
12. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Lower the oven heat to 350 degrees and bake for 20-25 minutes more, or until a knife inserted into the center of the quiche comes out clean.
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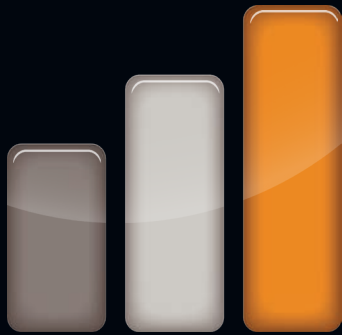
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