
Waters Edge Lodge: March Special Activities

With March we welcome the season of spring, and with it a whole lineup of exciting new events and outings. It wouldn't be March without St. Patrick's Day, and we will celebrate in style with entertainment, good food, and a sea of green (check the activity calendar for the date and time)! On Monday, March 21st, we invite residents to come participate in a blind soda tasting test. Think you can recognize the difference between Coke, Pepsi, and other brands? Come test your taste buds and win the bragging rights to the Lodge's best soda taster! On Thursday, March 31st, we'll go to the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park in Oakland for a tour of this six-acre park and historic house, which form an educational and cultural hub for the diverse families and youth of Oakland. Our lunch outings in March will include McGee's, Marti's Place, and Angelfish in Alameda, the Englander in San Leandro, and for the first time ever, a special trip to IKEA in Emeryville for lunch and light shopping! There are many more socials, entertainers, and outings planned each month, so be sure to check the activity calendar for complete information. Also, don't forget to set your clock forward one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, March 12th, since Daylight Savings Time starts the next day. You wouldn't want to be late for John Heleen's guitar performance on Sunday afternoon!

Waters Edge Lodge Resident of the Month: Marilyn Wellman

Marilyn grew up in the Jackson Heights neighborhood of New York City, near La Guardia Airport. She and her friend would ride their bicycles to go watch the airport being constructed. Marilyn attended Washington Irving High School in Manhattan. It was an all-girls school, but the boys' high school was only 3 blocks down the street, so the girls and boys could meet each other on the way to school in the subway. At age 19, Marilyn married William H. Wellman, a sailor from Mississippi who went by the name Hale. They met in March, 1945, and married on July 1, 1945. Marilyn has lived all over the country, since Hale was a flight engineer in the Navy and was stationed on various bases. They lived in Maryland, Virginia, Kansas, Texas, and Hawaii. She remembers moving to Oahu with her children and several other families aboard a naval transport ship. She tried to spot her husband among a crowd of sailors waiting for the ship's arrival, and eventually found him - quite surprised to see him

in a full beard! Marilyn and her family moved to Alameda in 1960. She worked for J.C. Penney for over a decade, which was located right where the Trader Joe's is located today. She has seen Alameda change quite a bit over the years, especially with the construction of dense housing before the passage of Measure A. Marilyn used to do quite a bit of sewing, and was able to make dresses for her girls and boxer shorts for her son. She is grateful to have lived a very peaceful and enjoyable life, and continues to do so here at the Lodge. She likes the Lodge for all its friendly people, from the staff to the residents, and loves to meet and get to know them all. The community is blessed to have a warm and engaging person like Marilyn as a member, and is glad to recognize her as its Resident of the Month for March, 2011.