Waking Up With 'Today'

Many folks start their day by drinking a cup of coffee while watching some feel-good morning news. "The Today Show" was the first TV series to offer this type of programming, and it celebrates its 70th anniversary this month.

Airing live every weekday morning from New York City's Rockefeller Plaza, "Today" takes an upbeat, relaxed approach to broadcasting, mixing the latest news headlines with longer human-interest stories, as well as reporting the weather and featuring celebrity interviews and musical performances.

"The Today Show" debuted Jan. 14, 1952, with Dave Garroway as the lead anchor. Over the years, the series has launched the careers of journalists who became household names, including Barbara Walters, Hugh Downs, Tom Brokaw, Jane Pauley, Bryant Gumbel and Katie Couric. The show is also known for its popular weathermen. Willard Scott entertained viewers with his travel pieces, comedic props and segments wishing happy birthday to centenarians. The current forecaster on "Today," Al Roker, is beloved for his joyous energy and interviews with fans gathered outside the studio.

Currently at the helm of the morning broadcast are coanchors Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb.

What Is Sensory Therapy?

The human body's five major senses are easy to name—touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste—but the way they affect our overall well-being is anything but basic. That's why sensory therapy, a method of engaging one or more of the senses, has become commonplace in health care.

Although anyone can benefit from sensory therapy, it's often used to relieve agitation in those with dementia. Providing meaningful objects can soothe an upset person or bring back a happy memory. For example, someone who loved to visit the beach may find comfort in holding seashells or playing with sand.

Stimulating the senses also boosts brain activity, so using finger paints, forming shapes with clay, and playing "guess the scent" games can be fun exercises for people with dementia. Tasks such as folding towels, sorting coins or shuffling cards have a similar effect while also giving folks a sense of purpose and raising their self-esteem.

No matter who you are, focusing on a specific sense can calm a stressed-out mind. A soft blanket, gentle melody or soothing fragrance are classic relaxing techniques that also count as sensory therapy.

December Trivia and Treats

Last month we hosted a Trivia and Treats activity on National Brownie Day. We served fresh brownies and guizzed our residents on some Christmas trivia.







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A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear Residents, Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season! We are looking forward to celebrating many more holidays with you all this year. It is getting colder outside now, so please bundle up when you are going out and continue



to stay hydrated. We are not always as thirsty in the cold weather, but it is still important to drink plenty of fluids.

We have had some wonderful new residents move in recently. Please introduce yourselves to them and welcome them to our community.

We encourage you to participate in our many different activities. Please check out our Activity Calendar to see what all we have planned. We are looking forward to a fun-filled January and New Year.

> Sincerely, Natalie Fox **Executive Director**







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Congratulations to our Employee of the Month, Valerie Fitchett.

Valerie works as a Concierge in the evenings. She has been with us for 3 1/2years. She loves working with people and being able to help our residents and guests.

In her spare time, she likes sewing, reading and talking about The Bible, shopping, and listening to jazz music. Her favorite food is traditional American cuisine, but she really enjoys many types of food.



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INDEPENDENT LIVING

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Locations

Activities Room, AR Courtyard, CY Dining Room, DR Windsor Room, WR

Birthdays

Betty Palko, 12th Elizabeth (Betty) Health, 13th Calvin Hobson, 26th Dorothy "Jean" Emond, 27th

Country Store

Tuesday 11 a.m.-Noon

> **Thursday** 10-11 a.m.

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

— Walt Disney

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