

MY GLACIER VILLAGE

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APRIL 2022



Re-Imagining Retirement

Our "Golden Years" are no longer a handful of leisure years to be enjoyed after a lifetime of backbreaking labor. Retirees today are healthier and living longer than ever and have a good chance of living two or three *DECADES* past retirement.

Join an inspiring group of local professionals for a conversation about making the most of this precious time!

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH | 1-3PM

Gateway Community Center



Flathead County
agency on aging



Flathead Valley
Community College™

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opportunities to learn about the Village and meet others who share your interests....



QI GONG

Qi gong is a gentle energy practice that improves organ health and promotes overall wellness. It's like medicine in motion!

***Tuesdays from 1-2
check the calendar for locations***

CHILI COOKOFF

Support the Vietnam Veterans Association, vote for your favorite chili, listen to live music and make new friends!

***April 2nd from 1-4
Elks Lodge, Kalispell***



SR SPEAKER SERIES

"Retirement isn't the end of the road. It's the beginning of the open highway."

Sr Speaker Series is a quarterly event where we bring professionals from the community to talk about what's on your mind. Join us for a conversation about making the most of your retirement.

***April 6th from 1-3
Gateway Community Center***

MEET THE TEAM



My Glacier Village is a community of retirees, designing a lifestyle and changing the way we age in the Flathead.

Meet the volunteers making it all happen and learn ways to get involved.

Join us for a Village Meeting, Web Training and BINGO

***Wednesday, April 13th from 1-3
First Presbyterian Church, Kalispell***

HAPPY HOUR!

...a relaxing way to get to know your others in the Village, laugh, share ideas and talk about what's on your mind.

***Hosted by Barb Brennan
April 20th from 4-6
Brannigans in Kalispell***



GAME DAY

Just another opportunity to connect and get to know others...and LAUGH!

We have Scrabble, Rummikub, Yahtzee, pinochle and more.

***Every 4th Wednesday from 1-3
First Presbyterian Church***



She Wore Leathers and Rode a Motorcycle

by Grace Larsen

I met Elaine Samuelson at one of our Game Days and how she met her husband, Charles, "Chuck." She said he moved next door and rode an Indian Motorcycle. She asked him for a ride and that evening he asked her for a date; 58 years of marriage. After they were married he went from the motorcycle to a car. During the Korean War, Chuck served in Korea for 17 months.

When they moved to Montana in 1957, they lived in a condemned Forest Service cabin. It had a wood stove and her washing machine consisted of the small tub and the spin instead of a wringer. Chuck worked for the Forest Service. Elaine said she was expecting their 2nd daughter when they lived about 50 miles of dirt roads from her doctor. She went to Columbia Falls and stayed with Chuck's brother and family; instead of coming on the due date this little one kept her waiting for two more weeks.

Retirement gave Chuck a chance to get back into Motorcycles. She said they had the Gold Wing Honda & a trailer that pulled their belongings, camp tent, etc. When they started riding again, Leathers were not used but later safety became something they took seriously. Elaine wore a wool lined leather jacket and thick nylon leggings; these could be hooked up to the battery, and that kept her legs warm. They joined the Gold Wings group and called themselves the Glacier Wings. There were 14 couples and 6 individuals in their group. Elaine and Chuck traveled 135,000 miles and visited every state west of the Mississippi except AZ & TX.

They also traveled in Canada; one beautiful area was Vancouver, BC. They were traveling from Spokane, stopped overnight, and Chuck mentioned he wasn't happy with the way the trailer was hooked up. They left the next morning and when they arrived in St. Regis, no trailer! They spent hours backtracking. She finally bought a new coat and a hair dryer, etc. They put out posters trying to locate that trailer. Finally, a man was walking on a trail fairly close to the highway; he saw something sticking out of the brush, and there it was...not a thing was damaged. The Gold Wings Group gave Chuck the Dip Stick Award.

Elaine and Chuck witnessed several wrecks; each time Elaine was fearful of the outcome, but thanks be to God, some scratches except for one couple; a helicopter came for him and the ambulance for his wife. Elaine said their motorcycle whirled thru the air rolling at least 3 times. Another time a girl flew down a bank, went through some trees, and landed in the river. Some people in a canoe rescued her. She escaped serious injury. They even recovered her motorcycle. Chuck bought an 1800 Gold Wing Honda; it was heavier, and he rode it as long as he could. Elaine would ride behind him until he didn't trust that he could look out for her.

We host activities and events as an easy way to meet members and volunteers. Welcome to the Village, Elaine. We are so excited to get to know you!