

**Reminders...**

**May 2026**

May 2nd	10:00am	SAC Meeting	Activity Building
		Big Red Bus	
May 4th	6:00pm	Pizza orders due	
May 5th	4:00pm	Cinco de Mayo	Activity Building
May 14th	9:15am	Board Meeting	Clubhouse
May 11th	5:00pm	Pizza pick up	Clubhouse
May 15th	9:00am	Buddy Break	Off site
May 25	5:00pm	Memorial Day Potluck	Activity Building

**Thank you, Kandie Dinger and team for all the food & fun at our Going North Party**



Congratulations to our SAC 50/50 Winner: \$1000 Donnie & Beth and \$100 Winners: Kim Gentner, Tony Orsini, Bob Morris, Christianson, Ron Kielholtz, Linda Rutkowski, Peter McDermott, and Theresa Tames

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**May Birthdays**

- 2 Bill Donato
- 5 Harry Hosier
- 6 Ed Gorchinski
- 10 Marianne Casamassina
- 11 Eileen Rick
- 12 Alison Lee
- 14 Barry Bazeley
- 18 Murray Sheppard
- 19 Joan Zander
- 21 Karen Keilholtz
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- 27 Judy Arrowsmith
- Jim Stein
- 30 Cathi Magi



**May Anniversaries**

- 10 Barry and Ginny Bazeley 2010
- 11 David and Diane Letourneau 1960
- 12 Dave and Kin Gentner 1979
- 16 Chuck and Barb Steven 1964
- 23 Ed and Barb Gorchinski
- 30 Bob and Cathi Magi 1966



**Newsletter Birthday and Anniversary Posts**

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, and you would like to be included in our newsletter; please send an email to [veniceccenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:veniceccenewsletter@gmail.com). If you are new to our community, we would love to remember and acknowledge your special days! Also, if we have printed incorrect information, we are working with an old list; please accept our apologies and update us, so we can correct for future publishing. Thank you. Jackie



**SAC Meeting** May 2nd

Our monthly SAC meeting is on Saturday May 2nd in the **Activity Building**. Meeting will be held in Activity building until our November meeting. Come at 9:30 for coffee and donuts. The meeting begins at 10am.

**Cinco de Mayo** May 5th

Let's all celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 5th at 4:00pm-9pm, at the Activity Building and Patio. This is a potluck event, so bring your favorite Mexican dish, desserts and snacks. Don't forget to bring your drinks of choice! We will also have a Cornhole Tournament, time to be announced. This is a S.A.C. event, "No Charge" Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Bob Rutkowski 248-885-3007

**Pizzas!!**

Take a break from cooking once a month (at least!) and order a delicious pizza through S.A.C. Our pizzas come from Tuscan Grill in Nokomis and are available in a variety of flavors. It's a thin crust pizza and cut into squares. Here's what you need to do. Fill out an order form (1) use the form in this newsletter; or (2) come to the SAC meeting on May 2 and order it then; or (3) go to the Activity Building's kitchen counter and fill out one of the forms there! Orders are due by Monday, May 4, at 6 pm. Kim Trudeau handles the placing of orders so give your order to her at the SAC meeting (May 2) or slide it in the manila envelope on the kitchen counter in the Activity Building (by May 4).

Now payments can be handled 2 ways – pay Kim at the SAC meeting or pay Marlene Fleming (SAC treasurer) by dropping off a check or cash at her house (803 Carefree). Payments due by May 10th please. Pick-up is at the Clubhouse at 5 pm,



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Monday May 11th! Many thanks to our Pizza Posse for coordinating this – Fred Nichols, Don Trudeau, Robin Blouin, Dean and Jackie Tsusaki. We plan to keep this going monthly throughout the summer! at the Clubhouse, 5 pm on Apr 13th .

**Buddy Break** May 16th

Buddy Break takes place every 3rd Saturday of each month 9:30am, at the Venice Presbyterian Church at 825 Rialto, Venice. What is Buddy Break? Buddy Break is a free kids/respite program where kids with special needs (VIP kids) make new friends, play fun games, enjoy crafts, therapy dogs, stories, music, activities and more! Siblings have fun too! For more information, please contact Patti DeLano 941-408-3018, our Buddy Break Leader, and take a tour of our facilities. Call 941-488-2258 to schedule a time to see Buddy Break in action.

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Medium: \$17.00                      Large: \$20.00

**Garden:** mushrooms, black olives, onions, green pepper and tomatoes

Medium: \$17.00                      Large: \$18.00

**BBQ Chicken:** BBQ sauce, chicken breast, red onion

Medium: \$13.00                      Large: \$16.00

**Meat Lover's:** pepperoni, Italian sausage, bacon and ham

Medium: \$18.00                      Large: \$21.00

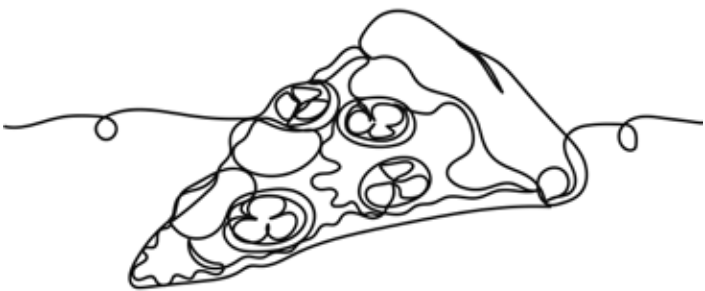
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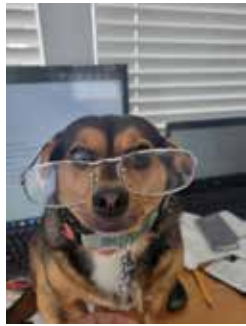
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## **Marley and Max**

by Fonzi, Animal Editor

Before they came to Florida in 2021, Dean and Jackie Tsusaki fostered rescue dogs. You can decide who rescued whom after you hear their stories. Marley, who is blind in one eye, was taken in with her five puppies, and she was quite the mom: if



six bowls were put down for them, she would nudge each pup up to its own bowl and stay until they ate. As each pup was adopted, she would pace around all night looking for it. After her litter was taken from her, she was alone and unwanted. If no one took her, she

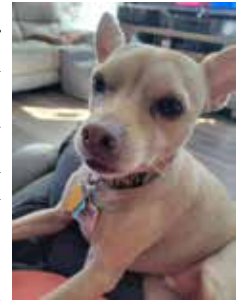
would be put down. Dean had been diagnosed with cancer and already had Chloe, his Medical Support Animal, but of course, the Tsusaki family became what is known as “failed fosters” and saved Marley. She joined Chloe on their move to Florida. Sadly, in 2023, Chloe crossed the Rainbow Bridge and doctors recommended that they find a replacement dog to assist Dean. Here is where Maxwell enters



and the story gets good. They went to Suncoast Humane Society. Poor Max had been returned because “the grandchildren didn’t like him.” or some-such. Dean held the trembling little Maxwell and it was

love at first cuddle. He was not letting Max go to one of the other three potential adopters waiting. No way. Maxwell had found his forever family even though he didn't know it, yet. The first week he did not utter a sound. He was afraid of rain and hid in his “safe space” under an end table with a blanket over it. He still shakes when anyone enters the house. But since Marley's vision is almost gone, she and Maxwell have bonded. They have become

Emotional Support Animals for each other as well as Dean. They have other doggy friends, Jinga, a friend from church, invites them over and has a doggy-door so they can run free in the yard—and me, of course. (I'm Fonzi, the Animal Editor,) and Max comes to my house to visit and play. He and Marley are happy dogs, now Maxwell is good at his medical job and has some great friends. Life at CCE is good for both Marley and Maxwell. They are a good team.

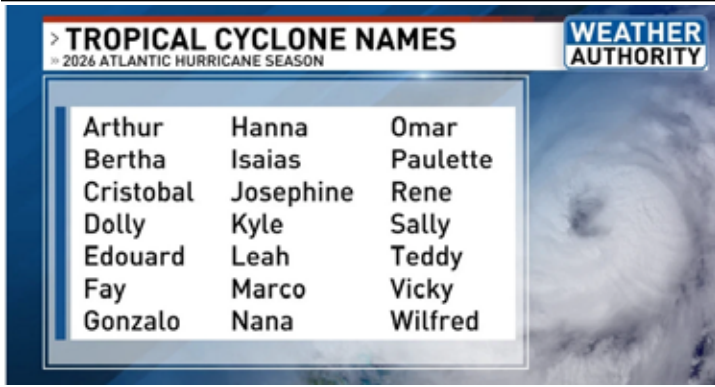


## **The first 2026 Atlantic hurricane season predictions are in**

PORTLAND (WGME) -- Colorado State University has released its first outlook for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season. With warming waters in the Pacific signaling a developing El Nino, forecasters expect conditions that are less favorable for storm development. As a result, CSU is calling for a slightly below-average hurricane season. More specifically, CSU is forecasting 13 named storms, 6 hurricanes, and 2 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher) for the 2026 season.

ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON		WEATHER AUTHORITY	
2026 CSU FORECAST			
	FORECAST	NORMAL	
NAMED STORMS	13	14	
HURRICANES	6	7	
MAJOR HURRICANES	2	3	

For comparison, the long-term seasonal averages are 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. While this year’s outlook is slightly below those benchmarks, it’s important to note that it only takes one storm making landfall to make a season impactful.



But why is this season expected to be below average? El Nino–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is a large-scale climate pattern with three phases: El Nino, La Nina, and neutral conditions.

This hurricane season, we are expected to be under the influence of El Nino, and potentially even a “super” El Nino, where sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific rise more than 2C above average. So, what does that mean for hurricanes? El Nino tends to increase winds over the Atlantic, which disrupts developing storms by tilting them and preventing them from organizing efficiently.

Even if all the other ingredients are in place (warm ocean water, moisture, and instability) strong upper-level winds can tear storms apart before they fully strengthen. That’s the main reason why forecasters, including CSU, are expecting a below-average season. Last year, CSU initially called for 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes for the 2025 Atlantic season. However, the atmosphere-ocean pattern was in a ENSO-neutral state, one of the more challenging setups to forecast.

Ahead of the June 1 start of hurricane season, CSU refined its outlook, lowering the forecast slightly to 16 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. Even with the inherent uncertainty of a neutral ENSO phase, the forecast still performed well, accurately calling for 4 major hurricanes, which is exactly what was observed by the end of the season. Information shared: <https://newschannel9.com/news/nation-world/the-first-2026-atlantic-hurricane-season-predictions-are-in>

**Mark your Calendars - June**

June 19th CCE Potluck Hosted by Eileen Placha 5PM



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8th Friday Night Concert- Joshua Reilly & Mercy McCoy 7PM  
 15th/16th Spring Sidewalk Sale Downtown Venice 10AM-4PM  
 22nd Friday Night Concert- Al Fusco Centennial 7PM

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## Dog Owners



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## Food Pantry

Our local food shelf could use your donations. Food Collection Carts are in the Clubhouse by the player piano and in the Craft room of the Activity Building. Thanks for caring, Joyce Rooney and Ann Lawrence



## CCE Event Room Reservations

If you wish to secure a room in our Clubhouse, Activity Building or Patio, for a CCE Event, please submit a request via NABR (see below for short instructions). If the space is available, you will receive email confirmation. You must go to the office to pick up the event package. **ALL EVENTS MUST COMPLETE THESE FORMS, which will need SAC chairman's written approval and submission to the office. No event is secure without submitted paperwork.** How to reserve: In NABR - Under Residents – Select Reservations – Select which Building – Make reservations.

## CCE Name Badge

HELLO  
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Sally Marcinek is currently handling CCE Name Badge orders. CCE homeowners are entitled to one Name Badge, provided by the Social Activities Committee. Owners who need a replacement badge, and renters, can purchase one. The current price is \$9.25. If you need a badge, (text or call), Sally at 813 965 1906 or email to smarcinek32@gmail.com

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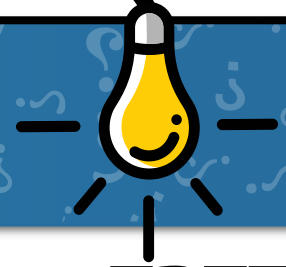
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10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 5:00pm Pizza pick up Clubhouse	12	
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24 <i>Pentecost</i>	25 5:00pm Memorial Day Potluck Activity Building <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	
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# 2026

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00am SAC Meeting Activity Building Big Red Bus
6	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8	9
13	14 9:15am Board Meeting Clubhouse <i>Ascension Day</i>	15 9:00am Buddy Break Off site	16
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30

## Attention Coordinators/Leads of Scheduled Activities

Please provide all updates for your event for future newsletters

Also

Now it would be a great time to fill out your paperwork and secure your space/room for next season's SAC activity. Please be sure the S.A.C. Facility Use Agreement has been completed and signed by SAC chair for ALL activities. This form is found on NABR and/or in the office.

For Room Reservations - How to reserve: In NABR - Under Residents – Select Reservations – Select which Building – Make reservations.

**ALL newsletter updates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.** Please provide the following information **via email:** Your activity, start date and end date (if known), time and location. Please know that all SAC events will override any scheduled activity, except board meetings. Your information is greatly appreciated. Email to [veniceccnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:veniceccnewsletter@gmail.com) Thank you.

## ACTIVITIES:

Since our season has come to an end, please provide via email with any updates to your activities. All rooms need to be reserved, and the S.A.C. Facility Use Agreement form need to be completed, which you may pick up in the office. For the newsletter additions or correction, please email to [veniceccnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:veniceccnewsletter@gmail.com). Your information is greatly appreciated.

### 700 CCE Social Club (Fridays)

Join your friends, bring your friends to Brew Burger on Fridays at 4:30 pm. Lots of talk, laughs, good food and good drink. We've changed the name to "Social Club" as not all of us are drinking alcohol when we go...we just love to see everyone and catch up on news!

### Billiards

CCE pocket billiard club is open to all. Come play on our new tournament size table. Our club plays 9:45 am through 12:15 pm Monday through Friday, all year round. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Daley.



### Bingo

Have a great summer!! Looking forward to next season.



### Bocce

We are playing on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on the bocce ball courts. Weather permitting. Everyone is welcome.



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Our monthly meetings will start again in the fall. Watch for notices in this newsletter and the calendar of events.



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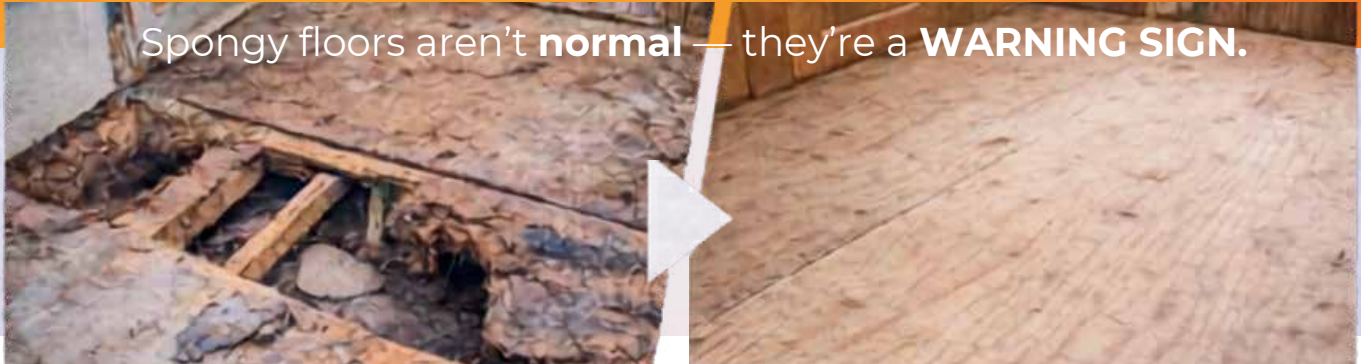
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## Chair Exercise (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Chair Exercise classes take place year-round on Tuesdays, Thursday and Friday from 9:15 to 10.00 in the Clubhouse. Questions, please contact Bonnie Gallagher (978)502-97549754



## Cornhole (Tuesday and Thursdays)

Cornhole will be played at **1pm on Tuesday and Thursday**. Don't miss it!



## Euchre

See you next season

## GAME DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month

Ladies Cards is now Game Day. This will now include both guys and girls who would like to meet on the 3rd Friday of every month during high season. 12 pm to 3 in the Activity Building. Any game is welcome. Bring your own group or plan to meet others to get together with. Contact Judy McKinney at 517-881-1947 with questions.

## Mah Jong (Wednesday)

We meet weekly to play Mah Jong in the Activity Center, **on Wednesdays at 1:00**. Questions, please contact Ann Lawrence 941-402-9410.



## Movie Night (Sundays)

Movie Night has been temporarily postponed. Please check Nabr for our next movie, date and time. Looking for someone to host this event. Contact any SAC member.



## Pickleball

Open play continues each day for all owners and renters. See the scheduling board on the outside wall of the equipment room to schedule your play times.



## Ping Pong (Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays)

Doubles matches are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Poker (Wednesday)

Come join us every Wednesday evening in the Clubhouse from 6-9pm. Buy in is \$9 Dealers Choice. For any questions, please contact Tom Krubl.



## Pool Exercises (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

Join us for **Mon, Wed and Friday at 10am** in the pool for water aerobics. Questions contact Joanne Matwij. Come join us!



## Pool Aerobics (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday)

Join us for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, at 10:15 for an advanced 50-minute water work out. Questions: Diane Bunting, 619-318-0380.



### Pottery

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### Putt Putt Golf (Mondays)

Questions, text Harry Wirtz, 802-310-0790



### Racetrack/CANASTA CARD GROUP (Mondays)

Monday at 1pm in the Activity Building Canasta is a simple card game that is easy to learn and fun to play! Whatever level you are, all are welcome to join the group.

### Racetrack Tues 6:30pm

Please join us every Monday at 1pm, Tuesday at 6:30pm and Wednesday at 6:30pm. in the activity bldg. All are welcome Cost \$1.00

### Sewing

We are on hold for the season. Stay tuned.



### Shuffleboard

We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00. Come and join us. Nancy VanDeest 507-276-7793

### Trivia (Mondays)

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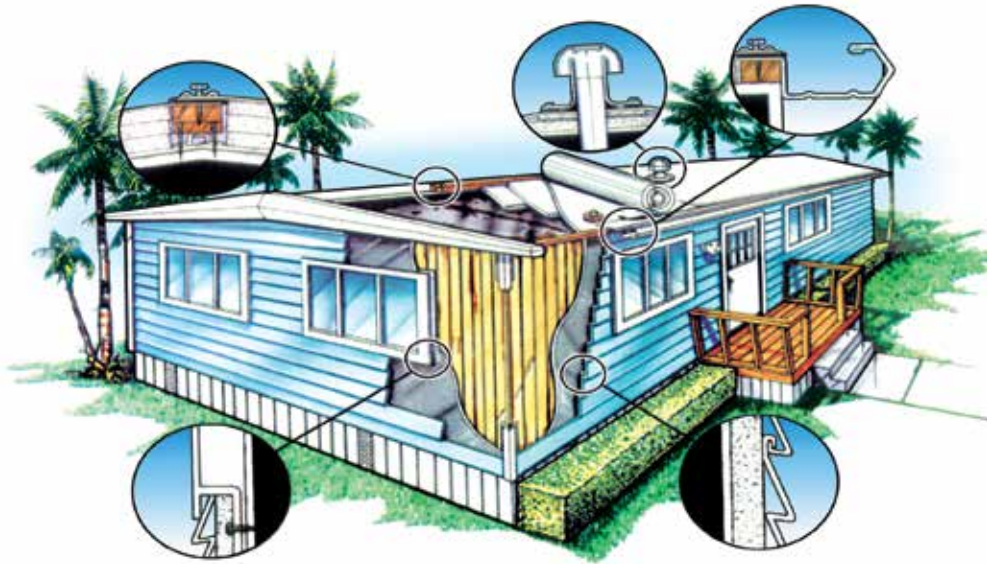


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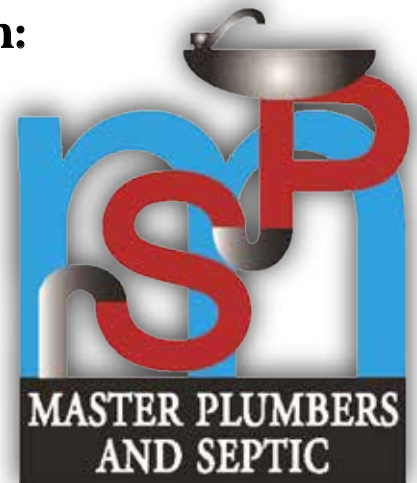


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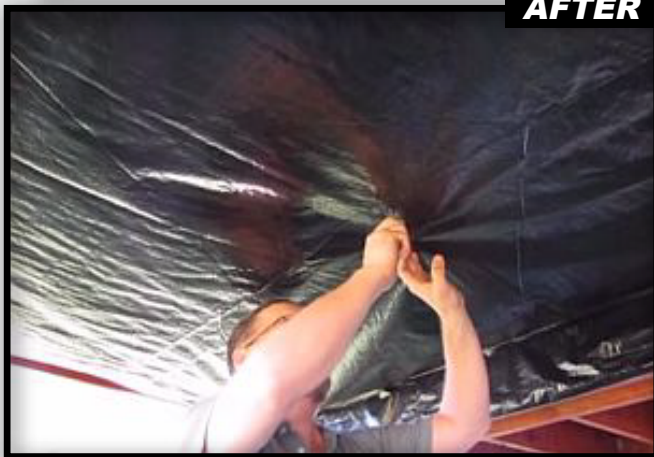


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*Mother's Day*

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I recently had a consultation with a guy who was frustrated that he couldn't hear well in restaurants. He shared that he had bought cheap hearing aids specifically for use when going out. He explained that he didn't feel the need to invest in higher-quality devices since he only wanted to use them while dining out.

I understood his thinking. He believed hearing aids could simply filter out background noise, allowing him to focus solely on speech. Hearing aids, however, don't work quite that way. They amplify specific frequencies. Premium hearing aids use artificial intelligence (AI) to recognize and reduce background noise, making speech brighter.

His reasoning wasn't entirely off. He understood that hearing aids could help improve speech clarity in noisy environments. However, what he overlooked was how the brain processes new sounds.

It's the introduction of new sounds that thwarts his intention. When we hear an unidentified sound our brain goes on alert, part of our flight, fight or freeze survival mechanism. New sounds are initially perceived as potential threats, and the brain reacts to each one. I often explain this by saying the brain is "showing off" all the sounds it can hear.

The best way to train your brain to hear well in a restaurant is by wearing your hearing aids consistently. Wear your hearing aids in a quiet house, running into the grocery store or even stopping by the library. Regular use of your hearing aids helps your brain adapt to different sounds. Over time, your brain will learn to tune out unwanted noise and focus on what's important like conversations.

By wearing quality hearing aids which brighten speech in noise and training your brain, you are able to be more engaged while dining out with friends.

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Clutch
- 6. Engage in
- 10. Combines
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Minerals
- 16. Voucher
- 17. Coniferous forest
- 18. Regrets
- 19. Bay
- 20. Stuporous
- 22. Detail
- 23. Not new
- 24. Low point
- 26. Worldwide
- 30. Stash
- 32. Scrutinize
- 33. Pomp
- 37. Pretentious person
- 38. Desert watering holes
- 39. You (archaic)
- 40. Idioms
- 42. Offering little or no hope
- 43. Twiddled one's thumbs
- 44. Purchasers
- 45. Chocolate source
- 47. Not thin
- 48. Roman robe
- 49. Hyperactive
- 56. Wicked
- 57. Knockout
- 58. Custom
- 59. Peddle
- 60. Distinctive flair
- 61. Genus of heath
- 62. 3
- 63. Break
- 64. Adjust again

**DOWN**

- 1. An international trade treaty
- 2. Towards the back
- 3. Diva's solo
- 4. Portent or omen
- 5. Navy jacket
- 6. Planet
- 7. African sheep
- 8. Nerd
- 9. Flavoring extracts
- 10. Without intention
- 11. Hindu loincloth
- 12. Scuba user
- 13. Flower stalk
- 21. Addition
- 25. Revelation response
- 26. Sharp intake of breath
- 27. Moon goddess
- 28. Scent
- 29. According to the Bible
- 30. Enclosed
- 31. Anagram of "Sage"
- 33. Rate
- 34. You (archaic)
- 35. Big laugh
- 36. Guffaws
- 38. Witness
- 41. American Dental Association
- 42. Meat retailer
- 44. Sheep sound
- 45. Shroud
- 46. Nimble
- 47. Not back
- 48. Exam
- 50. Low-lying area
- 51. Nestling hawk
- 52. Empty weight
- 53. Nile bird
- 54. Moral weakness
- 55. French for "State"





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