



A Fresh Look Gives a Good Feeling



Antionette Doublin, Administrator of The Sylvestery, styles a resident's hair.

During this time of restrictions, we all have something we miss the most. For many people not being able to visit the hair salon is a big loss. Last Friday, four residents of The Sylvestery had a special treat – they were able to get their hair washed and styled.

“The staff has been washing our residents’ hair, but they don’t have the time to style it. I just started thinking, I could do this. I had a license back in the day,” said Antionette Doublin, Administrator of The Sylvestery.

This Friday Antionette will wash and style four more residents’ hair and so on every Friday until the quarantine is over.

And how did the residents like it? “They were just in love. It’s important to look and feel good. I sent pictures to all the families so they could see their new hair styles and the families were happy too,” said Antionette.

The Vinson Hall Library is Here for You

Need a good book to read while you’re spending more time in your apartment? The Vinson Hall Library is open and has many new books. Librarian Mary Blair, working from home, orders books residents have requested and researches other books that would make good additions to the library. With the help of resident volunteers she also evaluates donations to determine which ones would be appropriate for the collection.



New additions can’t be processed yet, but Mary has suggested a way to make them available for loan. See an annotated list of new books in a notebook on the New Book Shelf in the library. For an emailed copy of the list, send a request to library volunteer Carol Henderson at carolhenderson@mac.com. Books can be borrowed for a month. See the list for how to request a title.

—Thanks from Carol Henderson, Sue Clark, and Mary Blair

Neighborly News

A Cold Dog, a Request, and a Connection

Little Tomas was chilly. He would shiver during his daily walks. His loving caretakers purchased him sweaters, but even the smallest size slid off his slight frame. Out of concern for Tomas, a flyer was posted in the mailroom: "Need a project? New Chihuahua needs a jacket."

Yes, Tomas is a dog – Judy and Bill Clair’s new pet, which they adopted earlier this year. Judy explained that he arrived with the name Thomas, however, they changed the name to Tomas to reflect his Puerto Rican origins.

Tomas is adapting well to life here at VHRC. He is learning to eat his food slowly, rather than grabbing it and running. And he loves to sit on laps. However, he has very little fur – hence, the request for the dog sweater.

"I thought it would be a grand project, especially if a person liked to knit. I do not knit. So, I posted the flyer, and for a long time I heard nothing. Then I got a phone call from Marge Matthews, saying her daughter had knitted the sweater," said Judy.

Marge had sent a photo of the flyer to her daughter with the measurements. "My daughter learned to knit by watching a YouTube video! Prior to COVID, she would knit all the time when traveling for work. I thought this would be a fun project for her. Just by coincidence, my daughter



Marge Matthews, left, gives Judy Clair a sweater knitted by her daughter for Tomas, the Chihuahua.

opted for red yarn with a blue trim – the same colors as the Puerto Rican flag," said Marge.

Up until that phone call, Judy had not met Marge and certainly not her daughter. "It was a great way to connect, which we haven't been able to do because of the virus. And we are so grateful for the sweater," said Judy.

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