



EDMOND SENIOR CENTER Members Laugh and Learn with Speaker Debbie Compton of The Purple Vine

When Elaine Fellers' father became sick in 2007, she helped care for him and says that God called her to work with seniors after her experience.

Today, as Program Coordinator at Edmond Senior Center in Edmond, Oklahoma, she has the rewarding but sometimes challenging mission of providing a calendar full of stimulating activities and events for the 180 plus members coming through ESC's doors each weekday.

ESC's purpose is to serve independent adults 55 years and older to live their best possible life.

"Our members' ages range from 55 on up through their 80s and 90s," says Elaine.

With several hundred active members attending at different times and days, there are a wide variety of interests to cater to. One topic that interests most members is healthy, happy, safe aging.

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Edmond Senior Center's Challenge

- To fill activities calendar with engaging, informative, beneficial speakers and events

Solution

- Speaker Debbie Compton provides presentations tailored specifically for ESC members' interests

Results

- Well-attended events
- Members are delighted and laugh throughout presentations
- Helpful information shared in a fun atmosphere
- Members ask for Debbie to return



Debbie Compton
The Purple Vine



When Elaine heard Debbie Compton, a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, speak at another location, she asked if she would come give an educational presentation at ESC. As Elaine had predicted, Debbie was a hit.

"Debbie always draws a big crowd. Our members love her and they always ask for her to come back," Elaine explains.

Elaine is happy to comply with her members' requests to have Debbie return. She has visited several more times, always with a fresh new presentation full of valuable information. Best of all, her sessions are always interactive and filled with smiles and laughter.

Edmond Senior Center members are active and vital senior adults. They are interested and curious and are proactive in learning ways to keep themselves active and healthy in mind and body. ESC's programs help them do just that.

Having a speaker like Debbie who can truly understand and address the concerns senior adults have in a friendly, personal way helps Elaine fulfill her and ESC's mission to help these wonderful people continue to live their best possible life.

Elaine says:

"Debbie is animated and involved with the members. People feel comfortable with her. She makes great eye contact with everyone, and she listens."

"She's personal, honest and trustworthy. She is very knowledgeable about aging and dementia issues."



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