

Sorry for the few errors in our first send out. Here is the corrected version.

Welcome to the month of May. We cannot deny that the past few months have probably been challenging in a positive, negative and confusing way. Many have embraced this time and have suddenly become teachers, Chef's, puzzle masters, seamstresses or perhaps have found that we all have hidden talents that were lying in wait. For others, it's the new found time with family, found creative ways to keep in touch with family and friends, have celebrated milestones in a more modern way but we know that life will get busy again. We are hoping that people can remember to make Sunday family dinner a priority, when things eventually return to "normal".

In this newsletter, we will talk about how to boost and support your immune

system while we are patiently waiting for things to get back to normal again.

It's no secret that antioxidants are incredibly beneficial to good health. It's believed the antioxidants in food can help slow aging, enhance your immune system, increase your energy and improve heart and other organ health.

Given all we know about antioxidants and their beneficial properties, it's amazing more people don't get enough fruits and vegetables, the primary sources of antioxidants. Experts recommend a minimum of 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily, but say getting 7-10 servings is best.

There are some steps to getting more antioxidants into your diet.

1. Breakfast

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2. Snacks

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strawberries

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yogurt.

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Need

crunch?

How

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baby

carrots

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peppers

dipped

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hummus?

Consider

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handful

of pecans for crunch and а nice antioxidant boost. 3. Lunch and dinner lt might sound trite, but adding а salad to each of your main daily meals can add loads to your overall health and wellbeing. lf you're going classic, add some red

pepper

to your green salad, some tomatoes to the Greek salad, or tart cranberries to your field greens. Whip up а broccoli salad for lunch. 4. Dessert Berries, with or without whipped cream or dark chocolate are а wonderful way to end your day of healthy,

slices

antioxidantrich eating. 5. Beverages Replace your soda with tea or black coffee, both of which boast antioxidant compounds. Have а glass of wine with dinner, or for а real change of pace, pour а cup of green or chai tea. 6. Think outside the

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than blueberries, experts say. So to your rice salad full of vegetables, add some beans for even more antioxidants. 7. Cook lightly You think you're being good, preparing vegetables each night for your family's dinner. lf you're overcooking the vegetables, however, you're cooking out а lot

of the beneficial properties of the antioxidants. Steam (don't boil) vegetables, and stop cooking them when they will have all of their bright color and most of their bite. 8. Learn to cook lf you're cooking, you're

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peeling vegetables, preparing whole foods and paying attention to how things are cooked. you're ordering out every night, you're far less likely to be eating the whole foods and natural

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Upcoming

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We are excited to announce that we have taken our Full Bodied Nutrition Wellness Initiative and created an e-book for you. We have made modifications and added to the Initiative and significantly reduced the price. This will be available for purchase through our website in May 2020!

We were successful in creating "a social distancing" Come Dine with Us - but boy oh boy are we missing not doing this together! We have so much fun and can't wait be back together in our kitchen.

Have an idea that you would like to share with us? Please feel free to contact us at anytime to share your ideas.

Janice's email Ginette's email

Holistic Hub

Nourishment: Antioxidants. We know they are great at boosting your immune system, keeping the "bad guys" out and counteracting free radicals. With the increase of screen time, less exercise, less fresh air and more processed



foods, due to the current pandemic, this is crucial time to increase antioxidant rich foods. The best ways to do that is to increase consuming foods that include the ACES - Vitamins A.C, E and add a bit of Selenium to the mix and you have a recipe for success.

Lifestyle: Why not plant a garden now that you have some time on your hands, get the kids involved. It's a win win....they learn how to plant, watch it grow and reap the benefits of the fresh, delicious and full of nutrient dense foods.

The Stress Connection: Did you know that 1 minute of anger (stress response) weakens your immune system for up to 5 hours whereas 1 minute of laughter can BOOST the immune system for up to 24 hours?

Wellness Challenge: Meditation is such a great way to relieve stress and calm the body and there are so many forms of meditation. Whether you need it to destress, unwind from a crazy day, to wake up and get ready for your day, or to fall asleep, meditation can help. We challenge you this month to try a 5 minute meditation and let us know what works best for you.



Ongoing Initiatives

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Check out our most recent blog post, Be Healthier with Veggies.

Due to the requested government social distancing and self isolation, our Wellness Initiative is now FREE for a limited time for those still interested in making and achieving their health and wellness

goals. This is a do-at-your-own pace mini course will provide you with a strong foundation in nutritional and lifestyle education. All restrictions have been removed so you can do as much or as little as you like.

12 week Wellness Initiative Program

Don't forget to check our social media for all kinds of tips, info and a few laughs. You can find them here:

Facebook Instagram Twitter

Don't forget to check out our Cupcakes and Kale podcast, now available in iTunes. Simply look us up in the search bar!

Wishing you well, Janice and Ginette









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