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# **FEBRUARY 2023**



The Lupus Foundation of America works to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus

through programs of research, education, support and advocacy. Stay educated, empowered, and connected to lupus resources, programs, and support

www.lupus.org



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# The Vegan Diet for **Beginners Plan**

(before starting any diet consult your healthcare professional, such as a doctor or registered dietitian)

First of all, what is a vegan diet? It's a diet where animal products are omitted as well as dairy and eggs.

What are some health benefits of a vegan diet? Reduced incidents of heart disease, and high blood pressure. Some other benefits may include lower cancer risk, weight loss, and lower risk of type 2 diabetes, and promote a healthy gut and immune system.

What are deficiencies of a vegan diet? Key nutrients such as vitamin B-12, iron, calcium, vitamin D, omega-3 fatty acids, zinc and iodine may result in low levels.

What are some foods that can replace animal products? Nutritious foods can include tofu, mushrooms, potatoes, eggplant, lentils, beans and legumes, cauliflower, nuts, peanut butter or other nut butters and beets.

www.shape.com

# How Mindfulness Techniques Can Help Your Relationship

The world is full of distractions that can lead to increased stressed that can cause strain within relationships. Mindfulness exercises are centered around the breath to slow down, relax and connect in different ways. It can come in the form of meditation, expressing appreciation, stay engaged and stay open to your partner's feelings and needs. www.naturalawakeningsnwf.com

# **ABOUT US**

We are part of a national force devoted to solving the cruel mystery of lupus by raising critical funds to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus. I had to learn how to manage the daily challenges of a disease that's both chronic and unpredictable. Healthy living is good for everyone, but especially for people with lupus.

For more resources go to: www.nwflupus.org













According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cardiovascular disease is the worlds number one cause of death

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Volunteer Committee Meeting** Odd Pelican 355 Bull Dog Road, Unit 103

Freeport

6pm-7pm

# Friday, February 24th

**Bingo Night for Lupus** Blount House 541 Kylea Laird Drive Freeport

6pm – 8pm

#### Friday, March 24th

**Volunteer Committee Meeting** Hammock Bay Club House, theatre room

Freeport

1pm-2pm

#### Friday, March 31st

**Bingo Night for Lupus** 

Blount House 541 Kylea Laird Drive Freeport

6pm - 8pm

## Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Bingo Night for Lupus** 

Blount House 541 Kylea Laird Drive Freeport

6pm - 8pm

### Saturday, May 20th

**Bay Area Health & Wellness Expo** Hammock Bay Town Center Freeport

10am-3pm

### Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Bingo Night for Lupus**

Blount House 541 Kylea Laird Drive Freeport

6pm - 8pm