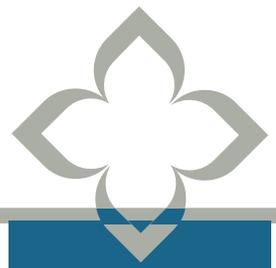


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## Dining Etiquette 101

What does it mean to orphan a salt shaker? Is it proper to pass from the right or left? What do you do with your napkin at the end of the meal? These are all questions that were reviewed as the Council on Life Long Engagement interacted with Nativity's Eighth Grade Class. Margo Fisher-Bellman, Nativity School Language Arts Teacher, had an idea for a long time and wondered if CLLE could help bring it to fruition. Mrs. Bellman had noticed on several occasions, both professional and personal, that many rules of dining etiquette were quickly being lost. She also realized that having such tools can be important first impressions and even career advancement. The elders were able to deliver Mrs. Bellman's idea of introducing etiquette to her 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Three Deupree House residents gave a "Manners 101" class complete with an etiquette guide for each student. They shared some of their own experiences while teaching the ins and outs of dining etiquette. Students were given the chance to set a "fancy" place setting with the help of a diagram in their guide. The classroom session ended with a



David Lowry dines with a 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

round of CLLE's version of Family Feud called "Polite or Rude?" A few days later, fifty eighth graders arrived at Deupree House dressed to impress for a formal luncheon

with the residents. At the meal, the students were

able to apply their appropriate dining skills and table conversation.



Elizabeth Williams shares a laugh with students at her table

More than 15 residents volunteered to dine with the students.

A deck of conversation starters were at each table to help facilitate dialogue and interaction. The groups didn't need these cards, however. After the first course, a hum of conversation and laughter filled the dining room.

When the students returned to school, they reflected on the two-part series. The sentiment was that the sessions were worthwhile and should be repeated for other 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the future. One student remarked that the etiquette portion



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class from Nativity come to Deupree House for lunch.

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was the smallest part of the program. “What was most special was about the even was relating to the elders.” The residents had similar reflections. One elder commented that he had restored faith about the youth of today. CLLE’s mission is to change student’s view of elders. That mission is being realized at Nativity. A surprised outcome is how the students are changing the elders view about the younger generation!



A special thank you is extended to the residents and staff that made this event possible. Joan & Phil Maechling, Aldy Kuertz, and Jack Fix created and presented Manners 101 presentation in the classroom. Michelle Cole, Judi Dean, and Rochelle Dietz served as staff support to the residents. The following Deupree House and Marjorie Lee residents attended the luncheon:

- Helen Fix
- Jack Fix
- Mary Beth Foxworthy
- Charlotte Williams
- Mary Beth Lowry
- David Lowry
- Louise Mandell
- Betty Gruesser
- Betsy Baldwin
- Bob LaShelle
- Harriett Krumpelman
- Victor deLorenzo
- Elizabeth Williams
- Jack Williams
- Anita Korchmar



Megan Kron and Kathy Oney created a beautiful Etiquette Booklet for the students to use as a reference. Lastly, a huge thank you to Pete Juszczuk and the dining services team for hosting the luncheon!

