

There is a turbulent ongoing activity at Windsor Gardens that functions all on it's own, vibrant and forceful.

In tackling any project, facts really help to keep things in perspective. So what is WINDSOR Gardens? It's an independent living community. Population about four thousand - gender Female-80% male- 20%, minimal entry age 55.

Just a few conclusions...Independent living community implies residents are independent by nature, translates, set in their ways and values. They are survivors having outlived most of If not all of their peers. They all have to make major adjustments and are looking for a fit in a homogenous society.

Enter turbulent ongoing activity, for lack of a better term, I will call it "connectivity," the necessity to be a part of a community is an inherent characteristic of the human animal. We are survivors because of a distinct quirk in our brain. By all the rules of nature, we should be extinct, but here we are and not only are we here but we dominate the planet. The how when would turn this into a novel. I am not a writer, more observer and commentator and limited to five hundred words.

In looking at the four thousand people in this community I am struck by two things, first we all come from a male dominated society, second we are now members of a female majority society. The adjustments necessary for connectivity are a challenge to set and fixed ways.

An informal count lists thirty five clubs, six religious groups, and miscellaneous craft clubs. This makes up the greater mass of the turbulent stream and as in every stream there are little currents beneath the surface. the search for the right connection usually starts with a neighbor, who resides in your building. From there the more activities one investigates the better a chance for a connection.

Since the population at "Windsor Gardens" is fluid this stream is turbulent. New feeders are constantly entering the stream and due to the mean age of the population there is a constant outflow as well as inflow. The connectivity action is constant and ongoing. One more observation, regardless of gender there seem to be those in the population who seem to have Given up. They are signaling by their body language "I am tired and I really do not care." This lack of care about how they look and dress discourages new approach by others in the Stream. So the turbulence passes them by. Just making it harder to find a satisfactory NICHE.

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