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Honoring the Memory of Edward R. Feil

The Validation community is saddened by the death of Edward R. Feil. Ed's films and videos made sharing Validation with the world easier and more impactful. Together, Naomi and Ed made a powerful film-making team. Ed died peacefully at the age of 96 earlier this month. You can watch a video tribute to Ed here. He was loved and cared for by many people around the world. Donations can be made in his honor here.

Basic Validation Course Begins April 15

Our new online, interactive Basic Validation training begins on April 15th! It is designed for both professional and non-professional caregivers to help you gain knowledge and skills to better communicate with older adults living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The course will be taught by Validation teachers Heather McCool and Nancy Brown. If you enroll five or more team members you are eligible for a discounted rate. A payment plan is also available for those facing financial hardship. Register now.

New Literature Review Highlights Validation

The Validation Training Institute team is excited to share that a new literature review on Validation has been published! This research article highlights the effectiveness of Validation and how it makes it easier for professionals to care for older adults, reduces burnout levels and increases competence in the management of complex situations that occur in caregiving. Learn more here.

News from the Caritas Pflege Wien AVO in Austria

The first online exams were successfully held. On January 25-26, 2021, 11 Level 1 course participants took their practical exam via Zoom and passed. Thanks to the commitment of Sarka Lahner and her co-trainers Alexandra Kaiser and Anna Fink, as well as the exam chair Brigitte Weinlich, the course could be completed after more than one year. The AVO is very proud and happy that after a time full of additional challenges, in connection with the coronavirus pandemic, they could now complete the course. Congratulations to the 11 new Validation Workers! Read this update in German.

Updates from the VASI AVO in Switzerland

The new AVO in Italian-speaking Switzerland writes:

This year we created a website and trained 2 Teachers. Additionally, we wrote articles in journals in order to promote Validation. And finally, we created a working group to integrate the Validation method in care communities. Read this update in Italian.

Thank You Bedrock Supporters!

As part of our 2020 Fall Fundraiser, we offered supporters who made a donation at the Bedrock Level ($260 and above) the opportunity to be featured in this newsletter issue. We are truly grateful for the support of these donors: Rita Altman, Nancy Brown, Troy Breidenbach, Cody Erwin, Ed Feil, Dane McGregor & Beth Rubin, Meaghan McMahon, Kathia Munsch and Bernice Wollman. Watch video testimonials from our supporters here.

Calendar

Validation Talk and Techniques Monthly Meet-Up
Learn more and register here
Time: 5pm PST/6pm MST/7pm CST/8pm EST
Dates: Feb 25th, March 25th and April 29th

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