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Touchmark welcomes public to viewing of “The Age of Love”

FARGO, N.D. — The public is invited to a screening of “The Age of Love,” a documentary featuring a group of seniors who take part in a speed-dating event for 70- to 90-year olds. The film breaks down stereotypes and empowers people who are single to seek new companionship.

The film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at Touchmark at Harwood Groves, 1200 Harwood Drive S. Following the film, a panel discussion will be held focusing on the issue of senior dating. There is no charge, but to ensure adequate seating for this popular film, those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting Touchmark at 701-476-1200.

Touchmark resident Don Hogenson is looking forward to the screening and the discussion that follows. “I hope the people who watch the film gain a better understanding of what senior dating is like and become more open to the idea, even if it isn’t for them,” he said.

Hogenson expects the documentary will be a learning experience for both the audience and those who take part in the discussion. “There are many similarities between dating as a young adult and dating as someone in your 70s or 80s,” he said. “There are the same insecurities, like the fear of rejection and the fear of what others may think.”

A panel discussion following the film will include Hogenson, registered nurse Ann Anderson, and Patty Corwin, a senior lecturer of sociology at North Dakota State University. “The Age of Love” filmmaker Steven Loring will join the panel via Skype as participants discuss the film, dating and the relationships adults embark on later in life.

Touchmark will host a speed-dating event Wednesday, June 29 in the afternoon. For more information, contact Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Anne-Marie Fitz at 701-476-1200.

About the panelists

Steven Loring received his MFA in Social Documentary Filmmaking from the School of Visual Arts. His focus is on creating films that examine the cultural and interior lives of unfamiliar and overlooked populations. Also a screenwriter, Loring has written eight Movies of the Week for NBC, CBS and Lifetime. In “The Age of Love,” Loring explores

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the humor and poignancy as 30 seniors take stock of aging bodies and still-hopeful hearts and confront the reality of seeking new relationships at the far reaches of life.

Ann Anderson, RN, is the daughter of a Touchmark resident as well as a pastor and registered nurse.

Patty Corwin is a sociologist at North Dakota State University, business consultant, motivational speaker and corporate trainer. Her seminars cover such topics as management training, supervision, marketing, sales, personal development, selection and retention and public relations. At NDSU, she has received the prestigious Blue Key Doctor of Service Award and Robert Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has also taught at Great Falls University in Montana, University of Minnesota at Moorhead and the United Tribes Development Corporation in Bismarck, North Dakota. Additionally, she served as a police detective with the Fargo Police Department.

Don Hogenson attended several universities as well as served in the Navy. Married for almost 60 years to Carol, Don enjoys the couple's four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He capped a 40-year career in management/executive positions as president of an aerospace company. Among his favorite pursuits today is reading "The Wall Street Journal" to stay current on national and world events.

About Touchmark

A full-service retirement community, Touchmark at Harwood Groves offers people 55-plus years a full life. There is a wide range of homes and lifestyle options as well as an on-site health and fitness club, which is open to anyone over 40. For more information, visit Touchmark.com.

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