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A Walk in the Wetlands

by Alisha Sharma



Wetlands are a very important part of our community. They serve as a habitat for birds and other animals, especially when things such as city development force the animals out of their homes. Well, I'm here to support the idea of going to the wetlands more often. Let me share my experiences in the wetlands with you.

I enjoy going to a trail in the Silverado community which runs along a lively wetland. My favourite thing to do there is birdwatching. There's a good range of birds in the wetland, so I recommend doing a bit of birdwatching in your free time. Common birds found there include yellow-headed blackbirds, red-winged blackbirds, Grackles, American Robins and if you're lucky, you'll find some ducks there as well. And the occasional run-in with the dreaded Canadian Geese!

The wetlands are also a great place to just walk, enjoy the view, and find a bit of time for yourself, which I know some people really struggle with. It's calming, especially with all the sights and sounds; it definitely helps get rid of any stress. So, if you're looking for your next "you-time" destination, check out the wetlands and see what you think.

I've recently noticed that each time I've walked or cycled in the wetlands, I've felt more active. My guess is it's all the Vitamin D from the sun (but still, don't forget sunscreen!). I feel I've improved my physical activity and I feel really good after a peaceful walk. I'm a kid and so far, being in the wetlands has piqued my curiosity because of the variety of creatures and plants. I just can't help but explore it.

I hope you will begin exploring your local wetlands. Maybe next time you need somewhere to walk, to have a bit of "you-time", or even to meet new people, make sure to try the wetlands.

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How to Deal with Resentment: A Better Way to Process the Poison We Drink, Expecting the Other to Die

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



In the recovery community, resentment is a hot topic. It's often referred to as "drinking poison hoping the other person will die." Psychologist Susan Albers, PsyD, shares some of the signs you might be harbouring resentment, along with ways you can pull yourself out of it.

Resentment is a complex emotional reaction to being or feeling mistreated or wronged by another person, situation, or series of circumstances. Resentment can feel like a mix of anger, bitterness, disgust, or disappointment toward the person or events from your perception. It can be triggered by several things:

- Being taken advantage of by others.
- Being put down, dismissed, or ignored.
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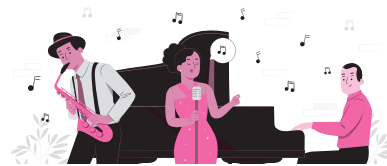
The challenge with resentment is that if you hold onto it tightly, it becomes harder to forgive or let go and move on from the situation. When you've been mistreated or wronged, it's common to experience an overlap of negative emotions that continue to resurface and return whenever you're confronted with these individuals, situations, or memories. These emotions may include anger, hostility, hate, bitterness, discomfort, or disgust. Suppressing these emotions over time, can lead to resentment, which can have significant negative effects on your mental and physical health. "In the short-term, suppressing feelings may seem like a way of coping. However, in the long run, pushing down or ignoring emotions can be an entry into mental health issues like PTSD, trauma, depression, and anxiety," warns Dr. Albers.

Resentment can make it difficult to let go of your anger. You find yourself hyper-focusing on these feelings, especially whenever you're confronted by the person or situation that caused them in the first place. You might even be enraged or experience strong urges to seek revenge. These things can take a significant toll on your mental and physical health. "Emotions are not solely confined to our minds; they can also take residence in our bodies," clarifies Dr. Albers. "Anger, if left unaddressed, can manifest physically by increasing your heart rate and blood pressure, causing muscle tension and headaches, digestive issues, weakening your immune system, and causing sleep disturbances. These can all put you at higher risk for cardiovascular issues like high blood pressure and heart disease or chronic conditions like diabetes and autoimmune disorders."

When emotions like resentment linger, we tend to associate it with other feelings like regret, shame, guilt, or remorse, especially if we're made to feel like we're at fault. When you're resentful, you're on guard. Why would you ever surround yourself with the same people or situations that hurt you again from the start? We see this often in relationships. If you've been wronged in the past by a previous partner, you might resent them

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and anyone else who reminds you of them or presents that kind of behaviour because it triggers your fears and anxiety around betrayal and lack of commitment. On the surface, resentment may appear to offer you the ability to have power and control over the situation. But internally, it can cause real, long-lasting damage to your mental health. "At first, it may seem like avoiding the situation is a way of coping. However, by engaging in avoidance behavior, we inadvertently fuel the flames of resentment, allowing it to fester and intensify inward," says Dr. Albers.

When you're ready to let go, and leave resentment in the past, these steps are useful:

- Do a personal inventory of what's important to you. What would it take for you to "settle the score"? Are you looking for an apology? Are you looking for an explanation? Or are you looking to make amends?
- Acknowledging where you stand on the issue, what you need in order to heal, and what your expectations are for yourself and the other party involved are the keys to handling any unresolved conflict.
- "Empathy plays a vital role in putting a stop to resentment, as it allows us to step into the shoes of others and understand their perspective," says Dr. Albers. "Coming to terms with the person or situation that caused resentment can open the door to healing and closure, as it enables us to find empathy towards ourselves and create space for forgiveness and growth."
- When you're steeped in doubt and negativity, lean on the people, places, and things that bring you peace and positivity by practicing gratitude. Try keeping a gratitude journal of all the things that make you happy and serve as a positive step toward improving your well-being.

"It's OK to seek support because navigating resentment alone is not easy," reaffirms Dr. Albers. "Working with a therapist can help you to see the situation from a new perspective and access self-compassion, which becomes key to making a manageable journey of healing and growth."

Finding ways to practice self-love and compassion will not only set you up for success in the future. It will also help you recognize that when you feel like you're caught in the throes of resentment, you can stop drinking the poison hoping the other person will die.

Korean Beef Bowl

by Jennifer Puri

Ceramic rice bowls are believed to have originated in Japan and then migrated to Korea, China, and other parts of Asia. Distinguished by their nature influenced designs, motifs, durability, and water absorbency, Japanese earthenware is perhaps the oldest ceramic tradition in the world.

Incredibly versatile, rice bowls combine fresh vegetables, grains, and protein making them a colourful and healthy dinner choice.

You can create different versions of rice bowls by layering the bowls with a combination of cooked white, brown, or yellow rice, raw or roasted vegetables, chicken or beef. Toppings could include pickled ginger, basil leaves, toasted peanuts or sesame seeds and a drizzle of gochujang or sriracha sauce.

This quick and easy to prepare Korean Beef Bowl is a combination of fresh flavours and just the right amount of spice.

Prep Time: 12 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp soya sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp gochujang sauce
- 2 cups of thinly sliced cucumber
- 2 cups of thinly sliced carrots
- 2 cups of thinly sliced radish
- 3 green onions thinly sliced
- 4 fried or boiled eggs
- 4 cups cooked white rice



Directions:

- In a frying pan or skillet cook the ground beef until browned about three to four minutes. Add the ginger, garlic and red pepper and continue to cook.
- In a small bowl blend together the soya sauce, honey, salt, pepper and the gochujang sauce. Pour the sauce over the browned beef and continue cooking for another two to three minutes or until beef is fully cooked. Add the sesame oil and remove the pan from the heat.
- Assemble four bowls with warmed cooked rice, beef, sliced cucumbers, carrots, radishes, and fried or boiled eggs. Garnish with green onions and a drizzle of gochujang or sriracha sauce and serve.

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As needed as this was, it's another band-aid solution to a chronic problem. We desperately need new schools to be built, not just modulars.

A trustee with the Calgary Board of Education says there are 33 schools overflowing to 48 other schools in the district, which means students are traveling further from home.

A principal at one school in Calgary-Currie said they were welcoming 15 new students every month.

We also need investments in staffing. There are many classrooms that are packed with up to 40 students and more and more of them have complex needs that impact their ability to learn.

Last October, I heard from a teacher who described how her colleagues often ended their days in tears. Others took stress leave after just one month of school while others were considering quitting altogether.

Teachers are burning out and hiring more education assistants could help ease the burden.

Alberta reported an enormous \$4.3 billion surplus in June, yet our province continues to be last in Canada on per student operational funding, roughly \$2,000 below the national average.

I plan to visit more schools this year, but I want to hear from parents directly about any concerns they have about their children's classrooms. Please send me an email and share your thoughts. We can advocate for enhancing their education together.

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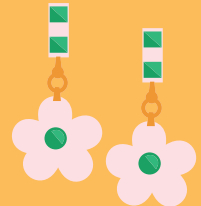
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