January 2022 Newsletter "From Maria's Desk"

January Foods to Eat

This is the month to eat warming & moisturizing foods! Load up your fridge and pantry with carrots, celery, squash, garlic, chicken, spinach, beans, black tea and barley and start making soups, stews, pots of tea, and warm salads.



January Books to Read

This is a wonderful time of year to read books which inspire and enlighten! My recommendations are:

- Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own Person by Shonda Rhimes
- 2) **Atomic Habits** by James Clear
- 3) **30 Summers More** by Dwayne Clark



Welcome in the Year of You!

Are you as happy as I am to say goodbye to 2021? I have been so excited to welcome 2022 that I purchased my planner for the year back in September! I get the same feeling at the beginning of a new year as I used to when I was a student and school started in September. It is a new slate, a clean chalkboard, and a great chance to start over. When I put my holiday decorations away, I move the furniture around, clear out clutter, get my office supplies, exercise equipment and winter sweaters organized, decorate with cozy white throws and white candles, and stock my pantry with seasonal teas and healthy snacks. My intention is to make this the **YEAR of YOU** for each of every one of my students and clients. Whatever I may do to support you in living your healthiest life, I invite you to join me on this wonderful journey! Whether you need encouragement to eat better, a cheerleader to push you to put fitness on the top of your personal to-do list, or a friend to support you through a health project, please know I am here for you every step of the way!

Wishing you a year of great health! ~ Maria

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January TO DO List

Kick off the new year by refreshing, renewing and recharging! Try to fit in as many things on this list as possible to make the first month of the year one that will set you up for 12 months of living your best life!

- 1) **EMPTY your FRIDGE**, scrub it clean and fill it with citrus fruits, avocados, jars of nuts for snacking, and pomegranate juice.
- Create a "COLD & FLU" Kit and load it with the essentials for surviving anything that may come your way. Honey, VICKS, Echinacea Tea, Ginger Drops, Epsom Salts, a thermometer & COVID rapid tests.
- 3) **Eat for THYROID Health!** Come to as many Qi Gong classes as you can this month to get my nutritional recs for the month. Hint: Vitamin B!

What We Will Be Working on Together This Month

- It's "Thyroid Awareness Month" so I will be bringing you health tips and nutritional recommendations to support the health of your thyroid.
- Qi Gong Routines for Winter Survival to keep you strong and healthy!
- 3) **Eating for the season!** I will be giving you recommendations this month for the best foods to eat to give your body a boost this season.



