From the Editor

Re-enaging in Occupations

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

These meaningful words from Mary Oliver’s poem, The Summer Day, inspire me daily. Today is no exception as I write this From the Editor in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, USA. There is about a foot of snow on the ground as I look out the window, and see tents/huts where people are ice fishing. It is exciting to see that people are starting to re-engage in those meaningful activities which in occupational therapy we call occupation. Occupation refers to the everyday activities that occupy our time and bring meaning and purpose to life.

I am cautiously re-engaging in occupations that I have postponed since March 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic such as seeing a play on Broadway, having friends over to my home for dinner, and flying to visit relatives. I have many plans for my “one wild and precious life” as I re-engage more in the future.

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As I conclude this From the editor, I ask you: What are your plans for your “one wild and precious life”?

Cheers,

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