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Couples Renew Vows After 60 Years of Love, Marriage in Cherry Hill



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CHERRY HILL, N.J. (WPVI) --Cherry Hill Mayor Chuck Cahn did the honors as eight senior citizen couples renewed their marriage vows for Valentine's Day at the Spring Hills assisted living community in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Clutching hands and small bouquets, the couples recited vows most of them took more than 62 years ago.

"It's sort of romantic, and it sort of gives you another commitment," said Robert Maro, who jokingly added it feels like it's been longer than 62 years since he first said "I do."

"You have to learn to smile and don't be very bossy," said Doris Maro.

Phyllis and Arnold Cohen, who have been married 63 years, decided to tie the knot again.

"Make a nice touch to our marriage and makes us appreciate each other more. Right Arnie?" said Phyllis Cohen.

Carole and Maurice Karen have been together 60 years. Her secret?

"The only thing I tell anyone that asks me is always say yes, yes, dear, whatever you say dear," said Carole Karen. "And then you turn around and do what you want."

The husbands and wives may be infirm, their hair is gray or now gone altogether, but after decades of marriage their bond has never been stronger.

"He's done a beautiful job. I'm very fortunate to have him," said Mildred Seltzer of her husband Arthur.

Arthur Seltzer was on Omaha Beach during D-Day in World War II. He survived that and 67 years of marriage - his sense of humor has survived, too.

"I promised her father when I asked for her hand in marriage and he told me take the whole body," said said Arthur Seltzer. "I said I would take excellent care of her and I think I have."

The couples posed for pictures, took a short turn on the dance floor if they could.

It was a moment to rejoice in relationships that have stood the test of time, producing children, grand and great grandchildren and fulfilling the vow: as long as we both shall live.