Wesley Manor Residents Horse Around on Western Day

The RN Risk Manager at Wesley Manor (Dothan) Tracy Linville brought her two horses, Racer and Sugar, for the residents to enjoy on August 18th for Western Day. Residents & staff donned their western wear, enjoyed a barbeque luncheon and had a rootin’ tootin’ high-falutin’ good time!

Friend of Wesley Manor Kim Bruner holds Sugar steady for a visit with resident Nancy Mitchell.

Kim Bruner, Dietary Manager Donna Everett, and RN Risk Manager Tracy Linville prepare Sugar and Racer on the lawn.

Wesley Acres’ Creative Conversion

Several residents at Wesley Acres (Decatur) asked the manager if there was space in the building where they could get together and quilt, sew, etc. “The residents were always getting together in one of the hall sitting areas which became very crowded,” said Elaine Phifer, manager of Wesley Acres. So when renovations began to install a fire sprinkler system and replace kitchen cabinets and other fixtures, Elaine decided that her old junk storage room would make a perfect hangout spot, if stripped and painted. “It was so beautiful,” said Elaine. “This is their room, they love it!” The machines belong to the residents, and the room is available for everyone’s use. Elaine says the room is used every day, not just as a sewing room, but a place to hang out and meet up with friends. Congratulations for a great idea that will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.

Pictured below are Virginia Morton, Jane Keenum and Imogene Smithson.
A Word From The President Emeritus

The Fountain of Love is central to the ministry of Methodist Homes. When you give to the Fountain of Love, your money goes to help people continue to live here. It does not go to help Methodist Homes stay in business. Your gifts directly affect the lives of people.

We are so grateful for your continued support and encouragement. As you can imagine, the economy has made it very difficult for many people to have the resources to give, so we know how very precious your donation dollars are.

Please continue encouraging your church to hold a special offering for the Fountain of Love. Ministers in both conferences are reporting to us that, for the most part, contributions are down in their churches and they are having trouble meeting their own budgets. However, a special offering is a great way for a church to raise funds specifically for the Fountain of Love ministry, even in an environment of decreased overall giving.

Even through economic ups and downs, God has blessed us with ongoing resources to provide financial assistance to the needy people who live with us. I believe He will continue to bless the Fountain of Love for years to come.

Thank you for your gifts and support.

Rev. A. Wray Tomlin

A Bountiful Fourth of July in Selma

Residents at The Epworth House (Selma) enjoyed a 4th of July cookout with hotdogs and hamburgers freshly grilled by residents Kenneth Andrews and Willie Sanders.

Residents sang patriotic songs as resident Betty Nichols accompanied them on the piano. Pictured below are Alean Givner in front, and L-R are Bessie Brown, Gladys McGhee, Christine Moore, Betty Green and Zeola Morrow. Ms. Givner, recognized for many years as Epworth’s most senior resident, passed away on August 9th at 97 years of age. She is missed.

That’s How the Cookie Crumbles –
Spirit of the ‘Cookie Man’ Lives On

On the Fair Haven (Birmingham) calendar you will find “Mark Norton Cookie Social”. Tommy Norton, son of lifelong Methodist Mark Norton (pictured above), proudly carries on the tradition his father began of passing out Bud’s Best Cookies to Fair Haven residents, which earned him the nickname, “The Cookie Man”. Though Mark Norton passed away in November 2008, his legacy lives on through his son.

Mark Norton did product demonstrations of Bud’s Best Cookies for years and missed the joy it gave him, so shortly after health problems prevented him from doing what he loved, owner Bud Cason donated Bud’s Best Cookies for Mark to distribute at Fair Haven. Since his father’s death, Tommy Norton has been passing out cookies to the residents in memory of his dad.

“My dad was an encourager,” said Tommy. “Even after suffering through the death of his wife, the loss of his vision, his home and a leg in just a short time, he still lived to make life easier for others.”

Mark Norton met Bud Cason during his 15-year career demonstrating products at local supermarket chains. Over the years a friendship developed. Tommy said Bud and his son Al were happy to allow Mark to have all the cookies he needed to spread joy at Fair Haven. They now allow Tommy to grab a number of boxes each month and hand cookies out to Fair Haven residents.
Golf Tournament Helps LEC Fund Top $300,000!

Wesley Gardens (Montgomery) celebrated a fund raising milestone by having raised a total of $302,845.01 in cash and pledges for the Life Enrichment Center. In addition to the constant stream of gifts and memorials to the fund, a “Swing fore Wesley Gardens” Golf Tournament held at Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course in Montgomery on June 17th raised $13,000. We’d like to say thank you for the special efforts Jack Fowler and Al Barnes, co-chairs of the Golf Committee, as well as Methodist Homes Board member and chairwoman of the Life Enrichment Center Committee, Martha John Allison. The Daniel Foundation of Alabama also recently awarded the Life Enrichment Center a grant of $7,500.

Martha John Allison with golfers Rev. Tim Thompson (Frazer UMC), and in the back are Don Stansell (LEC Architect), and David Christenbury ( Resident Sponsor).

Wesley Gardens resident Peggy Carroll with Tournament Chairman Jack Fowler. Ms. Carroll drove the refreshment cart around all day long and could be heard saying, “Hello, boys, can I interest you in something refreshing?”

Richard Higginbotham, monitor of the 17th Hole Give-Away.

“STAR GAZING” At Fair Haven

Fair Haven (Birmingham) cottage resident Vernon Miller (pictured left), and resident Paul Woolley (pictured right) join Tommy Norton for a little “Star Gazing.” Tommy is the son of former resident Mark Norton. See related Mark Norton story on Page 2.
Honoring Fathers & Mothers (continued from June)

In loving memory of Sam & Frances Cole – by Sam Cole, Jr.
In loving memory of June Nichols – by Jordan & Ann Gervin
In loving memory of Mrs. Gladys Little – by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Little
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Happy 5th Anniversary, Wesley Haven!

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Truly A Crowning Achievement

Jacqueline Lishkoff met Miss Alabama 2010, Ashley Davis, while representing Fair Haven at the August 9th crowning of the new Ms. Alabama Nursing Home. Thank you, Mrs. Lishkoff, for representing Fair Haven and Methodist Homes so well this past year as Ms. Alabama Nursing Home 2009. It was a fun and meaningful journey!