



Wesley Woods Senior Living, Inc.

Wesley Woods Word

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NAME OUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST ...

We had four submissions for our Name the Newsletter Contest. The winning name was *Wesley Woods Word* submitted by Tony Wood, Business Services Manager at St. John Towers. Tony will receive a portable DVD player. Congratulations Tony!



Tony Wood at St. John Towers

Wesley Woods Senior Living, Inc. (WWSL), the component of Wesley Woods that provides retirement housing and services, is dedicated to providing quality housing, health care, community based and other related services for older Georgians. WWSL's vision is to be recognized as the leading system of geriatric care and retirement communities in the Southeast region, differentiated by discovery, innovation and services that exceed public expectations.

This is an electronic newsletter that will be posted on the WWSL website periodically during the year to provide for you to keep us in touch with each other. Our goal is to better connect our retirement communities throughout north Georgia and to provide information from employees, administrative and leadership staff for everyone involved with making Wesley Woods Senior Living, Inc. a premiere senior housing organization.

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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION...

Want to recognize a friend or co-worker who has really worked hard to accomplish a difficult task for your retirement community? Please let us know for this section. A description of that person's accomplishment/s should first be reviewed with the person you wish to recognize.

We would love to include any photo you can send electronically or have it scanned and email it to linda.sharp@emoryhealthcare.org.

Branan Lodge•Wesley Mountain Village

Welcome to our new Business Manager, Rob Murray!

Rob and his family are no strangers to the mountains as he has been involved in local businesses and the community since retiring from the U.S. Army in 1996. Rob has also had twenty-one years of experience in the U.S. Army rising from the rank of Private to Lieutenant Colonel.

He is an active member of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Blairsville where he and his wife Vickie are Youth Mentors. Rob, Vickie, and their daughter Ashley live in Young Harris and their son, Robert, Jr. is a Lieutenant in the USMC at Camp Lejeune, NC.



In his current job, Rob supports Richard Smith in all areas of the Lodge as well as Wesley Mountain Village. He reviews all contracts that answer requests for proposals, screens contractors, handles all HR, Staffing, Safety & OSHA matters, works with maintenance manager daily on facility support, schedules the Emergency Assistant Staff (24/7), interfaces with residents on anything they may have issues with, makes sure all equipment and vehicles are in order and maintained, shows houses in the Village for potential buyers as well as potential Lodge residents.

Lanier Gardens and Talmage Terrace

The kitchen staff at Lanier Gardens was kind enough to stop work for a moment to take a group photo when Linda Sharp visited a few months ago.



Jane Anderson and staff at Lanier Gardens•Talmage Terrace Dining Room

Front Row 1: Gloria Morse-Cook, Jane Anderson-Manager, Vanessa Colbert-FSA
Row 2: Artrice Knight-FSA, Georgia Billups-Sr. Cook, Jackie Anderson-FSA, Vickie Robinson-Sr. Cook
Row 3: Margie Lawrence-FSA, Mary Ann Tracy-FSA, Deborah Castleberry-Cook, Sebrina Mitchell-Cook

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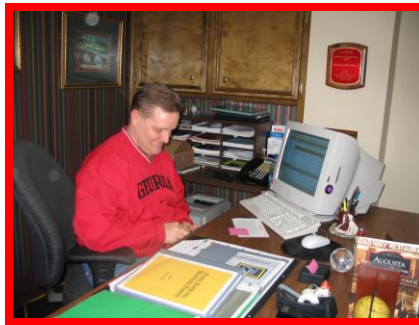
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Joyce Wilson
Administrator

St. John Towers (SJT)

St. John Towers employee news: Michael Farmer recently married Adrian Mitchell, a security guard whom he met while she worked at SJT.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Milton recently added to their family and celebrate the birth of daughter, Kyra. Jay is responsible for reviewing the Emergency Plan for each Wesley Woods Senior Living facility. He has recently finished a PowerPoint project regarding safety measures each retirement community may take to insure our residents' and employees' safety.



Jay Milton, St. John Towers Safety Manager & New FATHER!

Wesley Woods of Newnan- Peachtree City

Vicki Jackson is one of those people who believes in what she does! After working at Wesley Woods for 24 years she says that she "wouldn't trade it for the world!" When not at work, she likes to read, garden, relax and feed squirrels!

What makes Vicki different? She recognizes that she is following in the residents' footsteps and that they deserve the utmost respect!

Her motto is, "I work AT Wesley Woods, but I work FOR the Lord" and her passion shows through her work every day! Vicki stands out of the crowd because of her dependability, passion & positive attitude and we are so glad to have her here!



Vicki Jackson

Wesley Woods Center

Wesley Woods Towers – Employee of the Quarter

Wesley Woods Towers launched its' first Employee of the Quarter Recognition



Vanessa Green

Program. Each Quarter employees will be nominated by co-workers, supervisors or residents. A list of criteria was developed for the selection process.

Finalists were determined by the Wesley Woods Towers Leadership Team for this quarter. Employees are selected based on performance in their jobs, customer service and attendance. An

outstanding performer and two runner-ups will be selected each quarter. This quarter Vanessa Green, Resident Services

Associate for the Personal Care Program, is the first Outstanding Employee for the Quarter. Rewards for the Employee of the Quarter are a choice of 2 weeks of parking privileges in the Administrator's parking slot or 2 weeks of lunch of the employee's choice.

A plaque with the Employee's photograph is displayed in the Lobby of the community to display the Outstanding Achievement of the Employee.



Mark Akins



Jacquelyn Barber

The two runner-ups are Mark Akins, Senior Maintenance Mechanic, and Jacquelyn Barber, Environmental Services Aide. The announcement was made at the Employee Quarterly Birthday Luncheon and appeared to be a welcomed addition to the celebration. The Wesley Woods Towers community is proud of the commitment of employees and embraces this new initiative of employee recognition for high performance.

WWSL Administration

Human Resources

Stephen Lee is usually the first person you talk with when you call WWSL Human Resources. His good humor and willingness to help employees find their way through the complexities of applying for a job, New Employee Orientation and many other HR issues make him a front line representative of WWSL.



Stephen Lee, HR Recruiting Representative

Being a relatively recent addition to the Houston Administration Building staff, Stephen has found himself increasingly called-on to perform a

multitude of new tasks not specifically listed his job description, which he takes in stride and with accomplishment. For example, he lead a class in Kenexa Leadership Training instructing facility managers in entering job openings on line, to be available on the WWSL website. A professional singer, keyboard player and organizer, Stephen has really straightened up the second floor storage and staff areas, and added a flair to meetings and design for HR materials. We feel most fortunate to have such a dynamic and personable individual on our staff.

Financial Services

Denise Smith-Moore

My name is Denise Smith-Moore and I joined the WWSLI Finance Department in January of 2000. I work with all of the administrators on their budgets. I also



interface with various other facility personnel to make sure that resident fee transactions are processed, and that HUD grant funds are billed and received. I work with our finance department staff to prepare facility financial statements. I also assist our CFO and CEO with various financial analyses. My job also involves communicating with, and reporting to external agents such as our bondholders and HUD. I love the Wesley Woods Senior Living Corporate work environment and I never forget the organizations' mission to serve our elderly residents. My own personal

management philosophy is as follows: My role as a financial manager is to provide excellent customer service to internal staff and management through the financial management process. Effective communication and the ability to see people and not just numbers, is essential to achieving this goal. I am a mother of two teenagers and I enjoy beach vacations, reading, and visiting my family in Chicago.

Foundation of Wesley Woods

Rachel Mather, Development Coordinator, will be leaving us in July to attend Medical School at Morehouse University. Congratulations Grasshopper!

We welcome the addition of our new Donations Specialist, Emily Skinner, featured below:



Emily Skinner, FWW Donations Specialist

I was born and raised in Charlotte, NC with two older brothers. I graduated from Presbyterian College, in Clinton, SC, in May of 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Religion. At Presbyterian College, I ran cross-country and was part of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. In December of 2007, I was hired to work in Donor Relations for the Wesley Woods Foundation and am so excited for the opportunity to be part of this great team.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY EVENTS ...

We will print events that have occurred or are scheduled for your retirement community in this area each issue. Please submit information regarding events such as facility anniversaries, annual fundraisers, new wing additions, refurbishments, holiday parties (photos welcome!) to keep us all in the loop. If it is a time-critical announcement, please call Linda Sharp at 404-728-6231 to discuss, since this is a periodic publication.

Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace



Terry Davis, Richard Aquino, Lauri Ann Brooks, Jane Anderson, Nancy Hartlage, and Melissa Cordell



Richard Aquino



Lauri Ann Brooks & Terry Davis

The lucky staff of Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace featured above took test drives of BMWs at an Athens, Georgia dealership to benefit the Komen Breast Cancer Fundraising Drive.

St. John Towers



SJT Service Coordinator Marilyn Slusher (L) and Cindy Nelson (R)

Thanks to the tireless care and attention to residents by employees like Marilyn and Cindy featured above, and staff pictured below, St. John Towers was recently awarded "Best Elderly Property in Georgia" by Georgia HAP Administrators at the Southeast Affordable housing Management Association's 2008 annual meeting – go team!



St. John Towers Employees With SAHMA Award

Back Row (Standing): Tony Wood, Dennis Dunbar, Ken Weber, Jerry Gunter, Mary Weeks, Roxanne Mosley, Greg Capers, Cindy Nelson, Jay Milton, LaVette Miller, Michael Farmer, Sammy Hicks, Latasha Kimble. Front Row (Seated): Suzanne Dyke, Barb Hack, Terry Walker (holding award), Willie Garnett, Marilyn Slusher.

Leadership Information . . .

This area will be for messages from executive staff, when there is information of interest to employees of WWSL.

A Message from Ken Weber President & CEO



Wesley Woods Word will be a great way to keep up with what is taking place in our retirement communities, Wesley Woods Senior Living, and to come to know our employees. We encourage you to give ideas of articles for the newsletter to your retirement community representatives:

Asbury Harris Epworth Towers – Dorothy Johnson
Branan Lodge – Kathy Adams
Branan Towers – Jeri Boland
Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace – Lauri Ann Brooks & Nancy Hartlage
St. John Towers – Tony Wood
Wesley Woods of Newnan Peachtree City – Brandy Lambrou
Wesley Woods Towers – Ellen Miller & Lucretia Smith

Remember to access your emoryhealthcare.org email as well as your regular facility email!