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Born in 1918 (Just Like Wesbury)

When Wesbury was founded in 1918, a world that had been at war for almost four years, was about to be at peace. The world was reshaped in that aftermath of the Great War, and technological progress was moving forward. More and more Americans were driving cars, half of them Ford Model T's, and Hollywood was starting to become our entertainment capitol. The golden age of radio was also just on the horizon.

There were other great inventions and innovations that came out that year. Nacho snacks would be forever changed when Velveeta cheese made its 1918 debut and toys we all know and love, Lincoln Logs and Raggedy Ann also made their appearance in the marketplace.

What was it like to see so much change and innovation and what is it that makes great things last? Over the years, Wesbury has seen many centenarians give commentary to our local paper on what it's like to live a long life. They say things like "Just work hard," or "I never drank, I never smoked, I lived a decent life."

Currently, there are nine residents who are 100 years old or greater. Here are some of their thoughts on aging and what it has been like to experience the changes of the past 100 years.

According to Thoburn Village resident, Fran Wolford, she turned 100 in 2018, and attributes her longevity to the Lord who has been very good to her. Also having a good husband and two good children helped. Fran then says, "Well, my daughter is 80, and my son is 74, but I guess they will always be children to me." She can't say she particularly picked a healthy lifestyle, as she puts it, "We enjoyed life a lot, and back in the day we could dance all night if we wanted to." To Fran, moving to Washington D.C. from living on a farm in Union City, PA in 1936 was an awesome experience. Franklin D. Roosevelt had just become President, and it was neat to be in the capitol at such exciting times. When they left the world was at war again. Fran moved to Wesbury two decades ago when the Garden Apartments were first constructed. She says over the past five years she has thought about making a move to Cribbs Residential Center, but with the assistance of having someone to come in to help with the cleaning and having so many friends nearby, she wants to keep "moving and grooving in Thoburn Village" where she still lives independently at age 100!

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Fran Wolford

Frances Werling

Alice Miller

Celebrating Wesbury's 100 Years… Built on Giving.

Brian S. Nageotte
Wesbury President/CEO

Rhonda K. Thomas
Wesbury Foundation V.P. of Stewardship & Development

It is hard to imagine everything that has taken place for Wesbury to reach this 100-year milestone. Think of all the time, vision, hard work, support, and generosity that took place throughout this journey. In preparing for Wesbury's 100-year celebration, one thing that cannot go unnoticed is the substantial impact donors have made throughout our history. Wesbury's success comes from not only financial donations but also from those willing to give of their time, knowledge and maybe most importantly their passion. For us, the story of Wesbury starts with the gift of the original Cribbs Home given by Hyatt M. Cribbs in 1918. But, it also took the vision and courage of the members of the Methodist Conference to accept the gift and set forth on the path to creating a place for area seniors in-need to reside. The next step was to raise the funds necessary to furnish and operate the new home. The importance of the support of individuals and businesses cannot be overstated. That is how we have reached this point of our journey, and it is how we will successfully navigate the next 100 years.

On behalf of our residents, staff, and board of directors, we would like to thank you for your continued support of Wesbury. In addition, thank for your confidence in the programs and services we offer, which allows us to continue our mission now and into the future.

With much gratitude,

Brian S Nageotte

Rhonda K. Thomas

Please note:
In an effort to be more environmentally conscious and to be better stewards of the donations that are so graciously made to Wesbury, we continue to condense the annual report listings and share the information more broadly through our Spring/Summer Wesbury Window Newsletter. We hope you find this approach interesting and informative. There are so many stories of giving to share! For a complete listing of donors, you may visit *www.wesbury.com.*

Thank you once again for your continuous support of the Wesbury residents.

Celebrating National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Established by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in 1967 and always beginning on Mother's Day, National Skilled Nursing Care Week (NSNCW), formerly known as National Nursing Home Week, provides an opportunity to recognize the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The 2018 NSNCW theme, "Celebrating Life's Stories," serves as a tribute to life's most significant events, relationships, and experiences that shape the unique perspectives of residents, families, staff, and volunteers in long-term and post-acute care.

In keeping with the theme, Wesbury Life Enrichment created a display titled, "In Their Own Words," that was debuted during the week. The exhibition featured personal pictures and quotes from residents that were placed on giant posters and hung in the entryway at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center for passerbys to enjoy. The week kicked off with a wheelchair relay race with both resident and staff participants. You can even watch the relay on Wesbury's Facebook page. Residents also had a centennial fashion show showcasing 100-years in fashion, campus-wide live entertainment, and even The King was in the building for a sock hop!

Thank You Strategic Partners

In celebration of Wesbury's 100th Anniversary, a number of our strategic partners have offered to participate in monthly drawings that are eligible for all Wesbury employees. Our first drawing was for six holiday hams courtesy of Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center's dietary management supplier, Sodexo. In April, DeSantis Solutions generously donated two Bissell vacuum sweepers, two Bissell rug cleaners and two spring cleaning gift baskets for the raffle. Wesbury was DeSantis' first business contract in 1972, a relationship that is still going strong for more than 40 years!

"Wesbury has been an important part of not only our development but the entire community's development with providing health care support and employment opportunities for so many local families," says owner, Gary DeSantis. "Congratulations on Wesbury's milestone anniversary, we are so happy to play a part!"

The employee drawing for the month of May included a glider rocker and a gift basket. Both items were generously donated by Rebecca and Randy Arbuckle of Glenn Peterson Floors and Furniture.

Throughout 2018, the following strategic partners will be providing discounts or raffle items for Wesbury employees:

- **Sodexo**
- **DeSantis Solutions**
- **Valenza Restaurant**
- **Glenn Peterson Floors and Furniture**
- **AVI Foodsystems Inc.**
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- **UPMC Health Plan**
- **Flick's TV and Appliance**
- **Gordon Food Service**
- **Northwest Pharmacy Solutions, LLC.**
- **Symbria Rehab**
- **Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary**

l. to r.: Cindy Garrett, Corey Wright, Dalaney Wood, Amanda Cusick, and Barb Loiacona

l. to r.: Sheila Bundy, Chris Lattimer, Brian Nageotte, Gary DeSantis, Shannon DeSantis, and T. Lee Kunselman

l. to r.: Brian Nageotte, Rebecca Arbuckle, Randy Arbuckle, and Rhonda Thomas

Thank you to all Wesbury strategic partners for helping us celebrate 100 years!

Residents Pursuing Their Passions

The music ends when the man at the piano closes his sheet music. Hands begin to clap, and there is nothing but smiles all around the room. While he is playing, the people in the room sit quietly. If it were not for the piano, you could hear a pin drop. This is not a concert hall or stage, but the music fills this room almost every day. This is the Park Lane Neighborhood at Wesbury's Larcom Memory Support Center, and the musician is resident Bill Witherup.

Music has always been a big part of Bill's life. Before he retired in 1990, he was the music teacher for Crawford Central Schools for over 20 years. He taught students at every level from elementary school to Meadville Area Senior High School. Even a few of the staff members remember having Bill as a teacher back in their school days. Bill was also the organist for the Christ Episcopal Church on Diamond Park in Meadville.

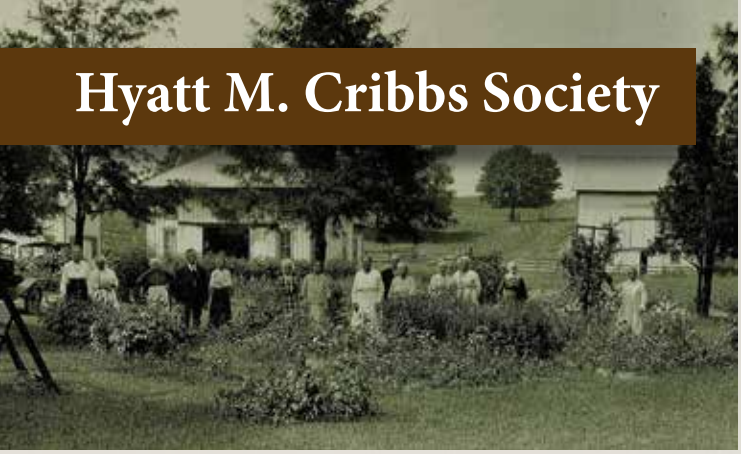
It was Bill's friend, Sandy, who went to Life Enrichment and Nursing staff with the idea of bringing in a personal electric piano for him to use. Sandy thought this would make living at Park Lane home for Bill. They all agreed it would be a great idea and Sandy brought in an electric piano. Since that day, Bill plays for his fellow residents daily. On his piano is a collection of sheet music filled with classical pieces and hymns of songs like "Aria," "Lift High the Cross," and "Savior of the Nations, Come." Bill even plays some original published pieces for the organ that he wrote.

Sandy likes to see her friend happy with his living environment when she visits and is glad that the staff at Wesbury encourages residents to pursue their passions no matter the care level environment. Sandy notes, "Bill didn't have any brothers or sisters growing up, something he always wanted, living at Wesbury has allowed to him to socialize with his fellow residents like a large family and put smiles on their faces by showcasing his musical talents; it's heartwarming."

Life Enrichment staff encourages Bill to play as much as possible and recently, he was approached to be the live entertainment for the Wesbury Foundation's Donor Recognition Luncheon. For the event, Bill came over to Cribbs Residential Center to practice and planned his arrangements for the guests as they entered. "I think people respond to elegant music, something that is good to very good is the types of songs I like to play for people, and they seem to like them very much," says Bill.

Bill's story is encouraging to us all and at Wesbury, staying engaged at all stages of life is not unique. We strive to create an environment where residents can pursue the things they love or find new joys. For more information on The Larcom Memory Support Center, call 814-332-9233.

Hyatt M. Cribbs Society



The organization that would become Wesbury began in Conneautville, PA during 1918 when Hyatt M. Cribbs offered his farm home to the Erie Conference of the United Methodist Church as a place for those in need. The Ida M. Cribbs Methodist Home was officially born out of that gift which included 22.75 acres of farmland. Today, The Hyatt M. Cribbs Society is a family of distinguished individuals, groups, and organizations who are committed to continuing in Wesbury's benevolent tradition.

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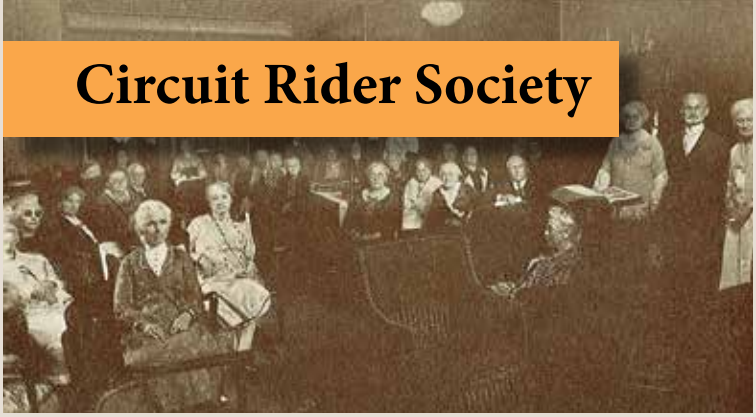
• Wesbury Environmental Services

* Deceased

Circuit Rider Society



In the early years of the United States, clergy in the Methodist Episcopal Church and related denominations were assigned to travel to specific geographic territories and minister to congregations. They were called "Circuit Riders". Wesbury maintains a strong relationship with churches throughout Western Pennsylvania as these connections are a cornerstone of Wesbury's foundation. Methodist churches and church groups listed in the "Circuit Rider Society" have contributed to Wesbury directly and through the Sunset Auxiliary.

Frances Asbury Circle ($2,500 +)
Christ U. M. Church, Franklin
First U. M. Church, Warren
Grace U. M. Church, Oil City
Wesbury Sunset Auxiliary

Thomas Coke Circle ($1,500 - $2,499)
First U. M. Church, Titusville

Peter Cartwright Circle ($500 - $1,499)
Deckards-Sugar Lake U. M. Church, Charge

Donors ($250 - $499)
Fallowfield U. M. Church
First U. M. Church, Union City
Grace U. M. Church, Sykesville
Hickory U. M. Church, Hermitage
Lakewood U. M. Church
New Virginia U. M. Church
Oakland, Dempseytown U. M. Church
Saegertown U. M. Church
Summit U. M. Church

McCracken Chapel Honors Rev. Jack Spencer

l. to r.: Rev. Sam Marchetta, Ken Montag, Rev. Dave Davis, Millie Spencer, Rae Lynn Belknap and Rev. Dennis Belknap

Faith has been at the cornerstone of Wesbury's history since the original benevolent gift of farmland to establish a care home for elderly Christians who could no longer care for themselves. One hundred years later, Wesbury's Christian heritage continues to be a focal point in the lives of residents throughout the community. Each week, services are held in the Barco Chapel at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center and the McCracken Chapel at Cribbs Residential Center in addition to Bible study groups and one-on-one spiritual counseling.

Recently, while working to change seasonal decorations in the McCracken Chapel, it was noticed that the Bible stand at the front of the Alter could not be found anywhere. Rev. Sam Marchetta, Director of Pastoral Care, approached Thoburn Village residents (and avid Wesbury Woodshop workers), Ken Montag and Rev. Dave Davis about constructing a new Bible stand. Ken and Dave chose to use "memorial wood" that was given to the woodshop in honor of Rev. Jack Spencer. Jack, who passed away in 2014, was a mentor to Rev. Davis and fellow "Wesbury Woodchuck" with Ken.

For the construction of the Bible stand, they decided to use seven different types of the "memorial wood" including sapella, African mahogany, butternut, sassafras, white oak, walnut, and cherry. All of which was provided by Rev. Dennis Belknap, who attended the Methodist church Jack pastored in Erie.

"I love that they chose to use a diversity of wood," says Rev. Sam. "It really represents the make-up of Wesbury residents who come from a variety of backgrounds and faiths yet have a single Christian expression within the word of God."

A new Bible for the stand was also anonymously donated to the McCracken Chapel in honor of Wesbury's 100-year celebration. Rev. Davis says, "The Bible is central to worship at Wesbury, and it is placed at the center of our sanctuary in Jack's honor. It is a beautiful reminder of how we are all built on faith."

Sunset Auxiliary Gives Montessori Carts to Grace Neighborhoods

Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center's Life Enrichment team with the Montessori carts.

Montessori programs are an educational approach developed more than a century ago with children in mind. The Montessori Method views the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in any supportive, thoughtfully prepared learning environment. It attempts to develop children physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively through working with materials, rather than by direct instruction. Gerontologist Cameron Camp discovered that similar techniques were beneficial to adults who have Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Since then, it has started to be widely used in the field of life enrichment for older adults.

After the completion of Wesbury's first Senior Scholars program last year, Melissa Swartwood, Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center Director of Life Enrichment and Volunteer Services, noted that the Senior Scholars program was geared to the more high functioning residents at Grace. Melissa felt that having access to a Montessori cart would allow for participation by residents experiencing different levels of cognitive decline.

The Wesbury Life Enrichment Department put together a completed Montessori Cart, and it rotated weekly on each neighborhood at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center. The mobile Montessori Cart is a useful tool to engage the senses of residents with varying levels of cognitive impairment. The carts contain items such as cylinder blocks, fur-real pets, matching and sorting activities, fiber optics, iPods, binomial cubes, geometric shapes, tactile/sensory items, magnets, busy boards, aromatherapy oils with diffusers, puzzles, recognition blocks, mosaic tiles, and pattern block mats.

"These programs are all about providing sensory activities as a means to maximizing the opportunities our residents have for rediscovering and reconnecting to the world around them," says Melissa.

The original cart was introduced to members of Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary who agreed to purchase three additional carts so each neighborhood would have its own unique cart. Residents of other neighborhoods helped to create matching activities and painted some of the sorting supplies for the carts.

Melissa adds, "Thanks to the Sunset Auxiliary, our residents are given a sense of accomplishment that improves their quality of life."

The success of the Montessori Carts led to the reopening of a Montessori Room in the Park Circle neighborhood of the Larcom Memory Support Center. MSC Nursing and Life Enrichment staff worked together for the room's new concept and design.

Stay Tuned as Plans to Develop the Wesbury Vernon Location Take Shape!

Over the winter, Wesbury has been working to develop plans to renovate the former Meadville Day's Inn location, currently referred to as the "Wesbury Vernon Project," into moderately priced senior residential housing. The original building layout presents many possibilities for one and two-bedroom apartments with ample common space where residents will have the ability to socialize and enjoy access to the indoor pool. "With the goal of creating a moderately priced apartment building that is designed for seniors, we are researching design concepts that will provide the most appealing living spaces while remaining affordable," notes Wesbury President and CEO, Brian Nageotte. Plans for the building include a total renovation that will completely change the exterior appearance to that of a modern residential setting. The current interior will be reconfigured into one and two-bedroom apartments with full kitchens. Concepts for the current common areas include the possibility of a community room, library, fitness center and the addition of more apartment units. Once a final design is agreed upon, construction will begin. Please be patient with us as this project continues to develop. We are currently maintaining an "interest list." If you would like to be kept informed, please call Melissa Porter at 814-332-9238, and she will add you to the list. When more details area available we will be certain to contact those on the list as well as begin to provide information to the public.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can we move in?
It is too soon to know. Once Wesbury confirms the design plan, we can finalize the construction team and schedule.

Will it all be renovated at once?
We anticipate the renovation to be done in phases.

What will the cost be to rent an apartment?
The monthly rent and inclusions will be determined once we have a final construction budget.

Will pets be permitted?
Yes, there will be a policy that must be adhered to.

Will there be indoor garage space?
No. Given the configuration of the building and in order to maintain affordable costs there will not be individual attached garage spaces. The feasibility of creating covered outdoor parking is being explored.

Will there be nursing care?
No. This is independent residential housing, however, as in any private home or apartment, in-home care options can be added at your expense.

How can I learn more?
Call Melissa Porter at 814-332-9238 with your name and contact information, and she will add you to the interest list. As details become available, she will be certain to provide information.

100 Years - Built on Giving

The spirit of giving has been at the center of Wesbury's 100-year history from the start. It was the original gift of farmland in Conneautville, Pennsylvania to the ministers and laymen of the Erie Conference of the United Methodist Church from Pittsburgh-area businessman, Hyatt M. Cribbs that would grow to become the Wesbury we know today.

Throughout our history, individuals and organizations have continued to support us with their gifts of time, talents and their treasure. In 2018, as we celebrate our history, our mission-driven Christian roots, and the visionary leadership that guided us to where we are today, we want to recognize and thank the many individuals and groups who have contributed to all of our successful endeavors. Your continuing support allows us to remain at the forefront of offering the best healthcare and senior living options possible to people from across the economic spectrum. With a foundation built upon the generous gifts of so many, we can be confident our future is bright for Wesbury as we look forward to moving into our next century.

How You Can Help

To make a gift to The Wesbury Foundation, please use the enclosed envelope and mail it to: The Wesbury Foundation, 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335; visit our website at *www.wesbury.com* to make a secure online donation; or call 814-332-9264.

1945

Rev. George Palmer was selected campaign director to raise $500,000 for building a new facility

$164,585 was received from the first-ever formal fundraising campaign

929

1948

The Erie Conference selected Meadville as the location for its new home. 16 acres of land known as "Green Acres" on Park Ave. Extension in West Mead Township was given as a gift from the people of Meadville

1954

Mrs. Florence Braun establishes the Sunset Auxiliary to raise funds and make friends for our residents

1957

A new program called Old Age Assistance began, becoming the first formal benevolent care program at the Home

1963

Seven acres of land adjoining the home property on the east were bought through the gift of a friend, providing for expansion as well as an access corridor to North Main Street

1964

The Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church allocated $250,000 for construction of a nursing unit

1970

The new Nursing Hospital was completed and could accommodate 140 people

1968

Groundbreaking for the Nursing Home

1977

The Sunset Auxiliary helps purchase a van with a wheelchair lift

1979

Nature Trail committee is formed and fundraising begins

982

2002

Wesbury's first fundraising trip was a cruise to Alaska

2001

"Fulfilling the Mission" campaign begins to finance renovations at Grace Health Center

2006

"Get on the Bus" campaign begins to help purchase a bus with wheelchair lift

2001

The first brick was purchased that started the Circle of Friends patio

2003

Emmaline D. Barco Memorial Chapel is completed with the addition of stained glass window donations

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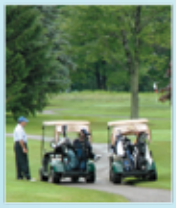
Wesbury Senior & Friends Golf Outing starts as yearly fundraiser for Grace Health Center renovations



2007

"Get on the Bus" campaign is so successful Wesbury is able to purchase the wheelchair lift bus and a bus for activities

2012

Newly renovated Rehabilitation area in Grace Health Center is named after Rae S. Larcom, thanks to a generous gift from her husband, Philip

Newly renovated Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe opens. The Gift Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and all proceeds benefit Wesbury residents

2013

James and Betty Hammerlee make a significant gift to refurbish the trees and bushes around the Nature Trail and install a drinking fountain

2010

The Nature Trail is repaved with support from The Sunset Auxiliary, Ron Hamed, ACI, and Tony Petruso

2012

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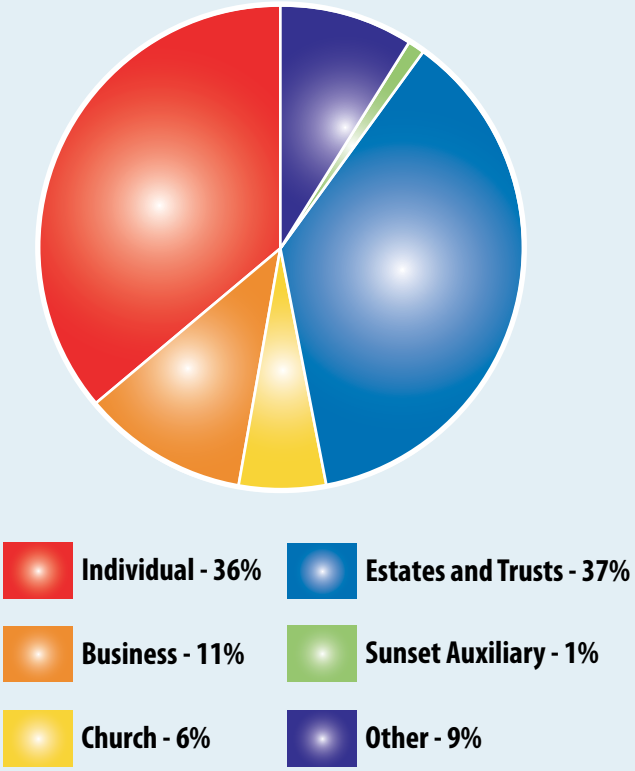
Financials

Wesbury donations are allocated to support benevolent care.

The Wesbury Foundation Sources of Funds



As you can see, a large share of our gifts come from thoughtful people who have named The Wesbury Foundation in either their Will or as a beneficiary of a trust. Please consider leaving a legacy of compassionate care for people in need by including Wesbury in your estate plans. For more information, please contact The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9264.

The Wesbury Foundation Promise

The Wesbury Foundation promises to use your gift carefully and wisely, never to ask for money that is not needed, and to abide by all generally accepted accounting practices.

The Wesbury Foundation Mission

The Wesbury Foundation is dedicated to advancing the Christian mission of Wesbury United Methodist Community through promoting the needs of seniors, encouraging charitable contributions, and prudently managing philanthropic donations to and assets of the corporation.

The sponsors listed below partnered with Wesbury for all 2017 fundraising events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very generous support of Wesbury!

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Residents Give Back to the Community

Each month, the resident-led, Grace Civic Club, meets at Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center to discuss the community service projects they will work on with the assistance of the Grace Life Enrichment Team. This club started as a spin-off from Grace's Senior Scholars Civic Engagement Class that was taught by Allegheny College and the Maplewood Key Club. The residents were so impressed with how these groups were giving back to the community. In fact, they were so thrilled with the idea, they wanted to start a club of their own and get involved...and bam, the Grace Civic Club came to life!

The club's projects are diverse. They range from making homemade dog treats for the Crawford County Humane Society and T-shirt dog toys for the ANNA shelter in Erie to get well cards for the local hospitalized kids, "Jarrod Boxes" which uplift the spirits of children going through chemotherapy, and children's books for local preschools. They also make cards to send to soldiers and recently, in honor of Wesbury's 100 years, residents made 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for CHAPS (Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Programs) and the St. James Haven in Meadville. Making sandwiches was opened up to residents from all over campus, not just to the participants of Senior Scholars and Grace Civic Club.

Giving back to the community has given residents a sense of purpose and accomplishment. Melissa Swartwood, Grace Life Enrichment and Volunteer Services Director, says, "Our resident-driven, community service club is engaging our residents and providing social interaction and meaningful experiences within our community. This program improves quality of life and keeps our residents connected to the community while helping others in need... it is a win-win for everyone involved."

"It feels terrific to help out people in our community as a part of the activities we do here at Grace," says Grace Civic Club member, Charlotte Wells. "It makes us feel better to share our time and talents, and you know we have a bit of time! We may have some limitations, but we are always open to suggestions on new jobs we can do that help people out; give us a call!"

Area Student Supports Wesbury Residents

Kayla Schwabenbauer with Gift Shoppe Manager Judy Stewart

Kayla Schwabenbauer, a 10-year old West End Elementary student, has made a thoughtful donation to Wesbury's Sunset Auxiliary Gift Shoppe that supports Wesbury residents. Kayla enjoys doing crafts and working with beads. She has made several beaded eyeglass chains. Kayla thought this would be something both residents and employees could use to help keep track of their glasses and has generously donated several beaded eyeglass holders, in a variety of colors and styles, to the gift shoppe. They are currently being sold for $4 each, and all of the money from the sale of her chains goes to the Sunset Auxiliary, which in turn supports Wesbury residents! Kayla plans to make and donate several more beaded eyeglass chains during her summer vacation. Thank you, Kayla!

Wesbury Volunteers Are Priceless!

In 2017, a total of 290 volunteers spent 14,493 hours in service to the residents of Wesbury. Thank you to all volunteers and board members for their valuable time and dedication to Wesbury.

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A Son's Promise

A house fire brought Lois to Conneaut Lake. A minor stroke brought Lois to Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center. A place she would call home for two years. Lois liked living at Grace. She enjoyed the hustle and bustle of family and friends coming to visit with their loved ones and being around her fellow residents at activities and programs. She also relished the visits with her son, John, who as a personal trainer has an extremely busy work schedule. John felt comfort and relief knowing that his mom was well taken care of.

During her time living at Grace, Lois improved. A point was reached where she found herself in the space between the need for an around the clock care environment and being stable enough to potentially be on her own. Ultimately, Medicare decided for her to be discharged, creating a dilemma for Lois and John.

As a personal trainer, John motivates his clients to bring their personal best. He also holds himself to the same standards and felt that the living environment for his mother had to be the best option available. His schedule did not allow him to take on the role of a part-time at-home caregiver. After looking at the viable options, it was being accepted into Help at Home with Wesbury's Care Cottage program that worked out best, and with gratitude, John couldn't be more pleased with the outcome.

"The staff at the Care Cottage has been great," says John. "They text me, and send photos of Mom letting me know what she is up to when I can't be there in person to make sure she is doing well."

Lois likes the staff and feels safe. She is living with two housemates and receives twenty-four/seven, around-the-clock, Companion Services to assist with her daily needs. All Care Cottage residents can receive the following services: assistance with bathing, dressing, ambulation, exercise, meal preparation, laundry housekeeping, medication reminders, social outings, and medical appointments. They may also participate in daily crafts, games, movies, bird watching, gardening, or as Lois says, "I can't wait for summer, where we can go outside simply to relax and enjoy the peaceful setting."

"This program helps me be able to do things I need to do, but also allows me to keep my promise of making sure my Mom is safe and cared for, after all, she is the one who brought me into this world and did the same for me. My promise is the least I could, I owe Mom everything."

Care Cottage Room & Board fee is determined on an individual basis and never exceeds the resident's income and affordability. Additionally, each of the three residents is required to cover the cost for eight hours of Help at Home Companion Care to pay for 24-hour care coverage. This cost is $156 per day. However; this fee is typically covered by PA Waiver funds, which is home-based Medicaid. For more information, contact Michelle Peters, Care Cottage Coordinator at 814-332-9186.

One Weekend - Two Great Events! Join Us at the Chicken BBQ & Chicken Run 5K

Saturday, July 14, 2018 Wesbury's 3rd Annual Chicken Run

The Chicken Run is a 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Walk on the Wesbury campus. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. Cost is $20 per person pre-registration or $25 per person the day of the event. A t-shirt is included with pre-registration. The event is co-sponsored by Northwest Pharmacy Solutions, LLC. with proceeds benefiting Wesbury's Benevolent Care Fund.

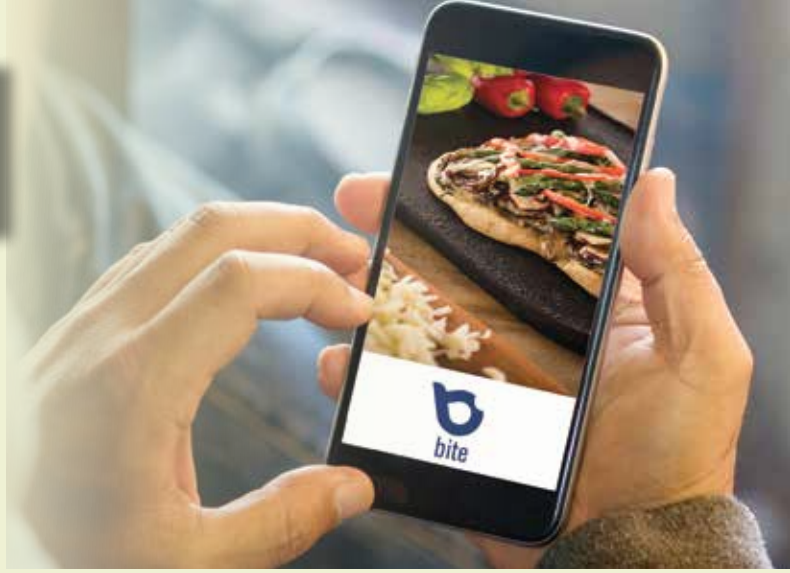
Sunday, July 15, 2018 Wesbury's 29th Annual Chicken BBQ & Craft Fair

This family friendly, fun event is from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on the Wesbury campus. Enjoy BBQ chicken and ribs with all the fixin's. Admission is Free. Cost of your meal is $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 10 and under. Explore the car show, crafters, kids zone and enjoy live entertainment all day!

If you are curious to see a Wesbury Villa or a Residential Center apartment, tours will be offered every hour on the hour from the Wesbury tent.

For more information on both events, visit www.wesbury.com or call 814-332-9712.

Have a "BITE" at Wesbury's Neighborhood Grill



Residents, staff and visitors to Wesbury may have noticed all the new menu items that have arrived at the Neighborhood Grill. Recently, Sodexo, Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center's Dietary Management provider, launched a great new way of keeping track of nutritional information for every item called BITE.

You may be asking: **WHAT IS "BITE?"**
BITE is an easy-to-use smart phone app that is packed with information. It shows you nutritional information on items that are served in Wesbury's Neighborhood Grill. It also gives you a way to share feedback about your dining experience!

WHAT DOES "BITE" DO?
BITE puts all the info you want to see, such as menus and nutritional information, right at your fingertips. BITE users can see what is on the Neighborhood Grill menu, all of the details of what we are serving on that day, and even if the Grill is open or closed.

When you tap on one of our menu items, you will be able to see a description of the product and complete nutritional information, including calories and allergens. You can leave feedback on items, and even log them into your Fitbit!

"BITE is stunning because of how it ties directly into Sodexo's menu management system," says Barb Loiacona, Sodexo/Wesbury Director of Food & Nutritional Services at Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center. "No one else, in our industry, or even in retail chains, has been able to manage unique and complex menus for thousands of locations."

WHERE CAN I FIND "BITE?"
BITE is available now. You can download BITE for all of your devices at the Apple App Store or Google Play. For information, visit *www.sodexo.bite.com*.

Born in 1918 (Just Like Wesbury)

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Also turning 100 in 2018 is Cribbs Residential Center resident, Frances Werling, who says her longevity is accredited to having great genes as her mother lived to be over 100. Frances grew up on the family farm and can discuss how members of her family came to the area in the early 1800s. Her family members, whose surname was known among barrel makers, came to the area because of the oil being discovered at Drake's Well. "There was certainly a need for barrels after the discovery of oil," says Frances. When asked what is the most awesome thing she has seen in her lifetime, Frances says, "I grew up a farm girl. Seeing the world around us go from using the horse and buggy for traveling to sending a man into space and later landing on the moon is pretty awesome!"

"If you don't use it, you lose it!" is the mantra of Thoburn Village's Alice Miller. Alice points to "staying busy and having things you like to do" for reaching her 100-year milestone in 2018. While she says she doesn't get out like she used to, she still likes to go for a walk. Alice has enjoyed being active since she was young. She played basketball as a young lady in the 1930s and is even a Basketball Hall of Fame member. Today, she still enjoys watching sports on television and notes that one of the biggest changes she has seen over her lifetime is in the realm of entertainment. Alice likes to watch, as she says, "good" television in her spare time. It amazes her how many choices and channels are available to consumers today. She says, "I remember only having one or two channels on a big, boxy, old black and white TV (with a tiny screen) and now we have huge flat screens and more than 400 channels catered to all types of interests."

While all three of these centenarians claim different reasons for reaching 100 years, there are the common threads of having things in your life you really enjoy doing, stay active, stay curious, live well and never stop being awestruck by our ever changing world.

Wesbury Named Cardiac Center of Excellence

In 2017, Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center was named one of St. Vincent's Cardiac Centers of Excellence within the Allegheny Healthcare Network. Since that time, the Nursing staff at Wesbury's Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center has been training for the program's implementation in the summer of 2018. HeartCare is a multi-faceted program to help in transition from the hospital to home after a diagnoses of heart disease, including heart failure, heart attack, bypass or valve surgery, heart transplantation, or stent placement. The goal is to provide continued care in each setting that may be encountered after being discharged from the hospital, including local short- and long-term care facilities and to the home. This ensures patients receive all that is needed to maintain a healthy heart and lifestyle.

"Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center's short-term rehab program served over 200 individuals last year," says Sheila Bundy, Administrator, Grace Rehabilitation and Health Center, and Wesbury Director of Healthcare Services. "We are thrilled to add this special Cardiac Rehab program to our list of services. A large part of my role is to identify unmet needs on our campus and in the surrounding community. We then develop programs or seek to partner with other agencies in an effort to meet those needs. Having spent most of my life in this area, it is gratifying to see programs like this one available locally."

Each Center of Excellence/HeartCare partner's facilities and services are appropriately trained for heart patients with the standards that are developed from Allegheny Health Network cardiac physicians, surgeons, and cardiologists. As a partner, Wesbury looks to help ensure a smooth transition during each step in keeping the heart healthy by providing standardized care, remote patient health monitoring, rehabilitation therapy, education for the patient on how to manage their heart condition, and clinical follow-ups with physicians and cardiac professionals. This is one of the only programs of this type available in the country, and the HeartCare Program is overseen by leading cardiac doctors who are responsible for caring for their patient's heart regardless of where they are receiving care. At Grace, local physician, Dr. Charles P. Cole, MD, has agreed to partner with Wesbury in the HeartCare program. For more information on St. Vincent Hospital and the Allegheny Health Network, visit *www.AHN.org*.

Wesbury's 2018 Taste and Tour Event

Join us for our 2018 tour of homes event! Have you ever been curious about Wesbury's Thoburn Village? Well, here is your chance for a lovely evening to see several furnished homes, taste area wines and sample foods from local providers. This event will begin at the Wesbury Campus Community Center on Thursday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. with a brief overview about Wesbury. Following the presentation groups will be hosted via bus transportation through Thoburn Village stopping for a delicious taste of local delights and a complete tour of several houses. Be sure to come hungry and be prepared to leave inspired to plan your next chapter of life – maintenance free living!

RSVP is required. Call 814-332-9009 to reserve your space today!

Yes, I'd like to learn more about Wesbury.

Please send me information about:

- ❑ Independent Living
- ❑ Enhanced Living & Personal Care
- ❑ Skilled Nursing
- ❑ Short-term Rehabilitation
- ❑ Help at Home with Wesbury
- ❑ Care Cottages
- ❑ The Wesbury Foundation/Making a Donation
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- ❑ Send me the Wesbury DVD
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Wesbury - 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335 - Attn: Marketing Dept.

Castles Everywhere!

In April, 48 passengers made up of Wesbury residents, donors, waitlist members and guests from the area embarked on a Rhine River Cruise that started in Amsterdam, traveled through the Rhine River UNESCO World Heritage Gorge and ended with two nights in Lucerne, Switzerland with a view of Mt. Pilatus. What an incredible journey and a fantastic group! Not only do Wesbury's trips ensure a safe and fun way to travel, but they generate resources for Wesbury's much relied upon Benevolent Care Fund. This trip realized over $15,000 to support residents that cannot afford their care. How do we do this? By using travel suppliers that are willing to pay Wesbury commission for bringing them a readymade group and for doing all of the marketing and booking for them. Led by the VP of Sales and Marketing, Melissa Porter and the VP of Fundraising and Development, Rhonda Thomas, travelers enjoy the advantage of secure free parking, a hearty breakfast, and transportation right from Wesbury to the airport or destination. We would like to thank all who have chosen to travel with us for their friendship and support and look forward to more adventures to come! If you would like to learn about future trips, please contact the Foundation office at 814-332-9712. It's a beautiful world out there, keep traveling!

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Upcoming Events

Parkinson's Support Group
2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Wesbury's Thoburn Village Clubhouse. Call 814-332-9705 for more information.

Parkinson's Delay the Disease Classes
Classes are located in the Thoburn Village Clubhouse on Mon. and Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and Wed. at 1:15 p.m. Call 814-332-9794 for more information.

Seniors for Safe Driving
Standard course (2-day class) scheduled for Sept. 19 & 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Refresher course (1-day class) scheduled for July 6th, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Nov. 21st, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All classes at Cribbs Residential Center. Call 800-559-4880 for more information.

Wesbury's 18th Annual Senior & Friends Golf Scramble
Thursday, June 14, 2018
10:00 a.m. shotgun start. Continental breakfast, boxed lunch and picnic buffet dinner included. Call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9712.

Wesbury's 3rd Annual Chicken Run
5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Walk
Saturday, July 14, 2018
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.
Runners start at 9:00 a.m. Walkers start at 9:05 a.m. Located on Wesbury's campus.
Call 814-332-9022 for more information.

Wesbury's 29th Annual Chicken BBQ & Craft Fair
Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wesbury's campus.
Call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9712.

Wesbury's Taste & Tour Event
Tour several Wesbury Villas. Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Wesbury's Campus Community Center.
Call Melissa at 814-332-9009 for more information.

Aladdin at Benedum Center, Pittsburgh
Thursday, September 6, 2018. Includes motorcoach transportation, theater ticket and dinner. Call Greg Brink at 814-332-9794.

Wesbury's Tribute Recognition Dinner & Auction
Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Iroquois Club - Conneaut Lake. Call The Wesbury Foundation at 814-332-9712.

Wesbury provides individualized proactive health care and life enrichment services to assist mature adults in maintaining their independence, dignity and spiritual wholeness in a secure, Christian environment.
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