

Spring
2018

Beacon of Hope

 **Wesley Manor**
Retirement Community
feels like home

Wisconsin couple sharing life together at Wesley Manor

Liz was 15 and Dale was 17 when they met at the dairy farm where she grew up in Springdale Township, Wisconsin. They grew up only two miles from each other, but Liz Frye and Dale Chapman had not met until then, as they attended separate school districts. "I would help my dad by raking corn silage into the blower," Dale described. "We were working on Liz's farm with her dad, to provide cattle feed for his dairy farm."

"I was (later) walking to the school bus stop. He came and asked if I wanted to go to a dance on Saturday night," Liz quickly chimed in.

As a the oldest of four, Liz helped her mother with housework and with her younger siblings. She enjoyed competing in 4H (starting at age 9), showing cattle and handmade clothing. She won many ribbons at the county fair, and at the state fair in Milwaukee. "I sewed all my own clothes as I grew up," Liz reminisced.

"My mom was a great seamstress too—she helped me a lot."

At the state fair, Liz showed dairy cattle. "Some of us would stay with the cattle overnight. Even when I went to high school, I was still showing cattle, as well as clothing. What I liked best was when it came time to show two outfits at the fair. My girlfriend stayed with me in Milwaukee and we got to model our outfits together. We met other kids from other counties too."

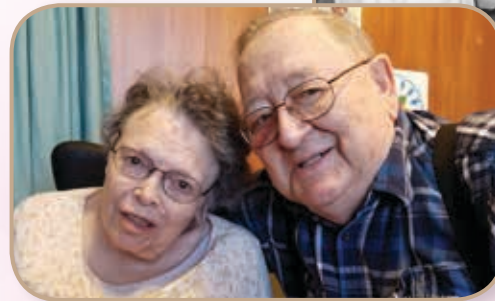
She also won a typing contest using a Royal typewriter in High School. That typewriter is now in a museum in Mt. Horeb, WI. Her typing skills helped land a job as a stenographer after graduation.

Liz and Dale married in July 1956. Dale worked as a truck driver, hauling milk to cheese factories. He later entered the Air Force, and he was stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany for three years. There he worked as a photo interpretation specialist. One of his more significant projects was editing photos taken by Gary Powers, the famous U2 spy plane pilot shot down over the USSR.

After finishing his tour in Germany, Dale and Liz returned to the US. He



(Above) Liz & Dale Chapman on their wedding day in 1956.



The Chapmans will celebrate their 62nd Anniversary in July.

earned his college degree, with Liz taking her old job as a stenographer in Madison to help pay his way through school. They built a home on the same road where Liz grew up, and where they raised two boys. Dale worked as an accountant for an agribusiness firm for 25 years.

In 1993, Liz was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Her doctor said she needed a warmer climate, so they moved to Tennessee. Eventually, they would follow one of their sons who was moving to Louisville in 2012. They found Wesley Manor and moved into a patio home that year. "We were lucky," said Dale. "They had two openings in patio homes at the time. We liked the patio home at that time of our lives. It was just the right size, and we didn't have to mow or shovel snow!"



Liz in her sport outfit, which she made from sailcloth

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2018 "SWING FOR SENIORS" GOLF SCRAMBLE

Benefiting Wesley
Manor's Charitable
Senior Care Program

Woodhaven Country Club
Monday, May 21 — Noon



GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Name: _____

Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

TEAM REGISTRATION —

1st Golfer Name: _____

2nd Golfer Name: _____

3rd Golfer Name: _____

4th Golfer Name: _____

EVENT DETAILS:

- **When:** Monday, May 21 — Noon registration & lunch
- **Where:** Woodhaven Country Club in Louisville
- **Cost:** \$125/player; \$500/team of four (registration as a foursome is preferred)
- **Why:** Help older adults get care they need
- **Registration Deadline:** Friday, May 11
- **Prizes:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams

PAYMENT: (check appropriate box):

- Attached is my payment for my entire team (\$500).
 Attached is payment for ____ players (\$125/per)

Total Amount Enclosed:



NOTE: Payment is REQUIRED with registration. Send check(s) payable to:

Wesley Manor Retirement Community, Attn: Anita Kuvin/Candi Blinn, *In Memo Line:* 2018 Golf Scramble
5012 East Manslick Rd. • Louisville, KY 40219 • (502) 964-3959 • fax: (502) 966-0819 ♥



"How Great Thou Art" Revival coming June 25-29

Wesley Manor's 3rd annual Revival will be the week of June 25 – 29. This year's revival, titled "How Great Thou Art," will celebrate our faith through music and sermons.



3rd Annual Revival
Celebrating Faith

Join us each evening at 6 p.m. in the Chapel for worship with a special guest pastor and gospel musician at every service! Watch the Wesley Manor website, Facebook page and the e-newsletter for more details. ♥

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In 2016, Liz moved into the Health Care Center on Wesley Manor's campus, while Dale remained in the patio home. Despite living in two areas of campus, they can easily see each other—a nice feature of a campus with all levels of senior living. Dale visits Liz every day, and still enjoys an occasional round of golf. Liz likes to participate in many of the activities on campus as well. ♥



Liz (left) with her friend, Beth, at the Wisconsin State Fair—along with a copy of her 4H Record Book.

Car show, senior rides coming June 7

Classic Car Show coming to Wesley Manor benefits Alzheimer's Association

Our 2018 Classic Car Show benefiting the Alzheimer's Association will be on **Thursday, June 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at The Aldersgate.



Dozens of members from the Kentuckiana Antique Car Club will be displaying their beautiful cars while live music featuring Pat Portman, Austin Reynolds and Joshua McMillan plays in the background! Come hungry to enjoy classic diner delights from Pop's Roadside Diner, a local food truck! All proceeds from silent auctions, raffles, and good-will offerings will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.



Motorcycle rides for Wesley Seniors

Immediately following the car show, the fifth annual **Senior Rides motorcycle event will start at 2 p.m.** at the Assisted Living

Center. These fun-filled rides offer seniors a scenic tour of our beautiful campus, and have been a big hit among Wesley Manor residents and friends. Guests are welcome to ride too! ♥

KY United Methodists Have a Heart for Seniors!

As of April 15, the 2018 "Have a Heart for Seniors" Love Offering from Wesley Manor's District Churches totalled \$36,700. This compares to \$34,000 last year.

All of these funds will be used to assist our residents who need financial aid to remain in their homes here at Wesley Manor.

THANKS to these HAHS Fund partners! ♥



Our vision is taking shape!

Sometimes, we are working harder, and the wheels are turning faster, when it appears nothing is happening. But don't be deceived. Much of the groundwork is being laid now for the next phases of our campus enhancement and expansion.

"Spectacular achievement is always preceded by unspectacular preparation."

~Robert Schuller

New Patio Homes

Requests for permits have been presented to the city and, though this often seems like an endless process, we hope to begin work in late summer for our new patio homes being planned in *The Village at Wesley Manor*.



Aldersgate makeover



The Aldersgate Wing is home to our Personal Care and early-mid-stage memory support residents.

New LED lighting and ceiling renovations, made possible through a 2017 grant from *The Gheens Foundation*, were completed in our

Aldersgate hallways late last fall. Application of fresh paint will begin in late May, with wallcoverings and installation of flooring to come immediately thereafter in our hallways and gathering areas. Then new furnishings will follow.

Fundraising counsel creation

We are also in the process of selecting fundraising counsel to guide us as we establish strategies to underwrite the multi-million dollar costs of improvements being planned for the next 3 – 5 years.



Stay tuned ... we'll be sharing more information and pictures as we move along. ♥

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Wesley Manor serves its residents and families with a dedicated and professional staff, in a nurturing Christian community.

Girl Scout raises \$254 for Wesley Manor

In our last *Beacon*, we told you about 7-year-old volunteer Annie Kate Reynolds, who has been raising money since last Fall to support our Charitable Care Program.

In this photo, Annie Kate presents Wesley Manor president Jerry Hoganson with a whopping check for \$254 for our Charitable Care Program — and we are VERY grateful to her for working so hard to assist our older adults who need a helping hand!



SAVE THESE DATES

Upcoming Events & News of Note



- **2018 “Swing for Seniors” Golf Scramble Monday, May 21 ~ 12 noon**

Get your friends or colleagues together and play a “round” to help older adults at our annual golf scramble held at Woodhaven Country Club.

- **Classic Car Show and Senior Rides Thursday, June 7 ~ 11 a.m.**

Come see a variety of beautiful, antique cars, enjoy some music and food — and then join us for our fifth annual Senior Rides motorcycle event afterward.

- **“How Great Thou Art” Revival June 25-29 ~ 6 p.m.**

Join us all week as we celebrate “How Great Thou Art” through our faith, featuring music and a variety of inspirational sermons.



Visit WesMan.org to make an online donation and brighten the lives of our seniors.



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