

# WESLEY WOODS SENIOR LIVING



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### WELCOME APRIL NEW HIRES

**JOHN TIPPETT**  
Foundation Of Wesley Woods

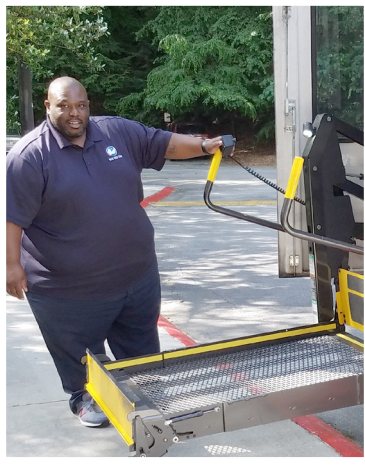
**MATTHEW SCROGGS**  
Lanier Grdn - Security

**LASHONDA LEVERETT,**  
SJ Towers - Dining

**JOSIE RANSOM,**  
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

**AERISH BROWN**  
WW Towers - Assisted Living

**AMY STOKES**  
WW Towers - Dining



### A BIG SHOT OUT TO ALFRED!

Alfred Griffin Jr. at WESLEY WOODS TOWERS works hard to get all the residents on the bus safely, every day!

## WESLEY WOODS TOWERS Holds Annual Spring Fling

On Thursday, May 16th, WESLEY WOODS TOWERS held their annual Spring Fling to celebrate Older Americans Month and to honor residents. The proceeds will benefit the residents association. They also use these funds to buy flowers for the resident's gardens, purchase books for the book club, and other great life enriching events. Events included a bake sale, jewelry sale, T-shirt sale, and silent auction. Live entertainment was also provided.



Tickets were \$15 for a yummy BBQ which included the choice of ribs or chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and a drink. Hamburger and hotdog plates were also an option. The WWT staff really made a difference and worked hard to create the perfect day!



WESLEY WOODS TOWERS Leadership Team are the creators behind the Spring Fling. Not included in the photo is Jennie Deese, WWT Administrator.

**Our Mission: To help people age with grace**

**Our Vision: To be a leader in senior living housing, services, information, education and research support**

## NOTEWORTHY

**THE CHAPLAIN CORNER**

*Rev. Nancy Long, Chaplain, Asbury Harris Epworth Towers  
I am Especially Fond of You*

As my day began at WESLEY WOODS SENIOR LIVING, I was blessed by an encounter with one of the residents where I serve. The resident began to share with me the story of her beloved husband who had passed on and how she was missing him. She proceeded to share all the regrets and feelings of remorse for not doing enough to prolong his life.

As I continued to listen to her, I was reminded of a scene in the movie, "The Shack." The character, Mac, comes face to face with the God figure in the form of a woman. The God figure began to share how especially "fond" she was of him and several other people Mac knew. So, Mac asked, "Is there anyone you are not especially fond of?" The God figure laughed and replied, "No, I guess not."

In my encounters with staff, residents and vendors who come in and out of our communities, I have been inspired by the handiwork of our incomprehensible Creator. How our Creator expresses how "especially beloved we are." Just think of the numerous personalities and various methods of expressions we as humans use to share who we are. Sometimes we get frustrated with each other. Other times we enjoy each other's company during lunch, meetings or even sitting at our desks talking. During the ongoing encounters with each other, we make mistakes, say things we really don't mean, and at the end of the day, have regrets just like the resident who shared her story with me.

Yet, in our cognitive understanding that our Creator is especially fond of us, we use those regrets as instant replays in our mind. Being an avid sports watcher, I see instant replay as the best way to bring back what we missed. Whether it's an impressive backhand or a slam dunk or a touchdown pass, we never have to worry about missing it.

Because our Creator is especially fond of us, we have the opportunity while reminiscing about the regret in our lives to get a do over. It dawned on me recently that we enjoy (for lack of a better title) delayed replays of some of the more significant times in our lives. We fantasize about the possibility of having a chance to relive a specific experience that could have been handled differently. We remember well all those "If I had that to do over again" thoughts.

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**HOW TO USE YOUR KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICAL INSURANCE WHEN TRAVELING**

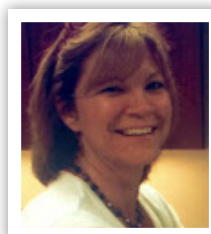
As a member of Kaiser Permanente, you do not have to worry about care when you travel. Keep the KAISER AWAY FROM HOME TRAVEL LINE number (951-268-3900) in your phone when you are not near a Kaiser facility and need assistance. Remember, for emergencies when you are not at home, go to the nearest Urgent Care or hospital emergency room and then call the KAISER AWAY FROM HOME TRAVEL LINE 24/7.

Not sure of what type of care you might need? Call a Kaiser Permanente advice nurse at 404-261-2590. They are available 24/7 to answer questions and point you in the right direction.



## NOTEWORTHY

## WESLEY WOODS Welcomes Dana Chandler



**T**ALMAGE TERRACE/LANIER GARDENS welcomes Dana Chandler as the new Executive Director starting on May 28th. Dana will be taking on the role that Lauri Ann Brooks filled for many years before her promotion to V.P. of Operations.

Dana has served in several different roles for the past 11 years at a senior living community in Lilburn, Georgia, the most recent being Executive Director. Dana is a Georgia native and has recently relocated to the Athens area. She and her husband have three adult children, two wonderful grandsons and two rather spoiled dogs. Dana enjoys spending time on the lake with her family, reading, decorating and baking. Please welcome Dana to the WESLEY WOODS Team.

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Just think of all the decisions we would refrain from making. How well we remember the harsh words we said to our loved ones and did not have a chance to say, "I am sorry." It would be a different story the second time around, wouldn't it? Unfortunately, life doesn't offer "delayed replays." Second-times around don't happen.

But because our Creator is especially fond of us, we get something better than a second time around—we get a life where our Creator wants us to use our time to embrace the abundance that our present and future have to offer. Our Creator is more concerned with the development of our character and the cultivation of the qualities we possess than how well we can replay the regrets in our lives.

When all kinds of challenges and regrets consume our thoughts, let us not resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends who remind us how good life can be. If we remember that they come to test our faith in our present and future and to produce the person our Creator intended us to be, we will get a do over. Let the process go on until that faith in the present and future is fully developed, and we will find we have more time to live and less time to regret.

### KUDOS CORNER— DOVE AWARD WINNERS FOR APRIL

#### **TALMAGE TERRACE/ LANIER GARDENS, Comfort Ofori, Personal Care CNA**

Submitted by resident Nell Shedd:  
"Thank you for taking such great care of me during my last illness. You stayed with me in the ER and assisted me to numerous Dr. appts."

#### **BRANAN LODGE, Richard Smith, Residential Administrator**

Submitted by Carolyn Hunter,  
Business Services Manger:  
"For going beyond the call of duty to help save our residents money and provide additional conveniences for them."

#### **ASBURY HARRIS EPWORTH TOWERS, Miesha Jordan, Business Services Manager**

Submitted by Gladys Clay Butts,  
Residential Administrator: "Thank you, Miesha Jordan for portraying the Easter Bunny during AHET's intergenerational Easter Egg Hunt."

#### **WESLEY WOODS CORPORATE, J.D. Fite, Director of Marketing and Communications**

Submitted by Karen Kagiyama,  
O. Wayne Rollins Director of Pastoral Care: "To thank you for being there during the photo shoot and all your help even though everyone knew you were not feeling well."

#### **BRANAN TOWERS, Joan Field, Life Enrichment Director**

Submitted by Brandon Ball,  
Residential Administrator:  
"For her tireless works in planning our Soup and Sing"

#### **ST. JOHN TOWERS, Rudolph McCants**

Submitted by Rick Nevard, Chaplain:  
"For fantastic work at the men's event, last Saturday."

**Employee Service Dates for May**

**5/8/1989**  
RICHARD SMITH  
B Lodge - Administration

**5/22/2006**  
MEIKO SMITH  
Lanier Grdn - Plant Oper & Mai

**5/25/2006**  
IRIS ARNOLD  
Newnan - Housekeeping

**5/5/2008**  
ANGELIA PAIGE  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**5/11/2009**  
MARK LOWELL  
WW Mgmt Corp - Admin

**5/2/2011**  
CATHERINE SERAPHIN  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**5/18/2012**  
DAVID SIMS  
SJ Towers - Plan Oper & Maint

**5/19/2014**  
TRACI MONTGOMERY  
WWSL Corporate - Admin

**5/22/2014**  
BRENDA THOMPkins  
WW Towers - Assisted Living

**5/16/2016**  
AMANDA MERSHON  
SJ Towers - Administration

**5/25/2016**  
KIM FERGUSON  
WW Towers - Assisted Living

**5/07/2018**  
JUDITH MARTIN  
AHET - Activities

**5/15/2018**  
APRIL ARMSTRONG  
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

**5/20/2018**  
KIERA POPE  
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

**5/29/2018**  
DEJA KENDALL  
Newnan - Dining

**5/31/2018**  
KATIE SUE PARKER  
Newnan - Nursing Care

 **Employee Birthdays for May**

**5/1**  
WILLIAM MOBLEY  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**5/5**  
APRIL ARMSTRONG  
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

**5/6**  
JOHN TIPPETT  
Foundation Of Wesley Woods

**5/6**  
CHERYL ROBERTS  
Lanier Grdn - Administration

**5/8**  
KATHLEEN IVEY  
SJ Towers - Administration

**5/11**  
LASHONDA LEVERETT  
SJ Towers - Dining

**5/12**  
JENNIFER MOORE  
SJ Towers - Assisted Living

**5/13**  
RHONDA JAMES  
WW Towers - Assisted Living

**5/13**  
SHERON STEVENSON  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**5/16**  
DELBERT STAPLEFORD  
Lanier Grdn - Chaplaincy

**5/16**  
SHANNON GARRETT  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**5/16**  
LAKEITHA FRYER  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**5/17**  
SHAMIKA BROWN  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**5/21**  
LAURI ANN BROOKS  
WWSL Corporate - Admin

**5/22**  
DENISE EARLEY  
WW Towers - Housekeeping

**5/23**  
ANGEL AGOSTO  
Newnan - Dining

**5/23**  
LINDA MACK  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**5/26**  
BARBARA ONEAL  
WW Towers - Dining

**5/28**  
DENISE SMITH-MOORE  
WWSL Corporate - Admin

**5/28**  
TIARA FLINT  
WW Towers - Dining

**5/28**  
CYNTHIA JONES  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**5/30**  
TONYA JORDAN  
Newnan - Dining

**5/31**  
IRIS ARNOLD  
Newnan - Housekeeping

 **Employee Birthdays for June**

**6/1**  
WADE JONES  
AHET - Plant Oper & Maint

**6/1**  
APRIL MOBLEY  
AHET - Plant Oper & Maint

**6/3**  
TRACI MONTGOMERY  
WWSL Corporate - Admin

**6/6**  
ERNESTINE HARRIS  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**6/6**  
KRISTIN SPELLMAN  
Talmg Ter - Housekeeping

**6/7**  
LATISHA JOHNSON  
Branan Twrs - Administration

**6/8**  
PATRICIA BOLTON  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**6/9**  
SANTANA ARMISTEAD  
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

**6/14**  
CAROLYN HUNTER  
B Lodge - Administration

**6/14**  
CHERYL DAVIS  
Lanier Grdn - Security

**6/14**  
MIMI WARE  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**6/15**  
MICHAEL FARMER  
SJ Towers - Dining

**6/16**  
ALIX DICKSON  
Branan Twrs - Plant Oper & Mai

**6/16**  
ROXIE TUCKER  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**6/17**  
KAREN BURLEY  
SJ Towers - Assisted Living

**6/19**  
MARK MOORE  
WW Towers - Activities

**6/20**  
WILLIE GARNETT  
SJ Towers - Plan Oper & Maint

**6/20**  
REBECCA BRIGHT  
Newnan - Administration

**6/22**  
ROSHANDA MONTFORD  
WWSL Corporate - Admin

**6/22**  
CHARMEL GREER  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**6/22**  
MONTAVIUS ROACH  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**6/24**  
YALEKWA ADDISON  
Talmg Ter - Dining

**6/25**  
ROBIN MASON  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**6/26**  
BRUCE WESTBROOK  
WW Towers - Dining

**6/26**  
JULIET MHLANGA  
Newnan - Nursing Care

**6/26**  
VIOLA MARTINEZ  
Talmg Ter - Housekeeping

**6/28**  
JOYCE HARDWICK  
WW Towers - Administration

**6/28**  
MARTHA FIELD  
Branan Twrs - Activities

**6/29**  
DENNIS DUNBAR  
SJ Towers - Plan Oper & Maint

**6/29**  
WANDA DAVIS  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**6/30**  
ANDRZEJ SWIATEK  
Newnan - Assisted Living

**Payroll Reminder:** Be sure to check your pay check each pay period for accuracy. This would include PTO balances, overtime, benefit deductions, shift differentials, etc. If you do not know how to review your paycheck, ask your supervisor or contact HR.