

Spring  
2021

# Beacon of Hope

 **Wesley Manor**  
Retirement Community  
*feels like home*

## It all started with a note and the word “Ish”

**W**ay back in 2019, before the word COVID 19 had been spoken, there was a group of 6 or so individuals who came together and met routinely as one of the Book Clubs at Wesley Manor’s Assisted Living. There were books to be read and discussed and a subgroup even did some journaling, reminiscing from childhood about memories that were shared with each other.

Chris Hoganson participated with the group and looked forward to coming over and spending time with our Resident Group being involved and serving as a facilitator for the Book Club and its activities. Two of the members of this group developed a deeper friendship and one of the stories that was shared needs to be shared again.

When Dave Hoskin handed me a note encouraging me to meet with Carol McClure and indicated using the phrase “Ish” with her to spur on the conversation, I was intrigued. So, being curious, I followed the lead. One recent afternoon, I was privileged to become acquainted with Carol



*Members of Wesley Manor’s Book Club pose with some memorabilia featuring Ish Kabibble, the famous half-brother of our resident, Chris Schuler.*



McClure and learn about some of her history and interests. Then, with a cue from David, I asked Carol if she could elaborate on the word “Ish”.

Carol asked me if I was familiar with the Big Band era and Kay Kyser and his television show. Of course,

I was not familiar with Kay Kyser, but I used Google and discovered a picture of a very handsome man and the story of Kay Kyser and his band which was famous in the 1930s and 1940s. “Ish” it turns out, was the

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## Wesley Manor Dining Room service and Chapel worship resume in person!



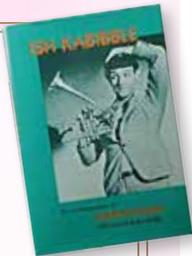
Lots of smiles, reconnecting, and conversation have returned with the Dining Room reopening in Assisted Living for all Residents. Church service had 22 in attendance and Dr. Rebecca Church said that praise was palpable with tears and uplifted hands with the pipe organ music giving joy to the service. We have also had several outside music groups return to share their talents to the delight of our Residents. Visitation is no longer limited to one household and we look forward to continued loosening of restrictions as vaccinations increase and infection rates decline. Senior Living Facilities serve the most vulnerable population and we were the first to close and will be the last to fully reopen. Always visit our website at [WesMan.org](http://WesMan.org) and our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information as we continue to return to normal. ♥

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nickname of the business manager and cornet player for the Kay Kyser Band from 1931 to 1951 and he was known as Ish Kabibble. For the “rest of the story,” Carol said I needed to speak to Chris Schuler, another member of the Book Club. So, my appetite had been wetted, I scheduled a time to meet with Mrs. Schuler.

**THE WESLEY MANOR BOOK CLUB IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GREAT WAYS SENIORS CAN CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THEIR STORIES.**



My time with Chris Schuler was quite enlightening. As it turns out, Chris is the half-sister of Ish Kabibble. Ish Kabibble was born Merwyn Bogue in 1908 and was 12 years older than Chris, the youngest of the family. Ish Kabibble was quite famous, performing in 10 films in the 1940s and developed his onstage persona with a distinguished comedic flair. If you have seen the Three Stooges, and enjoy the look of Moe, with his straight cut hair and dead pan look, his inspiration was likely Ish Kabibble. Interestingly enough, Jim Carrey’s character from Dumb and Dumber with the flat cut hair do and not very bright persona was also likely inspired from Ish Kabibble.

Chris said that Ish Kabibble wrote all of his own acts and often used poetry in his performances. She quoted him saying “I shot an arrow into the air, where it landed, I know not where. I’ve lost a lot of arrows lately.” Another, “Last night I saw upon a stair a little man who was sitting there. He wasn’t there again today. Gee, I wish he’d go away.” Getting to hear directly from our Residents their stories and encounters from family and friends is fascinating and invigorating.

You never know where a note may lead you. Keep your eyes and heart open, history with famous individuals may come to life in ways you can never imagine. This started with a note and the word “Ish.” ♥

# Wesley Manor welcomes experience in two key areas

Richard Flowers and Ken Harris have joined Wesley Manor bringing valuable experience with them.

Richard Flowers has been working in leadership roles within not-for-profit senior living communities since the mid-1990s. He has served primarily in non profit senior living communities as the nursing home administrator or executive director before coming to Wesley Manor as the director of marketing. Richard is excited to be part of the team and continue building on the excellent reputation and tradition of Wesley Manor.

Richard moved to Louisville in 1990 after completing undergraduate and graduate school at Trinity University in San Antonio, Tx. He has been married for 25 years to Emily and they have two boys, Steven and John. Richard enjoys being outdoors with golfing and fishing being two of his favorites.

Ken Harris has come to Wesley Manor with over 15 years of experience as a director of maintenance in Senior Living communities. Ken brings with him a keen understanding of mechanicals



Richard Flowers,  
Director of  
Marketing



Ken Harris,  
Director of  
Maintenance

and working with contractors that will be important with the age and complexity of the systems here at Wesley Manor. He is excited to be a part of the team, lead and work with them to serve our residents and families.

Ken has completed multiple certifications including preventative maintenance, HVAC, and plumbing and has electrical experience. Ken had his own contractor business and served in the US Marine Corps. Ken is from Louisville and graduated from Fairdale High School. Ken has been married to Katrina for the past 18 years and they have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. He enjoys the outdoors with fishing being his favorite activity. ♥

## Embracing Wesley Manor Mother’s Day moments



Wesley Manor celebrates our amazing mothers with flowers and love. We are honored to serve you all! ♥



# 'Swing for Seniors' Golf Scramble raises over \$33,000 for Charitable Care Ministry



Wesley Manor held this year's "Swing for Seniors" Golf Scramble once again at the Woodhaven Country Club in Louisville. Not only were we blessed with accommodating weather and a full flight (23 Foursomes) of enthusiastic golfers, but our senior ministry benefited from the following faithful and several new sponsors.



Russ Wardlaw and Eric Harden enjoying some sun and fun!

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## Wesley Manor Scramble Volunteer Committee

- Russ Wardlaw, Co-Chair
- Eric Harden, Co-Chair
- Billy Hopkins
- Craig & Mary Anne Reynolds
- Allen Schuhmann ♥



THANK YOU!

## Honoring your loved ones in meaningful ways First quarter 2021 tribute gifts received~

Giving an honor or memorial donation is a meaningful way to recognize a loved one. Your tax-deductible gift is not only a tribute to someone special in your life, but it also helps Wesley Manor continue the mission of service to residents and families in a nurturing Christian environment.



When you make a tribute donation, your designee will receive a special card letting them know about your thoughtful gift in their name and the difference it is making at Wesley Manor.

There is a form online at [www.WesMan.org](http://www.WesMan.org) to complete this gift or mail a check to the Development Office with honoree information.

The following are the tribute gifts received for the first quarter of 2021 (January 1 – March 31, 2021):

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*In Honor of Ron & Juanita Swogger*  
John & Dee Ann Derr ♥

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

## Wesley bet on fun during Derby week

Wesley Manor celebrated one of Kentucky's biggest weekends with our own fun, including Shirley Temple Mint Juleps and colorful derby hats. Residents enjoyed picking their horses at this fun event for all! ♥



## Make a difference and shop with a purpose

Did you know you can support Wesley Manor with your everyday shopping at Kroger Supermarkets and Amazon? It's simple and costs you nothing. Simply visit [www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards) and [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com) and sign-up for an account, designating Wesley Manor to receive donations, and a percentage of all your purchases will automatically go to Wesley Manor's Charitable Care Ministry. ♥



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