

# Valley View Voice

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## Lyle and Fern Tresham, 75 years

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By special request, we are revisiting the lives of Valley View residents Lyle and Fern Tresham, who have lived on the campus for approximately 11 years. The couple celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November of this year, at the ages of 94 and 95, so we wanted to acknowledge this milestone. Fern remembers that after two dates with Lyle, she knew he was the man she wanted to marry. Attaining 75 years of marriage is a remarkable achievement in itself. Both Fern and Lyle still appear to be healthy and enjoying their lives, getting around adequately, and living independently. Both are native Oregonians, and have many interesting stories to tell you when you see them around campus, many of which were featured in our newsletter article several years ago.

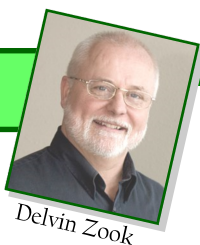
The couple were eager to report on their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary event in November hosted in the activity room on the Valley View/Rock of Ages campus. The couple have lots of nieces and nephews who attended from far and wide. The event was featured in the newspaper, so there were many people from town, and many from the Hopewell church. The couple reported close to 100 people in attendance. When asked if any of her siblings were in attendance, Fern sadly replied that she was the only one surviving of the 12 children. Lyle enjoyed having his remaining sister at the event, who had great fun seeing many people she had known when she was younger. The couple said it was heartwarming to see the younger set enjoying themselves so much.

Another highlight in the most recent years of the couple's lives was the marriage of their grandchild Logan Branden, Teresa and Alan's son. This happened in June of

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## From Delvin's Desk



Delvin Zook

I'm so grateful for the many individuals that have helped Rock of Ages through another successful year. We have entered 2023. I can honestly say I have felt a sense of support from Staff, residents, volunteers, Board of Directors, department leaders, donors, prayer supporters, families, State regulators, and the community at large, all during the last year, which helped make Rock of Ages a haven for those who are in need of our services and care. This year Rock of Ages has served this community for **75 years**. So much has changed since 1948. I want to thank the Board of Directors who have been true to the Mission, making decisions that improve the service without changing the essence and purpose of the organization. This year will be the 41<sup>st</sup> year Twila and I have lived and served here on campus. We have gotten to know many dear friends, many of whom have gone on to their eternal reward. During my years here staff and volunteers have come, most serve faithfully for many years, and many have gone on to other endeavors. Selecting those who show leadership abilities and serve faithfully from the heart is part of the process in building a team. One of my responsibilities as CEO is to establish team leaders in each department who support one another and serve a community where

trust and respect is honored. I firmly believe this is essential to build an atmosphere of commitment to our residents and each other. When disrespect for individuals is present, it grows and quickly breaks down relationships. No matter where the breakdown happens, or to whom, it always effects the quality of care and service.

It would be nice to have a crystal ball and see what the new year will bring, and yet we can know God holds the future, and if we trust Him, He will guide us in His ways. As we step into 2023, we have made some administrative changes. With Leslie reducing her hours to four day a week and eventually retiring, Candice Armour, a 17-year employee who has led several departments, will become the CEO Assistant and will be over the office staff and assist with the work of the CEO. Karen Nisly, a 25-year employee, will become Director of Social Work, a new position assisting residents and staff. Karen will also be helping with Risk Management. Andrea Scott, a 7-year employee, will be credentialed as MAIDS administrator to replace Karen. Shauna Boster, a more recent employee, will take the position of Administrator, managing the Ann Scott Estate Foster Home with Riza Robles as her assistant. Each of these leaders know the mission of Rock of Ages, and respect our vision and purpose, while delivering quality service and care. Please pray for these leaders as they carry their responsibilities faithfully.

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## Chaplain's Corner



Lynn Miller

Fifty one years ago, January 1972, a young couple moved with their three pre-schoolers to McMinnville, called to be pastor of First Mennonite Church on Fellows St. We moved into an old farm house across the street from the church building. O my, what a green pastor! So much to learn. By God's good grace we endeavored to serve Him and His people. People were for the most part kind and understanding. Many fond memories still linger. First funeral, first wedding and many more firsts.

During our pastoring years in Mac we often visited folks at Rock of Ages. There was only one building, in not too good repair and only a handful of residents. Residents like Mary and Bud still remain

in our memories. It would have been almost impossible to dream back then what this place has become.

A good reputation was already in the making, but ROA is today far more than could have been imagined. Certainly the Lord has blessed the vision of Delvin and his associates.

We have come full circle, returning to McMinnville. And are now residents here. Making this haven our home until our next move to heaven. God is so good! We have been richly blessed in serving congregations in Oregon and Virginia, making many, many lasting friendships, now we are blessed to do the same here.

## Honoring our Employees

### Employees of the Month (EOM)

#### September Co-Employees of the Month



**Andrea Scott** is a vital part of the M.A.I.D.S. program. She has a huge heart and always wants to make sure the clients have all their needs meant. She has a schedule that moves around a lot because she is always willing to cover any shift that is needed. Thank you, Andrea, for all you do.



**Candice Armour** has been at Rock of Ages for 17 years. She was in charge of the kitchen for most of those years. She is very flexible, serving in any department when needed. She is now moving into an office management role. Thank you, Candice, for all your help.

#### October EOM



**Fernando Ramirez** works in the maintenance department. He is always there when a big project needs to be done. He stepped up, found and worked hard to fix a recent broken plugged sewer line. Thank you, Fernando, for all the work you do on our campus.

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2020, the year that COVID was in full force, and gatherings were limited to 25 people. In spite of this, the wedding was beautiful, held in the woods, and the bride played her violin for the grateful gathering. A reception was held at a later date when it was safer to do so. This union appears to be a match made in heaven. The couple are now farming. Logan left his job as sports writer for a newspaper to become a farmer, in keeping with the bride's family tradition. The couple are raising elephant garlic, and doing very well. They are also remodeling an old

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school house which they hope to turn into an Air B & B.

A great joy for Lyle and Fern is the retirement of their daughter, Teresa, and her husband Alan who moved to Valley View in 2018. Teresa is an enormous help to the couple, assisting with their transportation and medical needs. Fern shared that in the fall of 2021 they moved from their home on Shilo Way to their current location on Mt. View, because their new unit is better equipped to meet their current needs. They seem to be very happy with their decision in their cozy new home.

Fern still enjoys gardening, although she is not as active as she once was when her beautiful yard was featured in the McMinnville Garden Tour several years ago. Lyle no longer keeps his pilot's license current so he can no longer give rides to his family! Both Lyle and Fern learned to work when they were young. Fern was one of twelve children, raised on her parents' property in Hopewell, where the entire family worked hard raising cane berries. This is particularly interesting to me, because the family eventually sold the property to the Wilbanks family, and I can say first hand that the Wilbanks family were another hardworking bunch! Lyle and Fern were farmers for most of their lives, and Lyle eventually retired from farming when he was 77 years old.

The couple reminisce about their travels in their fifth wheel after they retired, and their travels to Europe and England. Lyle's aunt Amber did some family research which revealed a connection to a wealthy family who owned Rushton Hall, the ancestral home of the Tresham family in Northamptonshire, making their time in England especially meaningful. Aunt Amber also produced a comprehensive book from information found in an English library. The Treshams are very proud to be able to pass their heritage on to their six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and five step great grandchildren. As lifetime members of Yamhill County, the Treshams know many people, and seem to have found their piece of heaven at ValleyView/Rock of Ages.

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## *The Lighter Side*

### Funny airline stories:

- A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20 am and got into Chicago at 8:33 am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told her the plane went very, very fast, and she bought that!
- A woman called to make reservations. "I want to go from Chicago to Hippopotamus, New York." The agent was at a loss for words. Finally, the agent asked, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the customer. After some searching, the agent came back with, "I'm sorry ma'am, I've looked up every airport code in the

country and can't find a Hippopotamus anywhere." The customer retorted, "Oh don't be silly. Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?" The customer said, "That's it! I knew it was a big animal!"

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We have many promises in the Bible we can claim and like the gospel song says, *Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know He holds my hand.* I thank God for each of our staff who have dedicated themselves to a greater calling of caring for others. Thank you each one!



