The sky was bright blue and filled with fluffy clouds. The air was crisp and cool after a week of warm, humid weather. It was a perfect day for a new beginning at Landis Homes.

On the afternoon of Barbecue Day, September 11, 1993, about 175 persons gathered on the southwest lawn to break ground for Harvest View, Landis Homes’ new 125-apartment facility. The brief ceremony included a welcome by Administrator Ed Longenecker, a prayer by Associate Pastor Janet Peifer, and a responsive litany led by board President Clyde Root. Then followed the actual spading of earth by administrators, board members and future residents of Harvest View. After much turning of ground, the assembly united in singing “How Firm a Foundation”.

The ceremony was preceded by a meeting of future Harvest View residents. Ninety future residents accompanied by friends and family members came together for the first time to begin meeting their new neighbors, to gather information, and of course to take part in the groundbreaking.

Harvest View is projected to be ready for occupancy in early 1995. Seventy percent of the apartments are already reserved. Currently, there is a good selection of one and two-bedroom apartments still available. Interested persons may contact the Admissions Office.

25 Years of Dedicated Service

On October 16, 1993, Ruth Johnson achieved a milestone. Twenty-five years ago on that day she came to work at Landis Homes for the first time. The majority of those years Ruth has served as the Director of Nursing. She has given many hours of dedicated and caring service to Landis Homes residents. She has also given oversight to the nursing program, which has experienced growth and change over the past quarter of a century. Thank you, Ruth, for your loving commitment to Landis Homes.

-Ed Longenecker
Administrator
Checking the Horizon

My wife Rhoda and I enjoy riding bike. While most of our riding is in the Lancaster area, we occasionally take longer day trips to other areas. During summer vacation we biked from Lancaster to Camp Hebron near Halifax, staying overnight and biking back the next day.

Our biggest obstacle was Peters Mountain. As we laboriously pedaled around each bend in the road, we kept anxiously checking the horizon, “that apparent line along which the earth and the sky meet.” Finally, with a real sense of accomplishment, we made it and I should add, not without weary legs.

I’m excited about this new quarterly named Horizons. In many ways all of us keep “checking the horizon.” It gives us purpose, direction and goals to accomplish. As we look ahead to the Harvest View project, as well as other upcoming events, we will be looking toward each bend in the road for that place where the earth and the sky meet. In a spiritual sense God is there to meet us, leading always to new horizons.

—Ed Longenecker
Administrator

Barbecue Day a Success
“The Feeding of the 3,440!”

On September 11, a day of both sunshine and wind, fourteen volunteers roasted 3,440 chicken halves throughout the day. Many more volunteers working at the dine-in and take-out stations combined the barbecued chicken with other items to complete the meal. The assembly line packed a total of 3,100 baked potatoes, 270 dozen rolls, 650 pounds of coleslaw, 105 gallons of applesauce and 280 dozen cupcakes. Many of these items were donated by Lancaster Conference churches.

Ten swans, including two donated by Earl Hurst of Oregon Dairy, were auctioned from the farm pond with proceeds totalling $375.00. This year the funds generated by the sale of dinners and swans will go towards refurbishing the lounges in the nursing care facility.

Gratitude goes first to God for the beautiful day, to the many volunteers and to the support of Landis Homes residents and staff. It was the cooperation of many working together which made the day a success.

—Rozanne Zimmerman
Auxiliary President
Celebration for a Centenarian

Alice Hershey reached her 100th birthday on September 17, 1993. The next day her family, including daughter Katherine Hershey, who is a resident at Landis Homes, hosted a drop-in celebration in the West Community Room.

The celebration included flowers, balloons, and of course birthday cake. For three hours, Alice greeted and talked with each of the 209 family members and friends who came to wish her well. This included persons who came from as far away as Ohio and Virginia. She also received a total of 300 birthday cards and greetings.

Alice came to the Landis Homes community 27 years ago with her late husband, Leaman Hershey, who passed away in 1980. She is the mother of six, the grandmother of 14, the great-grandmother of 36, and the great-great-grandmother of seven.

Her favorite hobbies besides visiting with family and friends are taking walks and playing scrabble. She is also an active volunteer in a prayer and visitation ministry with other residents.

Alice Hershey attributes her long life to the goodness of God and to nothing that she has done. She is ready to meet her Lord at any time, but prays that she will fulfill God’s purpose for her as long as she lives.

Welcome New Residents*

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| Eva Clark                                   |
| Iola Hug                                    |
| Alma Kinsey                                 |
| Mabel D. Landis                             |
| Arthur H. Lengel                            |
| Florence Noll                               |

*Since July 1, 1993

Nature Club Adventures

As the corn was harvested and the song of the cicada faded away, the members of the Nature Club of Landis Homes traveled to Kreider’s Mum Farm to see a beautiful array of fall colors. Their tour guide for the trip was John Winters.

The Nature Club was begun in February of 1993 by persons who share a love and appreciation of the natural world. In the warm months, the group has taken trips to Lake Tobias, Hershey Rose Gardens, the gardens at Rockford and a privately owned tulip garden.

Over the upcoming winter months, the Nature Club will hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in the community Room of the J Building, hosted by Paul Weaver. These meetings will offer a variety of speakers, nature slides and videos.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the Nature Club activities. It is a chance for nature lovers to come together to learn, share, and have fun.

—Rebecca Cargas
Activities Director
Retired, But Not Tired

Alvin Weaver returns from his garden with fresh tomatoes.

Unit A, Room 11 is the residence of Alvin Weaver. He is a 97 year-old gentleman who has lived at Landis Homes for about 13 years. When Alvin was younger, he and his late wife, Katie, left the East Earl area for mission work in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. They served in various capacities for more than 30 years of Christian service.

In Alvin’s younger years, while living in East Earl, he grew produce which he sold at the Reading and Philadelphia markets. In those days, he remembers talking to the old timers about their farming and marketing experiences before mass transportation. One of the most humorous stories was of farmers, literally walking their turkeys to the market. According to Alvin, if it got too late in the day, the turkeys would stop walking and try to roost in nearby trees! How times have changed.

Alvin has always enjoyed cultivating the soil, planting the seeds and watching them spring forth. Annual harvesting was the climax of it all. The poet’s words, “Man is nearer to God in the garden, than anywhere on earth,” express Alvin’s feelings, both then and now. Here at Landis Homes, Alvin still has a garden of tomatoes, lettuce, and celery, though he chooses not to cook any longer. He enjoys giving his crops to friends and to Landis Homes, where his fresh produce is served in the dining room.

In the winter, when the garden is dormant, Alvin spends time in the workshop making things from wood. He is a man of faith who lives with gratefulness to God. In his life is exemplified Proverbs 12:27 “The substance of a diligent man is precious.”

—Grace L. Landis
Resident

From the Chaplains Desk

It is so easy to think only about ourselves when we are hurting physically. Recently, when my lower back was hurting very much, I came across these words by one of my favorite writers, Robert Baker, “God thinks big, do we?” These words got me to thinking. Yes, we want to think like God does. The way we think and the way we thank are closely connected. We should not thank God for the circumstances, but we should thank God in the circumstances.

How do we respond in our circumstances? When we have a toothache, backache, headache, or when everything seems to ache, how do we respond? Life can be dreary, outside or inside. Failing health or a lengthy illness can be wearisome. Just the process of aging can set the stage for thoughts that are different from Gods. We would like healthy bodies and happy times but sometimes our bodies hurt and we experience sadness and weeping. How do we or should we respond?

First we need to express how we feel to God and persons in Gods family. This is not always easy. The wise man tells us there is a time for everything. Lets remember it is okay to feel sad. There is a time for expressing these feelings. The secret for us is to know we are in the circumstance and not under it. Many times the question, “How are you?” brings the response, “doing pretty well under the circumstances.” The question, “What are you doing under there?” would be in order.

The scripture tells us “in everything give thanks.” This is thinking big with God. This is looking for something to be thankful for in our circumstances. Seeing what God is doing in nature, through the family of faith and in the scriptures will help us to think as God does.

God thinks big! Do we?

—Don Good
Chaplain
Volunteers Cross Cultures to Forge Friendship

When Ubald Rodriguez, an MCC Trainee, came to volunteer at Landis Homes this summer, Earl Wert, a retired pastor here, was assigned to assist in his adjustment to our community. Ubald is a Bible Institute teacher and is preparing to be a pastor in his home country of Colombia, South America. The meeting of these two men seemed divinely planned.

Ubald spent Friday and Sunday evenings transporting residents to services in East Bethany, assisting with meals in Unit D, and gaining wisdom and insights in visits with Earl. Earl’s work as a volunteer includes removing staples from magazines in preparation for recycling, transporting residents, plus playing the chimes’ tapes from the chapel.

"At Landis Homes people have time for people"

Through their visits and working together, Ubald and Earl learned from each other. In animated tones, Ubald expressed his appreciation for residents and staff here. “At Landis Homes people have time for people,” he said.

MCC Trainee Ubald Rodriguez and Earl Wert spend time sharing together.

Ubald expressed a special fondness for Earl, who shared wisdom from his own pastoral experience and from the scriptures. These two men served others. They also served each other in a friendship that went beyond language and cultural diversities.

—Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

Take Time to Volunteer

1. Several persons to serve as sales clerks for renovated Gift Shop.
2. Manager of East Gift Shop.
3. Helpers for Activities, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
4. Set tables in West Dining Room, Wednesday or Friday morning.
5. Several persons needed for transporting residents by wheelchair to various events and activities. Substitutes for resource list also welcome!
6. Have morning devotions in East or West dining room for one week.
7. Male to assist Adult Day Care participants before and after swimming every other Friday morning.
8. Water plants in two East foyers.
9. Transport east residents to Beauty Shop Wednesday or Friday morning.
10. Make beds in Nursing Units a few hours weekly or monthly.
11. Assist with feeding persons in Nursing Units, any meal.
12. Persons to serve at Unit J Lower Level entrance Sunday evenings, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
13. Supervise weekly morning walks for an Adult Day Care participant.

If you have skills or interest in any of the above, please contact Arlene Kreider, Volunteer Coordinator, at Landis Homes, 569-3271, Ext. 79.

If none of the above opportunities interest you, stop by to talk about your specific interests in volunteer work. There is a place for you!
Adult Day Care Celebrates 4th Anniversary

Landis Homes Adult Day Care Center celebrated its fourth anniversary with an Open House on August 5, 1993. Over 80 Landis Homes residents and staff, as well as persons from the community visited the center and met the staff who work with the Adult Day Care Program. Evanna Hess, Director of the program, introduced Edward Longenecker, Administrator of Landis Homes, who welcomed the guests. Pat Mann from the Lancaster Office of Aging, addressed the group speaking of the need for Day Care for the elderly and the contribution the Landis Homes Program is making to meet that need. The center provides older, dependent adults with a variety of health and social services in a protected group setting. It enables participants to get more out of life by providing an opportunity for social interaction in an atmosphere of trust and understanding. This service also provides respite and support to families and caregivers.

There has been substantial growth in the program in the past year and increased awareness and support among professionals and caregivers of this important service. Thirty-eight individuals are currently enrolled in the Adult Day Care which is licensed to serve up to 24 persons each day.

Concern for persons for whom the daily fee is a hardship led to the establishment of a Financial Aid Fund. A current project that benefits this fund is the sale of a cookbook, A Taste of Hospitality. The cookbook is a collection of 900 recipes donated by family and friends of the Adult Day Care participants and staff and the Landis Homes community. Persons interested in purchasing the cookbook or in getting more information on the center may contact the center at 717-569-3271, Ext. 66.

— Evanna Hess
Adult Day Care Director

Long Term Care Insurance

How does a person know whether or not to consider Long Term Care Insurance? The following questions may help.

1. Do you have income other than Social Security?
2. Do you have assets or property to protect?
3. Do you have a family history of longevity?
4. Could you afford long term care premiums without dipping into your principal or assets?
5. Do your children work and have families of their own?
6. Are you between the ages of 45 - 84?

If you have several “yes” answers, consider checking into nursing home insurance.

You might also consider the following information:

— Current annual costs for nursing home care are approximately $33,000.
— By 1995, 50% of women age 65 and over will need nursing care for some part of their lifetime. One-third of men in this age group will also need nursing care.

A little time spent planning can help to provide security and peace of mind.

Landis Homes has a Licensed Insurance Counselor, Dollie Fowler Young. She is sponsored by the Association of Brethren and Mennonite Older Adult Ministries, a program dedicated to quality health care and services to meet the needs of each individual.

In addition to offering Long Term Care insurance and Medicare Supplement insurance from a selected group of reliable insurance companies, the counselor offers assistance with claim problems occurring with Medicare, Medicare Supplement insurance, and Long Term Care insurance at no cost to the residents and others associated with Landis Homes.

To make an appointment with Dollie Fowler Young to evaluate your current insurance situation or to explore setting up a cost-effective plan, call her at Ext. 61. Her hours are Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Landis Homes Strikes Rock!

These are fascinating days at Landis Homes — especially for those interested in excavating and construction. It so happens that two very extensive projects are happening simultaneously. Foundations for Harvest View are being excavated, and new water mains are being installed.

Below the unassuming green lawns, both projects have come literally up against large limestone boulders. It has meant undertaking extra procedures to remove these large rock formations. However, in the months ahead these same obstacles will be used to add to the beauty of construction and landscaping. At that time Landis Homes will have a plentiful supply of quality water and new accommodations for future residents.

—Paul M. Martin
Director of Facilities and Planning

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New Opportunities to Give

Over the years, residents of Landis Homes and other friends have given generously of themselves and their resources to make Landis Homes what it is today. Much of the financial support by individuals has been cash gifts from current income or from savings. Cash gifts are always welcomed and we are indeed grateful for your past and continuing loyalty and support.

Today we are aware that some persons would like to share in another way with Landis Homes but a large portion of their estates are tied up in assets such as stock or real estate. Landis Homes is launching a planned giving program to welcome and accept gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds, real estate, etc. These gifts would then be liquidated. There are special tax savings in addition to tax deductions when giving appreciated property to Landis Homes.

We will welcome your special gift, outright, or you may want to designate your gift for a life income plan. Your outright or deferred gift can help support the Fund of your choice at Landis Homes. Funds have been established by the Home to accommodate gifts that are made on behalf of prospective or current residents with limited financial resources, or to help finance the construction and renovation of facilities that are needed to serve those who wish to move to the retirement community.

By participating in a life income plan, you would not sacrifice income. You would receive income from your gift as long as you, or you and your spouse are living. Some life income plans even provide for partial tax free income.

Landis Homes is participating with The Mennonite Foundation, Inc. in setting up various gift plan arrangements. A Foundation representative is available to assist you and Landis Homes in discussing various planned giving options.

Please let us know of your interest in discussing these new and expanding opportunities that will help strengthen the Landis Homes community which means greater security for present and future residents.

—Jim Roth
Director of Development
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