Landis Homes Receives Accreditation

At their Annual Meeting on September 22, 1994, Landis Homes was presented with a plaque which identifies Landis Homes as a retirement community accredited by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CCAC). The plaque is a formal way of showing that Landis Homes has met national standards for retirement communities as determined by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission. The CCAC was established by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), the national association of non-profit retirement communities, to provide an objective yardstick with which to assess retirement communities.

Why should Landis Homes undertake such a process? Though not required, there are a number of reasons why we wanted to accomplish this. The accreditation process has been valuable as a tool to assess the entire Landis Homes program and to find ways to improve it. It points out strengths as well as weaknesses of Landis Homes. Accreditation also demonstrates that Landis Homes has a level of professionalism and quality of care that meets national standards. The CCAC symbol demonstrates to residents, prospective residents and the community the quality of services that Landis Homes offers.

The accreditation process involved an in-depth six-month self-study. Five working committees, including board members, residents and staff, helped to make accreditation a reality. A self-study report exceeding 600 pages was sent to the CCAC evaluation team in March. In April, a team of three CCAC evaluators conducted a site visit and interviewed numerous persons. Landis Homes received the official report of accreditation in July.

Landis Homes is pleased to be one of only three retirement communities in Lancaster County to receive this recognition. Accreditation is a credit to all Landis Homes staff and their ongoing commitment and effort. Although we are pleased to have received accreditation, it is not a once and done effort. Accreditation involves annual progress updates as well as a five-year reaccreditation time schedule. As Landis Homes grows, it must build on the success that has been demonstrated.

— Dave Keim-Shenk
Human Resource Director

Going, Going...

As Harvest View nears a January 1, 1995 completion, more reservations are being made. As of early October, 112 apartments are reserved with only a baker's dozen remaining available. New residents are scheduled to be moving in over a five-month period beginning in late January.
A Tribute to Those Who Served

Autumn is a beautiful season bringing with it the brilliantly colored leaves and the completion of harvest. It also signals changes and the coming of colder weather. Likewise, Landis Homes as a living community goes through seasons and experiences changes.

At its annual meeting in September the Landis Homes board reorganized. This usually involves changes in composition and leadership. Dr. J. Kenneth Brubaker was elected the new president. J. Clyde Root our outgoing president, and several others have completed their maximum terms of service.

While we look forward to the involvement of additional board members I would like to reflect a bit on the contributions of these outgoing board members.

Clyde Root as president the past seven years helped guide us through significant growth. It’s appropriate that our recent accreditation occurred during this time. I have personally found Clyde to give gentle counsel and sound advice. He has been deeply interested in the ultimate goal of providing quality of life for residents within the context of Christian love.

Chester Steffy has served since the early years when Landis Homes was just beginning. His expertise as a builder and construction site foreman gave helpful assistance as our campus developed. Ruth Weaver served on both the admissions and interior decorating committees as well as serving more recently as assistant secretary of the board.

Gladys Rutt RN, was a sincere advocate for the health care and the spiritual needs of residents. She served on the admissions committee. Grace Wenger while serving a one-year assignment as a resident representative on the board gave herself this past year in the writing of our 30-year history soon to be released.

How does one recognize and thank these board members who gave of their time and have had such keen interest in our program? We thank God for them and wish them the Lord’s blessing as they continue to serve Him. They will always be our friends.

Board of Directors’ Transitions

At the September 22, 1994 Annual Meeting of the Landis Homes Retirement Community Board of Directors, some major transitions were recognized. New officers were named as follows: President, Dr. J. Kenneth Brubaker, Vice President, Carlton L. Miller, Secretary, Lynn L. Roth, Treasurer, Mervin H. Nolt, Assistant Secretary, Lois M. Good.

A total of five members are leaving the Board this year. They are: Chester Steffy, 30 years, Gladys Rutt, 16 years, J. Clyde Root, 12 years, Ruth Weaver, 12 years, and A. Grace Wenger, one year. Four of these board members have completed the maximum 12 year term of service under the provisions of the 1982 by-laws. The other member is completing one year as a resident board member. Two new persons have been named thus far as new board members. They are J. Glen Hostetler and J. Kendig Miller. Additional members will be named at a future time. Landis Homes has been fortunate to have such long-serving and dedicated persons giving direction to this growing and active community.

We pray, by God’s help, this long and rich tradition will continue in the years ahead.
Adult Day Care Completes Fifth Year

August 1, 1994 marked the Five Year Anniversary of the opening of the Adult Day Care Center. An Open House, attended by over 120 people was held on August 5 to celebrate this important milestone.

A second special event to celebrate our anniversary was a tree planting ceremony held on September 22 during National Adult Day Care Week. The tree is a white dogwood and was planted in the grassy circle visible from our room. Clients, family members, staff and Pat Mann, Executive Director of the Office of Aging, helped shovel dirt. As we finished planting the tree rain began to fall.

The tree symbolizes the growth of the Adult Day Care in the past five years. Just as trees provide shade and shelter for birds, we are thankful for the services the Center provides for many individuals and families in the community. We hope the dogwood will bring enjoyment to many in the coming years.

The vision to reach beyond Landis Homes and provide an important service for dependent adults in the broader community is being realized with Adult Day Care. There are currently 45 persons participating in the program with an average daily attendance of 22. A total of 178 persons have been enrolled to date. As our elderly population continues to expand, we believe Adult Day Care will increasingly be recognized as the ideal home and community-based service for many persons. It keeps people in the community, is cost effective and is a very positive service that improves the quality of life for the participants and provides support for caregivers.

—Evanna Hess, R.N.
Adult Day Care Director

Welcome New Residents

INDEPENDENT LIVING/RESIDENTIAL/PERSONAL CARE

Martin Bucher
Roman & Anna Musser
Ada Landis
Ira & Sara Natziger
Luke & Rachel Brubaker
Willard & Ruth Myer
Titus & Edna S. Martin

NURSING CARE

Albert F. Landis
Martha Glick
Sara King
Norman & Alice Peifer

New Services Coming Soon

Landis Homes is pleased to announce the coming of two new services which will benefit the residents of the community. The first is the installation of a CCTV (closed circuit television) system which is planned to begin operating in November 1994. In addition to live broadcasts from West Bethany Chapel, the system will enable Landis Homes to broadcast taped events, morning announcements, and to have our own TV channel to program as we wish. This will be available to all television sets which are connected to cable.

A second new happening is the opening of a small branch of Bank of Lancaster County on our campus. This will be coordinated with the opening of Harvest View and the renovations planned in the West complex. Details are still being worked out, but the bank is scheduled to open in early 1995.

—Paul M. Martin
Director of Facilities and Planning
Volunteers load the barbecue racks with chicken. 3,600 chicken halves were cooked.

Oxen Luke & Bo giving afternoon wagon rides.

Volunteer Irene Nolt sells contributed baked goods.

Auxiliary signs giving information and direction.

Bertha Graybill hosts her family.

Volunteer Auctioneer, Donald Groff, watches as cygnet for the auction.
Top Ticket Taker

Resident Bertha Eberly hosted 45 members of her family on Barbecue Day, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She said the number represents only about half of her total family.
New Department Heads

Two new department heads began working at Landis Homes in late summer. Maria Burdette is the new Food Service Director and Jim Oberholtzer replaces Shirley Smith as Housekeeping Supervisor.

Maria grew up in rural Denmark, the daughter of Hans & Julia Larsen. Her parents were a farming couple; in addition her mother was a school teacher. Her sister Britta, brother-in-law Bjorn and nieces, Camilla & Michaela also live in Denmark. Maria feels fortunate to be able to travel back “home” every year.

Maria, who is of Lutheran faith, attended college in Denmark. She received a degree in Business Management and has ten years experience in Food Service Management. With her husband, Win, Maria enjoys oil painting and jogging at their home in Downingtown.

Maria who has really appreciated the residents and staff here at Landis Homes says “They’re wonderful!”

Jim Oberholtzer grew up on a farm in Reinholds, PA, one of four children to Phares and Anna. (Anna will soon be moving to the new apartments of Harvest View.) After marrying Jeanette Good in 1960 they moved to Homestead, Florida for two years of voluntary service.

During the next seventeen years, three children were born, and Jim and Jeanette played host to a variety of work experiences. Jim drove truck for Country Maid Bakery, worked at the old RCA plant and became a sanitation supervisor at Weaver’s Poultry in New Holland. Jim and Jeanette also operated a food stand and a candy and pretzel stand at Green Dragon Farmer’s Market.

After twenty-five years of night shift supervising at Weaver’s, currently Tyson Poultry, Jim has enjoyed a more typical work schedule since beginning at Landis Homes. His daughter says he’s even found time to fry-up potatoes for a real breakfast before work each morning.

In his free time, Jim likes to garden, work in his workshop, and buy antiques at auctions. He is also an agile bowler, the Stewardship Secretary at Laurel Street Mennonite Church, and previously a member of the Singing Men of Praise.

Jim & Jeanette live in Akron. Their daughters, Tina married to Nate Snyder and Gina married to Dan Burkhart both live in Manheim. Their son Trace is attending Bible College in Virginia. They have two grandchildren, Bradley and Natalie.

Autumn Service Opportunities

1. Help with Bingo for Units A & B each Friday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
2. Helper in East Sensory Centers, first and third Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
3. Women to assist Adult Day Care participants in locker room before and after swimming.
4. Person to supervise ceramics for Adult Day Care participants.

If interested in these important opportunities, call the Volunteer Coordinator, Arlene Kreider at 581-3936.
From the Chaplain’s Desk

End-Of-Life Health Care Issues

Following the noon meal on September 26, 1994, a member of my home congregation was washing the dishes and without warning at the age of 66 fell over and died. Her husband was close by and informed those who tried to revive her that they have an Advance Directive and they should not use heroic measures to revive her or take her to the hospital.

A few weeks earlier our Lancaster Mennonite Conference Assembly affirmed the statement End-of-Life Health Care Issues with this opening paragraph: “We believe we were created for the purpose of being in communion with God and each other. In dying as well as living, Christians can provide witness to the world of God’s presence and our hope of new life in the resurrection. As Christian disciples we have sought to live faithfully and simply; we are now faced with the challenge of learning how to die simply and faithfully.”

Most persons in our Landis Homes family have Advance Directives and have talked about death and dying. I believe when making decisions about medical treatments at the end of life, we should be guided by the principles of stewardship, family relationships, and common sense. We have the option to indicate we do not want further tests or treatments.

The family from our congregation who experienced the sudden death of their mother expressed gratitude because the Advance Directive had been discussed and signed. I believe we need to provide love and support during the days, weeks, or months at the end of life so our community of faith reflects our emphasis of caring just as much as curing.

Our Pastoral Care staff join with hospice and other staff at Landis Homes in affirming this continued challenge to live faithfully and simply and learning how to die simply and faithfully. The complete conference statement is available from the Chaplain’s office.

— Don Good
Chaplain

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable Remainder Trusts have become more popular in recent years. They provide tax deductions and guaranteed lifetime income for the donor while allowing a substantial gift to charity.

In Loving Memory

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A Charitable Remainder Trust can be established that provides a payout rate which best serves the interest of the donor. The rate of the payout will affect the ultimate dollar return to the donor as well as the size of the gift to charity. We can help you evaluate the effect of different payout rates when a Charitable Remainder Trust is being considered.

Landis Homes, with the assistance of the Mennonite Foundation, can also help you look at alternative methods for making a charitable gift that in turn provides you with a lifetime income. Financial planning requires a careful look at each individual’s circumstance. We are committed to providing you with information that will help you make the best decisions possible.

Call the Development office at 569-3271 for assistance or the local Mennonite Foundation office at 394-0769.

—Jim Roth
Director of Development
## Calendar of Events

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