Showers of Blessings on Barbecue Day

For 23 years the Auxiliary has been sponsoring a chicken barbecue as a fund-raiser for Landis Homes. Multitudes of people are involved for many months to make the day a successful one. Volunteers participate by donating and serving food, making coleslaw, barbecuing chicken, parking cars, selling tickets, and numerous other tasks. They include Auxiliary members, Landis Homes residents and staff.

On September 9, families and neighbors provided friendly sunshine in dining rooms and tent as they gathered around the bountiful barbecue before them. Throughout the day, clouds hovered overhead, yet it was warm and pleasant.

Rain had not fallen on the campus for almost two months. This fact motivated someone to quip, “If it pours today, Landis Homes won’t have anyone pitying them!”

At 5:45 p.m., just 15 minutes until closing, clouds darkened and rain commenced, adding God’s special blessing to the day. Some guests huddled in the pavilion and tent for the final few moments of barbecue day while others continued to eat and visit unprotected as raindrops fell. Spirits raised in thanks both to God and to the Auxiliary for another barbecue day of bountiful blessings.

—Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

Thank You, Auxiliary!

Dorothy Stoltzfus and her family don’t allow a late afternoon shower to interfere with their enjoyment of their chicken barbecue.
Fall Is A Delightful Season

The changing color and the cool, crisp days of brilliant blue skies herald the fall season. It is also the time of year for special meetings at Landis Homes.

Each September is our Board’s annual meeting. Following an afternoon business session, there is a banquet with special invited guests. This year an evening meeting with Ervin Stutzman as guest speaker, brought closure to the day.

One of my responsibilities at the meeting was to give a report on the significant key issues facing Landis Homes. Following is a summary of these key issues:

1. Strategic Long Range Planning is a high priority. We are in the midst of clarifying our Vision and Mission. How can we prepare to meet the retirement needs of individuals now and in the future?

2. Changes have taken place in the health care environment. There is a trend towards managed care. How do we respond? There are many new terms with which we must become familiar, such as: home and community services, networking and linkage with other providers, subacute care, and collaboration.

3. Landis Homes is planning for a special care wing to accommodate the needs of Alzheimer’s residents. The intent is to also expand Personal Care and possibly the Adult Day Care capacity. These plans are contingent upon the financial viability of the project.

4. With the proposal of reduced government funding, especially Medicare and Medicaid, we must continue to work at cost containment and management efficiency. We will likely become more dependent upon private financing through expanded Development and Fund Raising efforts.

5. Nursing centers have been very highly regulated by government agencies. In July of this year new Department of Health regulations became effective. It is our desire to more than meet these requirements. This offers an extra challenge to the nursing staff to make certain our health care center meets these regulations.

It continues to be the Landis Homes motto to “Provide Security, Creative Living and Christ-centered Care.”

Continue to pray with us that we may sense the Lord’s leading in all areas of life at Landis Homes, particularly in light of the issues mentioned. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Turning Property Into Gift

The most common form of giving is by cash donation. But there are times when a gift of real estate, stock, or other non-cash property makes more sense. This can be especially true when property or shares have increased in value and capital gains tax will be assessed. To generate a federal income tax deduction, while avoiding capital gains tax, ownership of your non-cash assets can be transferred to the charitable organization of your choice through the Mennonite Foundation.

In addition, proceeds from the sale of assets can be used to generate lifetime income for you and your spouse by means of a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. Charitable

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What’s New on Campus?

★ A new paved 1.1 miles walking path which encircles the campus was completed in September.

★ The General Store located in the Harvest View Annex Building, which now houses the West gift shop opened its doors on September 13, 1995. William’s Apothecary will become part of the store by December, adding pharmaceutical services.

★ Fiber Optic cable was laid underground this summer linking the computer systems of East and West. This will aid in efficiency and in information sharing between the offices of East and West.

★ The last of 125 apartments in Harvest View was reserved on September 18, 1995.

The Landis Homes Annual Report for 1995 was just published. If you would like a copy please contact the Development Office at 569-3271.

Residents gather to view the newly hung Ruth Hershey photographs at the Artist Reception on August 14. Harry Houser, fiber artist, also received visitors at the double gallery reception, which approximately 150 residents and visitors attended.

Welcome New Residents

INDEPENDENT LIVING/RESIDENTIAL/PERSONAL CARE

Norman E. and Helen M. Algier
John S. and Nettie H. Bare
Kathryn H. Bomberger
Janet H. Clelan
Almeda L. Denlinger
Helen M. Frey
Harry L. and Edith M. Kilhefner

NURSING CARE
Margaret Kauffman

Sometimes gifts of non-cash property even provide the means for a more substantial gift. And so your giving this year may not be dependent on the cash you have available. Your Development office at Landis Homes would be happy to discuss these alternatives with you at 569-3271.

—Jim Roth
Director of Development
It was a sunny and glorious day, on August 18, when a Service of Dedication was held for Harvest View. West Bethany Chapel was filled with new Harvest View residents, Landis Homes board and staff, and invited guests. Guests included persons key to the building of Harvest View, persons with long-term Landis Homes' involvements, and neighbors.

The service included times of worship and singing led by Chaplains Don Good and Janet Peifer. Ed Longenecker and Paul Martin introduced groups of

Staff members Luanne Hurst, Yvonne Sensenig and Joan Martin sing along with resident Margaret Nissly on vibraphone at the Harvest View Open House.

Harvest View residents stand and read in unison a litany of blessing at the Service of Dedication.
guests as well as individuals who were instrumental in the inception and completion of Harvest View.

Winifred Green, a Harvest View resident shared her “Reflections” on leaving one chapter of life and moving to the next. She encouraged new residents to see their next years at Landis Homes not as a “resting” place but as a “nesting” place. Life, work

and faith will continue Winifred said, as God leads.

Luke Bomberger, a resident of Harvest View, who was also a former board member, led the new residents in a Litany of Blessing. The group read in unison, “…let us seek to make our new home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.”

The service was followed by a buffet lunch prepared by Culinary Services, Landis Homes' food service provider. A beautifully decorated buffet table was a rainbow of colors provided by fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables. The hot and cold entrees were both attractive and delicious. A modified Open House of several apartments was held on Friday after the buffet.

On Saturday, August 19, a grand Open House was held. Forty apartments were graciously opened by Harvest View residents. The hundreds of visitors in addition to seeing the apartments were treated to refreshments and a variety of live musical offerings. The bright, clear sunshine outside was matched only by the festiveness inside as both residents and visitors enjoyed the events of the day.
Frank King has a comfortable life. He has a nice apartment in Harvest View. He has six living children (one deceased), 23 grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He and his wife Lydia like to travel and have many hobbies and interests.

That could be the end of the story, but not for Frank. He credits his faith as most important to him and he passes that on wherever he goes. One way in which he passes on that faith is through his expertise as a woodcarver.

It began only eight years ago when a friend invited Frank to a woodcarving show in Salisbury, Maryland. Frank was literally overwhelmed by the beauty and intricacy of the works he saw. He had always loved drawing and decided to give this new medium a try.

Over the years since, he has created many beautiful pieces with animals and birds as a specialty. When feasible, he tries to carve to scale. The female wood duck in his apartment is so life-like, "it does everything, but quack," says Lydia. He doesn't sell many of his pieces, but carves them instead as gifts for his large family and friends.

About four years ago this talent took Frank in a new direction. Through his son-in-law, Dwight Hershberger, he was asked to display his works in the library at Philhaven Hospital. The reactions by the patients and staff were so positive Frank was invited to come and do a demonstration. This led over time to Frank volunteering his time to share his work with classes of emotionally troubled adolescents in the Philhaven program.

Before each program Frank carefully prepares rough wooden cutouts in a duck form. At the classes he gives a piece of sandpaper to each youth along with a cutout. As he shows them how to sand he tells them how their lives are like the rough cutout. How with God's help they can work to make their lives a thing of beauty, as God intends.

The response has been rewarding to both Frank and the youth in the program. The way I look at it, he says, "I have a talent which was given to me by God. I want to use that talent to give God something back by sharing it with others."

This year Frank has lead 13 different classes with youth in the Philhaven program.
By The Pond

One of the places our Landis Homes family can all get together is in the meadow by the pond. We were given the gift of a near perfect evening August 13, 1995 for our Galilean Service. This annual service is to assist us in experiencing the New Testament setting where Jesus often taught those following him.

Our neighbor pastor, farmer and friend, George Hurst, spoke from the boat which Frank Leaman supplied and guided into perfect position on the pond. Melody Strings supplied instrumental music and Glenn Metzler blessed us with beautiful singing. All of this could happen because of the amplification system supplied by John Bender.

We estimated between four and five hundred persons attended this worship time in God’s great outdoors. The “Disciples” shared bread and fish with everyone. They also received the offering for the Caring Fund at Landis Homes. The offering totaled $1,101.11. Praise the Lord! This event was recorded by Nancy Peters on video and Frank King on slides for our future enjoyment. Maybe when it’s snowing this winter we can share the video on Channel 2.

I am thankful for several gifts. One was the gift of a bug-free, picture perfect evening with God’s air-conditioning. Second, so many staff persons, especially the maintenance department, worked together in harmony. Residents, especially the disciples and their wives all did their part so we could praise God together. So many residents and staff attended with their families. Last, but not least, the swans, ducks, horses and cattle added to the beauty of the evening by the pond.

—Don Good
Chaplain

Adult Day Care Week Celebrated

The Adult Day Care Center celebrated National Adult Day Care Week on September 18-22 by planning special activities each day and by inviting the public to see what the program is all about.

We were treated to three very special programs during the week. Norman Landis brought honeybee and honey extracting equipment and explained how the bee colony operates and how the honey is taken from the hives. Local artist, Lynn Longenecker, demonstrated her talents for us by doing a chalk drawing of a lighthouse. Winifred Green, a Landis Homes resident, gave a dramatic impersonation of two Bible characters - Mary Magdalene and Johanna.

We were privileged to eat in the newly remodeled dining room one day and to invite family members as our guests. All agreed we would like to eat in that “restaurant” again.

The highlight of the week was a Fish Fry at John and Blanche Gingrich’s farm near Salunga. The fish were trout caught by some of our day care participants on a men’s fishing trip in June. The meal was topped off with Blanche’s homemade ice cream. After lunch John had a surprise for us. An Amish neighbor, Amos Stoltzfus, brought his spring wagon and gave us buggy rides. It was a wonderful afternoon.

The program, which provides relief for caregivers, is jointly sponsored by Landis Homes and Lancaster Office of Aging and is funded in part by the Lancaster County and Pennsylvania departments of aging. For more information, call the Center at 581-3939.

—Evanna Hess
Adult Day Care Director
# Calendar of Events

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6:30 p.m. East Bethany Chapel  
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10:00 a.m. East Bethany Chapel |
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|     |     | December 3 - Communion Services  
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10:00 a.m. West Bethany Chapel |
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|     |     | December 5 - Art Gallery Drop-In and Reception  
Fraktur Design by Ceci Good  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Harvest View Main Lobby |
|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|     |     | December 24 - Christmas Eve Services  
6:00 p.m. East Bethany Chapel  
7:15 p.m. West Bethany Chapel |

*Note: The calendar includes events from November 14 to December 24.*