"They needed a strong volunteer who was also small. Not many people are small and strong at 82," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Martin Heisey and his wife, Mildred, moved to Harvest View in April. They experienced the initial challenges of downsizing and creating the warmth of community in a new environment. The warm breezes of May brought nostalgia for the 30-acre vegetable farm in Manor Township where Martin and Mildred had raised their seven children.

Perhaps volunteering would relieve some nostalgia and bring a sense of joy in this new community. "I need something to do," announced Martin, as he sat in the Volunteer Services office for his initial orientation. "This is the season I would be working in the soil and planting vegetables," During that appointment it was clear that Martin enjoyed outdoor jobs. He had brought his white Mazda pickup and also volunteered its services to haul fresh produce to Landis Homes from the Leola auction.

Some weeks later Martin again stopped by the Volunteer Services office. In addition to planting his personal garden plot, he had been serving with the Maintenance department in varied outdoor tasks. It was then he announced he had responded to the need for a small, strong volunteer. His latest project was that of lopping off bottom branches of evergreen bushes. It seemed anything from mulberries to thistles had been taking over beneath those branches. That space could now be mulched. If you see a man in a pickup full of pine branches or fresh produce, you will know it is most likely a new resident who has found strength and joy in serving.

—Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

CHICKEN BARBECUE AND FELLOWSHIP DAY

September 9, 1995

Meals Available 11:30-6:00 p.m.
Eat in East Pavilion
Take-out West Entrance
Oxcart Rides Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Auction of swans 3:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE for HARVEST VIEW APARTMENTS on
Saturday, August 19, 1995 from
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ALL WELCOME!
A View from Above

Last week I had a unique opportunity. Frank King, resident of Harvest View, and his son-in-law, Dwight Hershberger, invited me on a plane ride. As Dwight skillfully circled his plane in the skies above Landis Homes, Frank was busily snapping pictures. Wow, what a view! From that lofty vantage point, Landis Homes appeared entirely different to me. As I looked down and saw all those buildings and roofs, I couldn’t see the people. I couldn’t even see my office. What on a daily basis I see as individual persons and buildings, now suddenly I was seeing as a whole. It really was awesome.

On a typical day I spend time interacting with a variety of residents, staff persons, and visitors to our campus. Each day I go to and from my office, through corridors, in various dining rooms and from one building or part of the campus to another. My day-to-day view is certainly limited—not at all like my view from several hundred feet in the air as from the airplane. It calls to mind that I am often limited in my ability to see the broader picture.

How fortunate we are that God is not limited. In contrast, from His loftier view, God is able to see much more and better than we. In addition to seeing us as individuals, He also sees the bigger picture.

And still God needs each of us. As we relate in a personal way to others around us, we are His instruments of love and service. We can become God’s eyes to see and understand the unique needs of each person at Landis Homes, while keeping in mind the larger community and world. In that way, we all have the loftier view, the ability to see as God sees.

Executive Director

We Were Wrong...

Emma and John Landis moved into Harvest View on their 58th Wedding anniversary not their 50th anniversary as previously reported in the Spring issue or Horizons.

In Loving Memory

Sara M. King 03/25/95
Elizabeth G. Rupp 03/30/95
Amos K. Martin 04/02/95
Monroe Good 04/09/95
Ruth Eby 04/10/95
Amelia Carper 04/28/95
Catherine Oster 04/29/95
Margaret Ressler 04/29/95
David F. Harnish 06/26/95
New Art Gallery To Open
Features Two Local Artists

At 93 years old, Harry Houser is going to do something he has never before done. On Monday evening, August 14 he will be attending an artists’ reception featuring his art work of the past eight years. His art is a variety of weavings he has created on the four-harness floor loom he purchased in 1987.

Harry lives with his wife of almost 70 years, Elizabeth, in a small rancher in Willow Street. Their home was built in 1970 on the property of the large stone home in which Harry was born and raised. He and Elizabeth ran the farm for most of their years together as they raised three children, Robert, June and Rodney. In 1947, they opened their home to tourists which they enjoyed. Today, some of those persons still come for a visit. Some of Harry’s current hobbies include local history, raising roses, and reading. Harry says if he could start over in his work life he would pursue woodworking which continues as a favorite hobby.

In reflecting on how he began weaving at the age of 86 Harry says, “Well, the first piece I wove on a steel warp loom, I didn’t really enjoy.” However, he tried again with a cardboard loom kit, and later experimented with a table loom. With help and encouragement from his wife and his daughter-in-law, Mary Lou, he began to really enjoy weaving.

With the support of Elizabeth he bought the floor loom and has been happily weaving ever since. He has produced pieces numbering in the hundreds including articles of clothing, pillows, table runners, placemats, and his latest interest wheat weaving for wall hangings. One of these wheat weavings will be made especially to hang in the new Garden Room Cafe at Landis Homes.

The small gallery located in Harvest View is the result of an agreement with the People’s Place Gallery, Intercourse, PA. A second artist’s work featured at the opening reception will be the photographs of Ruth Hershey. She was a rural Mennonite woman who lived from 1895 to 1990. The photographs which she exposed and developed in the closet of her farm home document rural life in the county in the early 20th century. Some of Hershey’s photographs are also part of Landis Homes’ permanent collection.

The community is indeed fortunate to feature the works of these two talented county artists. The reception will be held Monday, August 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The works of both will continue to hang in the gallery through October.

Gifts That Honor Others

There are times when we feel compelled to say thank you publicly to another who has blessed us in some way. An honor gift to the Landis Homes Caring Fund can be an appropriate way to do that. Along with your gift an acknowledgement letter is sent by the Development office to the one you have chosen to honor. Caring fund gifts are then made available to those in the Landis Homes Retirement Community who need financial assistance.

Your honor gift thus carries with it a double blessing.

—Jim Roth
Director of Development
And The Strawberries Remain Sweet!

The Spring Strawberry Social remains a sweet event for residents at Landis Homes. In June the Auxiliary again provided a special evening of fresh strawberries and ice cream. This year the calm, delectable red fruit on cool vanilla. The Sauder quartet from Metzler Church entertained the three separate groups with hymns skillfully harmonized by the two couples.

How did this all begin? Arlene Hess, one of the founders of Mennonite Homes Auxiliary, and presently Executive Vice President, supplied interesting insights from her early diaries. In beginning years Landis Homes staff brought their freezers and made the ice cream by hand, serving toppings such as chocolate syrup and peanuts. In 1971 George Leaman, the administrator, asked the Auxiliary if they could sponsor this event. The first Auxiliary sponsored event was held August 6, 1971. All residents gathered around tables in the East courtyard near the fountain. Edith Herr Killian (a recent resident to Harvest View) gave memorized readings for the program that evening. Strawberries were first served at the June 15, 1972 social. The Auxiliary used 100 quarts of homemade ice cream and 40 quarts of fresh strawberries that year. This year 163 quarts of strawberries were provided by people from various churches via the Key Women.

After 23 years of change, residents declare that the fresh strawberries are as sweet as ever. Arlene Hess adds another unchangeable—the fragrance of newly mowed hay wafting from surrounding fields as the sun sets on the Landis Homes family who savor the sweetness of Spring at the annual ice cream social. Thank you, Auxiliary!

—Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

Wellness Program Offers Diabetes Classes

Landis Homes is planning to host a four-session Diabetes Education Program provided by Lancaster General Hospital’s Diabetes Center. The purpose of this program is to assist those who have diabetes to manage their disease more effectively. Topics to be included are management of high and low blood sugars, nutrition and meal planning, long-term effects and family coping mechanisms, home monitoring, diabetes facts, exercise and medication. The classes will be taught by a certified diabetes nurse educator and registered dietitian.

These classes are available for anyone who has diabetes and their spouse/significant other. They will be held at Landis Homes during the daytime. It is important to attend all four sessions. The fee for the entire program is $122. However, Medicare reimburses 80% of the fee for this class. Secondary insurance may reimburse the remaining 20%. For those who have Medicare, Lancaster General Hospital will submit the bill to Medicare. Private insurance may reimburse for these classes.

If you are interested in registering for the classes or need more information, please contact Ruth Johnson at 581-3938. Specific information on the dates, time and location will be available.

—Ruth Johnson, RN
Director of Nursing
An Open Letter From the Pond

Quack, quack, hi everybody:

Last spring when I got back from my flight from my winter headquarters, I wanted to get a nest some place.

I remembered last year and the year before I had the neatest nest under a green shrub right near a building full of "old people." I could see the campus from the air, but it looked quite different than it had the year before. It looked newer and bigger in size and had more people, but it was the place all right.

Finding just the right green bush in all of Lancaster County was a job just made for a duck. I found it and I moved into my free "apartment".

It was the same bush as last year with a lot of dead leaves around it for nesting. It was just what I wanted to hide in from these people who tried to see what I was doing. I did try to have it ready before too many people found it out but, no luck. Find out they did and then the news flew that I was back. Just beats all. You can’t do anything anymore without being noticed.

Well, I got settled in and did the best I could under the circumstances. I had a nest full of eggs, and I sat for a few weeks and was rewarded by having twelve little ones. They hatched out on Mother’s Day, and of course, they were so cute.

As you know, I could fly in and out of the courtyard whenever I pleased, but my ducklings couldn’t. However, somebody who lived there brought them food and gave them water to wade in, which is typical, I’m told, of nice old people. They were mostly all nice, even though we did not always appreciate all the attention we were getting.

The time came when my family needed larger quarters in which to eat and swim. So one day the men who work there let us walk out over the nice carpet in the hall and we got out into wide open spaces. We went straight down to the pond in the meadow. Now we are enjoying the Landis Homes “ocean” and not bothering with all the sightseers.

Before I go, I have one request. When I cannot fly south anymore, could you build me a little shed to retire in and entertain my friends when they come up north. I will recommend highly a stop at Landis Homes. Good-bye until next year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lucky Ducky

This story was written by Martha Siegrist who has been a resident at Landis Homes for twenty years. She has watched the mother duck in this story come, and nest, and walk through the corridor to freedom for the past several years.

Volunteer Opportunities

You’ll Be Glad You Did!

1. Set tables in formal dining room, one morning per week (1/2 to 3/4 hour).

2. Make beds in Nursing Care.

3. Assist in Nursing Care at meal time.

4. Sew pillow tops together for BBQ craft sale.

5. Clean-up in Garden Room, a few hours weekly.

If you have interest in volunteering, please contact Arlene Kreider, Volunteer Coordinator at 581-3936.
Welcome New Residents

Harvest View
Elma Barge
Virginia Bird
Luke and Mary Bomberger
Edith Bowman
Betty Chambers
David and Esther Clark
Frank and Martha DiGiamberdini
Alma and Mary Eberly
Isabel Ehler
Clarence and Arlene Esbenshade
Rachel Fisher and John Fisher
J. Harold and Vera Frey
Harold and Dorothy Gehman
Earl and Gertrude Geyer
Amos Groff
George and Muriel Heilman
Frank and Kathryn Hershey
John and Dorothy Hershey
Landis and Ruth Hershey
Anna Mae Hoober
Ammon and Janet Kauffman
Edith Killian
Frank and Lydia King
Ruth Kinsey
David and Martha Landis
Marvin and Anna Mae Landis
Maurice and Anna Landis
Nathan and Helen Landvater
Anna S. Leaman
Anna Longacre

Allen Martin
Paul L. and Hazel Martin
Mabel Mellinger
Grace Musser
Anna W. Neff
Clarence and Irene Nolt
Harry and Ruth Nolt
Lois Parke

Wilmer and Ruth Rutt
Geraldine Santamary
Ella Sensenig
Richard Shertzer
Sam and Cora Shreiner
Anna Mary Shirk
Robert and Ruth Shirk
Warren and Florence Weiler
Dorothy Wenger
Harvey and Elsie Witmer
Thelma Yeager

Independent Living/
Residential/
Personal Care

Charles H. and Mabel H. Boose
Martha E. Burkholder
Ruth H. Harnish
Warren Knauer
Paul D. and Lydia M. Kreider
Christian J. Kurtz
Ellis and Ruth B. Landis
Edna M. Martin
Chester and Elizabeth Steffy

Nursing Care
David F. Harnish
Elsie Kurtz
Eleanora G. Landis
Barbara N. Miller

The garden plots are again flourishing as resident gardeners harvest peas, spinach, tomatoes and other fruits of their labors.

Ella Sensenig, Mabel Hess, and Rosie Rohrer are hosted by Dallas and Winifred Green in their new apartment. Since moving into Harvest View, the Greens have held several informal "teas" as a way of getting to know their new neighbors.
New Department Head

Larry and Dawn Zook.

Larry Zook recently began a new job as Director of Administrative Services at Landis Homes. He worked part-time for the last year as Computer Services Administrator before beginning his new full-time position in February. In addition to computer services, he has taken on the human resource role for non-nursing staff and performs other administrative and finance-related duties.

Before coming to Landis Homes, Larry and his wife Dawn, lived in China for two years through the China Educational Exchange. During this time they taught English at the Chongqing Teachers College. Prior to that Larry had worked for Eastern Mennonite Missions for ten years as Office Manager/Director of Computer Services/Personnel Coordinator. He is accustomed to wearing several hats. Larry has a Masters of Business Administration from Eastern College and a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Millersville University.

He brings significant organizational skills to Landis Homes but above all he is energetic and hard working.

Larry has a number of committee and board involvements in addition to his work here. They include Friendship Community, Lancaster Conference Congregational Resource Committee and Lancaster Conference Commission on Aging. Larry’s hobbies include reading, corresponding with friends in China by E-Mail, and playing word games.

Larry and Dawn live in Lancaster and attend East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. Dawn also works at Landis Homes as an Administrative Assistant in the Development Office.

We wish Larry well in his work at Landis Homes.

Dave Keim-Shenk
Director of Human Resources

Calendar of Events

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Calendar

August 13 - Galilean Service at the Pond 7:00 p.m. - George Hurst, Speaker

August 14 - Opening Reception for Harvest View Art Show 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

August 18 - Harvest View Dedication West Bethany - 10:00 a.m. (Invitation only)

August 19 - Harvest View Open House 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

September 9 - Chicken Barbecue and Fellowship Day 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

October 10-13 - Revival Meetings 7:00 p.m. - East Bethany Chapel Earl Musser, Speaker
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

AN

OPEN HOUSE

OF THE NEW

HARVEST VIEW APARTMENTS

AT

LANDIS HOMES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

ON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1995

FROM

10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

1001 E. Oregon Road
Lititz, PA 17543

No Reservation Required
For information (717) 581-3935