Special Care Center Fund Drive Begins
Co-Chairpersons Named

Following the Landis Homes Board of Directors meeting on July 23 Board President Ken Brubaker was pleased to announce that Luke Bomberger and Rozanne Zimmerman will co-chair the fund drive for the new Special Care Center.

Luke, who with his wife Mary, lives in Harvest View, is a former Landis Homes Board member. He retired from the board in 1993 after serving 19 years, including 10 years as Board President. Luke’s past work experiences were with the Mennonite Foundation and Weaver Poultry.

Rozanne is a current Landis Homes board member. Previously she served for three years as president of the Landis Homes Auxiliary. In addition to her role as vice president of Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc., Rozanne has also served as an officer in many church and civic associations. She lives with her husband Mahlon in Akron.

The Landis Homes Board of Directors has long been aware of the growing demand for new programs to serve the needs of people suffering from dementia and other memory-related disorders. Last Spring at the Board’s invitation a Harrisburg resource development firm, Holliman Associates, conducted a feasibility study to assess the level of support for such a project.

Following a survey which showed very strong support existed, the Board announced at the Residents Association meeting in June, its intention to proceed with the building project and the fund drive. The architectural firm of Reese, Lower, Patrick and Scott was hired to draw up plans for the new building.

The Board also recognized that an important aspect of any new project is its name. A committee met and over a period of months surveyed both residents and staff for name suggestions. At the July meeting the Board affirmed the name which was selected through this painstaking process. The new center for person’s with special care needs will be called, The Heritage.

The Fund Drive as announced by the Board has two goals:

1. To raise $1 million for The Heritage, the new health care center to be built between the current nursing center and the twin retaining ponds. It will contain a 40-bed Special Care Center and a 22-person Adult Day Center. Both are designed to serve the needs of residents with dementia and other related disorders.

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Fellowship Day and Chicken Barbecue

Saturday September 14, 1996
11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Whole Meal $6.00
One-half Chicken $3.50
Antique Cars and Tractors Display
Reflections on Special Care

As many of you know, my daughter, Sherri, gave birth to her fourth child in March. I especially liked his name, Daniel Edward! Rhoda and I were able to hold the newborn in our arms and witness this miracle of life and yet know that there is the awesome responsibility with providing care for this new person.

Rhoda and I love our visits and, like typical grandparents, we come away impressed with how quickly and easily we have forgotten the tremendous amount of energy required to provide care for a family at that stage of development; the fragile newborn, the active two-year old, the inquisitive and entertaining four and six-year olds.

Each stage of life has its unique and specialized needs. Through my years associated with Landis Homes, I have related to some individuals who have cared for family members with Alzheimer's or some level of dementia. I've also observed our own staff care for residents with this specialized need. I'm thoroughly impressed with the amount of energy and commitment required to provide the appropriate care for these individuals. It is care that is often too much for any one caregiver.

I have also been greatly encouraged by the level of support for the planned special care project. This new health care center will provide the same quality care as our current nursing center, but with an added difference. The building, including private rooms and group areas, will be especially designed to care for persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias. We look forward to being able to offer to more families this special care for their loved ones.

Over the past months as we have introduced the project through the feasibility study, first to our residents and then to the larger community, I sense a general endorsement. Typical comments have been, "Yes, we understand this is a legitimate need," and "We should move ahead with the project." It is this overall support that is so necessary as we embark on our fund drive. Pray with us that we will be able to raise the funds necessary for this special project.

Executive Director

Fund Drive Begins

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2. To seek “planned gifts” for the new Endowment Fund, which will be held in trust to help cover the costs of benevolent care for residents whose assets have been depleted.

According to Mark LoMonaco, Director of Development, Fund Drive preparations have been underway for several weeks. “We are writing a new brochure to explain the project goals and asking for volunteers to fill leadership roles. We are very pleased that these wonderful people have stepped forward to launch this effort.”

Residents are being invited to attend one of a series of small group meetings scheduled throughout the campus during the month of August. All other persons are invited to contact the Development Office at Landis Homes with any questions you may have. Also, if you are interested in knowing how to make a donation or to become a fund drive volunteer please contact the Development office at 569-3271.
General Store Holds Grand Opening

On Thursday, June 27 a Grand Opening celebration was held for The General Store at Landis Homes. The store is made possible through a partnership of Landis Homes with Oregon Dairy and Williams Apothecary.

Oregon Dairy is the supplier of grocery items to the General Store. Landis Homes volunteers stock and sell the food and household items they pick up each day at Oregon Dairy. In fact the store, which includes a consignment gift shop is run totally by volunteers.

Ella Hess, store manager says, “It’s a great team. And we all enjoy what we’re doing.”

Williams Apothecary provides all pharmacy services out of the General Store as well. Residents may purchase both prescription and non-prescription health supplies without leaving the Landis Homes campus.

The store initially opened in September 1995. The pharmacy opened in February 1996 in the middle of some severe winter conditions.

Volunteer Coordinator Arlene Kreider calls forward residents who volunteer in the General Store.

The Grand Opening celebration included a recognition of all those who work together to make the General Store possible. Each of the 21 store volunteers received a corsage. Volunteer coordinator Arlene Kreider in presenting the corsages said, “These carnations are a symbol of our volunteers who bring life to the General Store.”

Curvin Hurst of Oregon Dairy and Delores Henry representing Williams Apothecary each received a framed color photograph of the Landis Homes campus. Hurst responded by saying, “Oregon Dairy and Landis Homes have always been good neighbors and it is our hope this will continue.”

Another important aspect of the store and gift shop operation has become part of Landis Homes’ ministry. Any net profits which are realized are donated to the Landis Homes Caring Fund. This fund goes to directly supplement the daily costs of residents who have outlived their financial resources. As part of the Grand Opening program Ella Hess presented a check for the Caring Fund for $8,900 to Ed Longenecker, Executive Director.

To complete the Grand Opening program everyone gathered outside the General Store for a ribbon cutting. Festivities continued throughout the day with refreshments, door prizes and of course tours of the store.

Welcome New Residents

INDEPENDENT LIVING/ RESIDENTIAL/PERSOAL CARE
Robert Benner

NURSING CARE
Jemal Adem
Louise Auchenbach
Alta Bauman
Elizabeth Dommell
Dorothy Mosemann
Elizabeth Shissler
Robert Texter
A Servant With a Gentle Heart

It was almost ten years ago that Rebekah Landis noticed the increasing beauty of comforter tops being knotted at Landis Homes. "These are too pretty to knot. They should be quilted," she stated. Thus began a quilting project in Landis Homes West which Rebekah has coordinated as a volunteer ever since.

With Rebekah's gentle, skilled guidance, 12-16 beautiful quilts have been completed each year. Proceeds go into the Caring Fund to assist Landis Homes' residents. It is truly a neighbor-helping-neighbor project, done completely by volunteers.

Recently, Rebekah "retired" and was presented with roses, plus a cake all done up with "quilt patch icing." In true servant style, Rebekah continues to be available as a consultant to the four persons who have replaced her.

Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

Landis Homes Residents “Make Peace”

The Peace Factory came to Lancaster for the Eastern Mennonite Missions’ Worldwide Mission Festival on July 13 and 14. Included with the display was an activity for children. Weeks before Landis Homes residents were asked if they would help make bombies. After a program explaining the Peace Factory, residents began mixing and kneading their recipes of salt, flour, water and alum. This doughy mixture was to be re-formed to make many bombies that simulate those left in Laos rice fields. Children at the festival transformed the bombies into objects of peace.

The Peace Factory then moved on to the Olympics. Landis Homes volunteers had the privilege of helping "make peace" along the way for this meaningful intergenerational project.

Arlene Kreider
Volunteer Coordinator

In Loving Memory

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Resident Ethel Brendle and Activities staff Janice Hess mix dough to be used at the Peace Factory display in Lancaster and at the Olympics.
Over 150 persons attended the opening art reception for Anita and Randy Landis-Elgstr and their fraktur designs. The show will run until early October in the east gallery of Harvest View.

Ed Longenecker accepts a "bronze" medal for sponsorship from the Office of Aging Executive Director Jackie Burch at the Senior Games in June.

Residents Ella Mae Wenger, Ella Martin and Paul Martin are served hot dogs and hamburgers by Social Worker Elizabeth Weaver at one of several picnic lunches held in the Pavilion.

Anna Mary Shirk is greeted by Landis Homes Auxiliary President Mary Sweigart at the June Strawberry Social sponsored by the auxiliary.

Joanne Siegrist, author of Mennonite Women of Lancaster County, discusses her research with Vivian Denlinger and Mervin Nolt after her seminar, "Family Ties and Holy Moments."
The Wood Shop Committee: One Year Later

About a year ago a group of residents met to evaluate and to talk about the wood shop. It was obvious to everyone this 30-plus year old shop needed some updating.

A few persons visited a new wood shop at another retirement community to get some ideas. Subsequently, a second meeting was called of the Landis Homes group. This produced an Operations Committee along with a chairman and a secretary/treasurer position. A set of bylaws, rules and dues for members was also established.

Soon there was a flurry of activity. There was buying and selling to upgrade the equipment including the installation of a dust collection system. Some of the equipment came as donations from long-time woodworker Ralph Mohler, who along with his brother Harold occupied a separate section of the shop.

A short time after these changes Landis Homes' administration asked if this new group might make benches for two waiting areas in Harvest View. Harvey Beiler, a Harvest View resident, volunteered to do the job. He single-handedly took rough-sawn lumber and worked it through to the finished products. A brass plate was ordered for each bench which reads: Product of Landis Homes Wood Shop. Designer/Builder, Harvey Beiler.

The members of the wood shop extend thanks to Landis Homes and to maintenance supervisor, Chris Kennel for the support extended to the shop operations. Thanks as well to those who have preceded us in the wood shop. Special thanks to Landis Homes resident and first administrator George Leaman, who began the wood shop and donated most of the original equipment.

The committee which continues to provide service to the residents of Landis Homes in current projects and in repairs is open for new members to join.

Chas Gockley, Chair
Luke Bomberger, Secretary/Treasurer
The Wood Shop Operations Committee

Bees Make Sweet Program

"Why do bees sting?"
Isaac Good answered his own question. "You'd be angry too if someone took your honey."

Good, a Landis Homes resident, was the speaker for the Variety Hour in April. He shared from his wealth of experience as a beekeeper. He began this fascinating hobby at age 12, and continued it for about 70 years. He brought two types of chambers, the broad and the shallow, to show where the bees store their honey.

He shared an interesting fact about the queen bees for the group to ponder. The queen bee usually leaves her hive only once, and during that one flight she is impregnated for life. Upon returning to the hive she is in charge for the duration of her life which is approximately three to five years.

After the program, Good treated everyone to bread and honey. A sweet ending to an interesting program.

Janice Hess
West Activities Assistant

Isaac Good shows bee chambers to Amos Groff and Raymond Landis.
Keim-Shenk Receives License

Dave Keim-Shenk became licensed on July 3, 1996 as a Nursing Home Administrator (NHA). The NHA license was granted by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs of the Pennsylvania Department of State.

Qualifications that enabled Dave to sit for the exam included a Masters Degree in Public Administration, completion of a mandated 120-hour program at York College and nine months experience as an Assistant Administrator.

He took the NHA Exam on April 11, 1996. To become licensed in Pennsylvania, one needs to pass both the national and state portions of the exam. The exam covers topics such as Gerontology, Resident Care Management, Personnel Management, Government Regulations, Financial Management and Strategic Planning.

Congratulations, Dave!

Golf Tournament a Hole-In-One

After a wet and stormy week, the weather turned beautiful on June 14 for the 5th annual Landis Homes Golf Tournament at Foxchase Country Club. One hundred sixty golfers participated and over $13,000 was raised to benefit our Adult Day Care Center. At the dinner following the tournament Lancaster County Commissioner, Terry Kaufmann, spoke briefly praising the Adult Day Care program for its good work in the community. Prizes were awarded to the players as well.

Among the golfers were four residents of Landis Homes: Dallas Green and Luke Bomberger sponsored by the Bank of Lancaster County and Harlan Good and Luke Shank sponsored by Horst Construction.

Ed Longenecker takes a swing at the Landis Homes Golf Tournament.

Pool Announces Arthritis Classes

On September 4, 1996 Landis Homes will begin sponsorship of the Arthritis Aquatic Classes. These classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. The classes concentrate on a range of motion, flexibility and strength. Participants do not necessarily need to know how to swim in order to join. The instructors are Kathy Gehman and Daphne Saks. Both are certified by the Arthritis Foundation to teach these classes.

Classes are free to Landis Homes residents. Non-residents may participate for a fee. Anyone interested in joining a class may stop by one of these mornings or call the pool office at 569-3271 ext. 3065.

Kathy Gehman
Pool Coordinator

Congratulations to the Laundry Department

For over 12 months, and still counting, the nine staff members of the laundry department have had no sick days.
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**August 11** - Annual Galilean Service
7:00 p.m. at the Pond
Milton Stoltzfus, Speaker

**September 14** - Chicken Barbecue and Fellowship Day
11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**October 6** - World Communion Sunday
10:00 a.m. East and West Bethany Chapels

**October 8-11** - Revival Meetings
7:00 p.m. East Bethany Chapel
Paul Witmer, Speaker

**November 12** - Auxiliary Program
6:30 p.m. East Bethany
7:30 p.m. West Bethany

**November 28** - Thanksgiving Day Services
10:00 a.m. East and West Bethany Chapels