Rachel Brubaker Completes 50 Years of Serving

It was in the fall of 1965, just over a year after Landis Homes opened its doors to a few residents, that Grace Leaman, the matron and former administrator’s wife, called and asked Rachel Brubaker if she could come and “help out.” She started working in November of that year.

With a smile Rachel reflects today, “I’ve been helping out ever since!”

Rachel Brubaker worked from 1965-2002 as a registered nurse, usually part-time so she could raise her family of three sons. In 2002 she retired from nursing and at the same time accepted employment in the Life Enrichment (formerly known as Activities) Department.

In 1994 Rachel and her late husband, Luke, became residents in a cottage. Rachel also volunteers as a greeter and with the hand sewing group called Stitchers which creates knitted items to give to charity.

President and CEO Larry Zook presents a 50th anniversary Fraktur to Rachel Brubaker at the team member banquet.

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The spring 2016 term of the Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® at Landis Homes will begin with a special Kickoff Reception on Monday, January 25. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the West Bethany Chapel.

Instructors will be introduced and course catalogues will be distributed. Online registration at www.thepathwaysinstitute.org will open at 3:30 p.m. on January 25.

The courses, which run from March through May, are open to all Lancaster County residents age 55 years or above. There is a registration fee which includes enrollment for one class or a semester membership for up to five courses per semester. Course offerings are diverse including history, culture, arts, sciences and wellness. There are also day trips and concerts offered in addition to the regular classes.

For more information call 717-569-3271, ext. 3060, or email: pathwayinquiry@thepathwaysinstitute.org.
In 2008, when the Landis Homes Board began a long-range planning effort, it started by listening carefully to many persons throughout the Lancaster community. One of the important things we heard was an increasing concern for those who either choose not to come to a retirement community, or who do not have the resources to make that an option. This was one impetus leading to the creation of Landis Communities in 2011 and its goals of keeping Landis Homes strong and vital, providing new more affordable living options, providing services at home, and developing creative partnerships in support of these broad objectives.

Landis Communities is committed to responding to the growing needs in this area. Increasingly this is a subject of conversation throughout the county since by 2040 the Lancaster County Planning Commission expects the population over age 85 to double and the population over age 65 to go from 14% to 22% of the total population.

Landis Communities is responding in several ways. November 10, 2015 saw the opening of Mountain View Terrace, New Holland. (See page 2.) This is a collaborative effort between Landis Communities affiliate Welsh Mountain Home and HDC MidAtlantic, one of the area’s largest providers of affordable housing. It marks Landis Communities first entry into this area of growing importance. Funding for the project included $1 million from the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, and approximately $6 million from Low Income Housing Tax Credits through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Reflecting the need in this area, nearly all of the apartments are full with a waiting list for some layouts. More information can be found online at www.welshmountainhome.org/mountain-view-terrace/.

Landis Communities is also participating in the newly formed Coalition for Sustainable Housing (C4SH). This group includes folks from the building industry, nonprofit, business and planning sectors. Expect to hear more as we collaborate on new ideas and replicate successful efforts designed to enhance sustainable housing in the area.

We are also reshaping the Leadership Team to reflect the importance of this effort. Currently Landis Communities is seeking a Vice President of Community Initiatives. This person will implement and expand the vision of Landis Communities in the areas of community services for those who desire to remain independent in their home with support services, and work at further development of alternative affordable housing options. This team member will carry on many of the duties Daryl Peifer managed so well as Vice President of Business Development before his retirement in December.

I am reminded of former resident Grace Wenger who in 1994 authored a history of the first thirty years at Landis Homes, and ended the book with these prophetic words:

This service [Adult Day Services] to non-residents is one small step in a new direction, reaching beyond our own campus to give Christ-centered care to retirees in the larger community. As staff, board and residents discover new ways of sharing compassionate service, they may see, thirty years from now, the fulfillment of one man’s vision: ‘a Landis Homes Community without walls.’

With your support and encouragement this vision is becoming reality. As always, we welcome your thoughts and prayers as we move forward. Please be in touch if you have questions or comments.

Larry Zook, President/CEO
lzook@landiscommunities.org
Participating in the ribbon cutting for Mountain View Terrace are, left to right, Larry Zook, Landis Communities President/CEO; Eva Bering, Landis Communities VP of Operations; Matthew Sternberg, Executive Director of Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities; Brian Hudson, PHFA Executive Director/CEO; Andrew Maines, Welsh Mountain Home Executive Director and Mike Carper, President/CEO of HDC MidAtlantic.

Inviting family members and come learn together. RSVP to the Advancement Office by March 4, 2016 (717) 509-5490. Attendance is limited.

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Nikki Shingle is the Director of Charitable Relations for Everence and part of their team of advisors in the Lancaster and Central PA areas. Mennonite Foundation is an affiliate of Everence. She has over 10 years experience in understanding the needs of donors and charitable organizations and she serves families, non-profit organizations and businesses.

Educational Seminar on March 17, 2016 6:30 pm
West Community Room on the Landis Homes Campus

Nikki Shingle
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Restored Floodplain Approved for Managing Storm Water

By Linford Good, Vice President of Planning & Marketing

At a meeting in Harrisburg on December 17 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DEP) indicated that our restored floodplain meets regulatory criteria to function as a primary method of managing storm water runoff. When certain conditions are in place, including monitoring of storm water flows and water quality, the permit will be issued. So far Pennsylvania has only authorized floodplain restoration as the primary way to manage storm water for new development on one other project.

With the issuance of this permit Landis Homes will proceed with recording the land development plan and securing construction contracts for final phases of the Residential Living expansion on South Campus. The final phases include construction of seven cottage homes and improvements to Leaman Woods. A paved walking path and gazebo are part of the woods project funded through a 50th Anniversary Luminary Walk to Leaman Woods.

Construction is expected to start early Spring 2016.

Priority Phase for New Apartments

By Sarah Short, Director of Residency Planning

Many have been anticipating the construction of the Learning & Wellness Center that will be located in the heart of the Landis Homes campus. Because of the high demand for larger apartments, there will also be 22 one bedroom with den and two bedroom apartments located on the second and third floors of the new building.

All of the details have not been finalized but at this point we are able to share the following information about the new apartments:

• Apartment sizes ranging from 1145-1395 square feet
• Ground level garage parking and additional storage area
• Advance fees ranging from $195,000- $245,000
• Monthly fees starting at approximately $1,600 for single occupancy
• Phase one to be completed by fall 2017 at the earliest
• 58 additional apartments are planned for future phases

When all phases are completed, the goal of connecting the east and west sides of campus under one roof will be realized.

Before reservation deposits will be accepted for the new apartments, prospective residents will be added to a priority list. Once a refundable $2000 priority deposit and financial approval are received, priority numbers will be assigned. When the reservation period begins, reservations will begin with the lowest priority numbers.

Anyone who thinks they may have interest in any phase of construction for the new apartments is encouraged to contact the Residency Planning office at (717) 581-3935.

Pardon Our Appearance

Renovations in Westview hallways and lounges began in January and will continue for a number of months. These renovations will include adding a new stairway and skylight near the Westview elevator. New flooring, lighting and fresh paint are planned as well as the addition of new entrance features to each home.

Please excuse the appearance of the outside and interior areas during construction. Our contractor, EG Stoltzfus, will do everything possible to keep everyone safe during construction.
Thank You to Oregon Dairy

The first annual Oregon Dairy Corn Pickin’ 5K Run on October 19, 2015 raised $3000 to support charitable care through the Landis Homes Caring Fund. Almost 200 participants of all ages, including some residents and team members, ran, walked or dashed along a course which wound through the scenic Oregon Dairy farm and Landis Homes’ campus. Sarah Hurst, Oregon Dairy’s organizer of the event, was pleased with the first year involvement and anticipates additional runners and walkers for the second annual Corn Pickin’ 5K Run and Walk on September 17, 2016.

Thanks to Friendship Community

Thank you to our East Oregon Road neighbors, the Friendship Community Aktion Club, for visiting and singing carols to a group of Landis Homes residents over the holidays. From their fund raising projects, Nathan Buckwalter, seated center, the president of the club, presented a check to Director of Advancement Alonna Gautsche Sprunger. The contribution is to help purchase an old fashioned ice cream maker with a crank and a bread maker. The mission of Aktion Club is to provide an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills; to serve their community; to be integrated into society; and to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities. One of the carols enjoyed by the residents was a solo of “Oh, Holy Night,” sung by Andrea Hess, standing far right. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas!

Compassionate HACC Student Award

Congratulations to Nadean Freeland, a new LPN, pictured right, who is the 2015 recipient of the Landis Homes Award for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing from the Harrisburg Area Community College, HACC Practical Nursing Program. The award was presented by Steph Hoffman, Director of Risk Management and Compliance, at the Pinning Ceremony in December.
Tribute to Loved Ones

July 1 – December 31, 2015

Thank you to those listed below who have given a tribute to a loved one either as a Memorial or Honorary gift. We apologize if there are misspellings or omissions on this list. To contact the Advancement Office, call (717) 509-5490.

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LEAVE A LEGACY®
Landis Homes is pleased to be a participating member of Leave a Legacy-Lancaster County.
Q & A with New Board Chair

Daniel Mast joined the Landis Homes board in 2009 and became Chair in the fall of 2015.

What has been your involvement so far on the Landis Homes board since you joined it in 2009?

My first term was one of listening and learning, which continued in the second term with the added role of board secretary, and as a member of the Landis Communities Governance Committee. Of course, I served as a primary care Internist/geriatric physician for many residents across the spectrum of care before and during this time.

How have you seen the area of senior living change in the past decade?

One of the exciting changes is the increasing assistive support services that allow folks to live ‘in place’ in their home or apartment for much longer. As many seniors have limited income, this support reserves funds for higher levels of care later, when the need is greater. It also preserves independence and staying in one’s comfortable space, so this increasing service is a dual win.

There are so many retirement communities in the Lancaster area, what do you see as the unique role of Landis Homes?

While the term ‘community’ may seem overused, residents and staff at Landis Homes have a warmth and genuine caring for the wellbeing of one another that is exceptional. There is a strong, often faith-based desire to work diligently to help others within and beyond the campus. As a physician practicing in many of the better Lancaster retirement facilities, my observation is that Landis Homes compassionate care among staff and residents is unsurpassed.

Going forward what do you hope for the Landis Homes community in the years ahead?

I am excited for the future expansion of the exercise and aquatics areas, socializing areas, meeting places, and classroom space for Pathways Institute, planned for the new Learning & Wellness Center. We all benefit from the exercise of our capabilities, and I envision this new space having potential to facilitate that in a variety of ways.

I also have a belief that a person with only a few coins is worth every bit as much as those of greater wealth. I hope Landis Homes and Landis Communities, our umbrella organization, will continue to have a wide range of financial options for those hoping to be part of our communities.

New Director of Dining Services Begins

Chris Anthony began working in the position of Director of Dining Services at Landis Homes in December 2015. In this role he is responsible to direct and manage all dining venues on campus.

He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY in 1983. His most recent work experience was at Tel Hai Retirement Community in Honey Brook, PA as Director of Dining Nutrition Services. He has 30 years of experience in dining for various venues on the East Coast, including retirement community, business and restaurant settings. He also has experience with Meals on Wheels, adult day services and child care services.

When not working, Chris enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter and friends, hiking and walking his three Bernese Mountain Dogs. He also enjoys taking rides on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Chris, who lives in Lititz says, “I appreciate working so close to home. I’ve had many jobs where I traveled at least an hour or more.” And he goes on to say of his time so far at Landis Homes, “Everyone I’ve met has been so kind and helpful.”
## Team Member Length of Service Awards 2015

### 5 Years
- Becky Jordan, Personal Care
- Lucille Kowalinski, Housekeeping
- Megan Kurtz, Heritage Healthcare
- Jim Leaman, Pastoral Services
- Donna Martin, Housekeeping
- LaRie Miller, Advancement
- Onil Musngi, Healthcare
- Mary Njenga, Heritage Healthcare
- Becky Walton, Healthcare
- Lorrie Stoltzfus, Administration
- Nicole Walters, Healthcare

### 10 Years
- Joy Albright, Healthcare
- Marty Auker, Personal Care
- Linda Fasnacht, Housekeeping
- Rhoda Fisher, Housekeeping
- Glenda Gingrich, Community Relations & Pastoral Services
- Naomi Glick, Adult Day Services
- Mary Ann Hess, Landis at Home
- Teresa Hurst, Dining Services
- Tiffany Krum, Healthcare
- Ann Marie Seibel, Healthcare

### 15 Years
- Orpha Strausbaugh, Health Services Administration
- Susan Zimmerman, Laundry

### 20 Years
- Erma Hoover, Dining Services
- Janice Martin, Personal Care

### 25 Years
- Bev Westcoat, Pastoral Services
- Stan Epp, Social Services

### 30 Years
- Sandy Gray, Personal Care
- Jim Griffith, Maintenance
- Sherry Harnish, Housekeeping
- Chuck Manes, Social Services
- Trace Oberholtzer, Human Resources
- Debbie Rohrer, Personal Care
- Kay Weber, Residential Living
- Doris Witmer, Finance

### 35 Years
- Karen Sensenig, Personal Care
- Ken Shultz, Maintenance

### 40 Years
- Becky Bollinger, Adult Day Services
- Ella Hoover, Dining Services
- Wilma Shirk, Personal Care

### 45 Years
- Lucy Oberholtzer, Housekeeping
- Marge Smith, Heritage Healthcare

### 50 Years
- Rachel Brubaker, Life Enrichment

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### Annual Team Member Banquet 2015

*by Sandy Smoker, Director of Human Resources*

Approximately 440 staff and guests attended the Team Member Banquet at Eden Resort on Thursday, November 12. The annual celebration featured board and team member recognition. A significant milestone was reached this year as Rachel Brubaker celebrated 50 years as a team member.

A total of 61 team members were recognized in achieving milestones in years of service. *Pictured left to right*, are team members with the greatest length of service who were recognized this year: Lucy Oberholtzer (35 years—Housekeeping); Sarah Zook (40 years—Housekeeping); Rachel Brubaker (50 years—Life Enrichment); and Marge Smith (35 years—Healthcare).

Sincere thanks to the award recipients and all team members who honor and enrich the lives of those we serve in a variety of ways every day!

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Thanks to the 2015 Staff Giving Project, $2,250 in cash and checks as well as many blankets, comforters and hygiene kits were given to Mennonite Central Committee relief efforts.
Clergy Breakfast Date Announced

Landis Communities invites clergy and lay leaders to a breakfast planned for Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Landis Homes. The theme for the morning is Pastoral Care for Seniors Experiencing Mental Illness and Dementia. Input will come from a number of experts in the field and there will be time for questions and conversation. Contact Larry Guengerich (717) 381-3526 or LGuengerich@LandisCommunities.org for more information.

Andy Smith to Show Artwork

An art reception on February 4 will feature the art of local artist Andy Smith, who will be sharing his work at Landis Homes for the first time. The exhibit will consist of original watercolor paintings and prints on a variety of subjects from landscapes to still life.

“I paint every day,” he says, “I need to be working on something every day or I don’t feel fulfilled.”

Smith and his wife and business manager, Linda, work out of their studio in their Lititz home. They are the parents of one grown daughter who lives out of state. Andy is also a track coach at Warwick Middle School and an avid bicyclist.

Art has always been a lifelong interest for Smith. “It is something I always wanted to do,” he says. “Ever since I was a kid and realized I could draw.”

Andy began painting professionally in 1980 and has participated in shows and exhibits along the East coast. His website is www.andysmithartist.com.

Andy is a watercolorist and has received inspiration from the work of many artists including Vermeer, Winslow Homer and Andrew Wyeth. He says he has always liked the way light impacts the subjects of his paintings.

He is in the process of expanding the breadth of his subjects as a result of travels in 2015 to Belgium, France and several locations in Italy. There will be a sampling of this new work at the February reception.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. In case of inclement weather, a snow date is set for February 11. Resident Janet Eberly will provide live music.

The exhibit will continue to be on display through April 2016. For more information, visit www.landishomes.org or call 717-381-3550.
January 25
Kickoff for Spring Semester
Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning®
West Bethany Chapel
1:00 PM
RSVP required by 1/15/16 – 717-569-3271 (ext. #3060)

January 26
Memory Loss Support Group
View and Discuss DVD
“The Senior Gems: Your Guide to Supporting Family Members with Dementia,”
featuring Teepa Snow
7:00 PM
Warwick Room of the Heritage Memory Support Center
For more info: 717-581-3939

February 4
Art Reception
Andy Smith
Watercolors
Harvest View Galleries
6:30 - 8:30 PM
(snow date 02/11/2016)
Show continues thru April 2016

February 23
Memory Loss Support Group
“Validation Therapies”
Steven Klotz, Executive Director of Validation Training at Country Meadows
Warwick Room of Heritage Memory Support Center
7:00 PM
717-581-3939

March 17
Estate Planning Seminar
6:30 PM
RSVP Required
More information on page 3

March 21
Parkinson’s Support Group
First meeting of 2015
Westview Community Room
2:00 PM
For more information:
717-509-5494

March 24
Easter Flower Sale
Benefits Adult Day Services
Westview Community Room – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
East Bethany
7:30 AM – 12 PM (noon)

April 16
Volunteer Banquet
Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland
12:00 PM
Volunteers giving 25 hours to Landis Homes in 2015 will be honored
By invitation only. Info at 717-509-5409

May 14
Eastern Mennonite University
STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry)
Graduation
West Bethany Chapel
2:00 PM

May 19
Clergy Breakfast
Hosted by Landis Communities
Westview Community Room
Clergy may RSVP to 717-381-3526

June 3
Golf Tournament to Benefit Adult Day Services
Fox Chase Golf Club
For more information: 717-381-3585

Easter Flower Sale for Adult Day Services
Thursday, March 24, 2016
Easter Flower Sale
Benefits Adult Day Services
East Bethany 7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon)
Westview Community Room 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
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