Fellowship Day Hits High Notes

“I had so much fun, I am planning to come back next year!” This refrain was heard from many persons, including WJTL’s Lisa Landis as well as some of the oldest and youngest attendees.

The annual Fellowship Day and Chicken Barbecue held on Saturday, September 10, was a big success. The sky was bright with sunshine most of the day as hundreds of family members and friends of residents as well as visitors descended upon the retirement community campus.

The benefit auction, consisting of quilts, antiques, handcrafts, handmade furniture, theme gift baskets and gift certificates, began at 9:00 a.m. and lasted until late afternoon. The item bringing the highest price was a 1948 Massey Harris Pony tractor with single bottom plow, which brought in a total of $6,675.

The quilt that sold for the highest value was the *Rose of Sharon* by Stella Esbenshade that raised $2,425. Other high selling quilts included, *Victorian Basket*, which sold for $1,050, and *Star Spin*, which raised $975.

Landis Homes’ employees got into the day by making and donating gift baskets with themes from fishing to baseball. An offer by the Landis Homes Housekeeping department for 10 persons to clean for 4 hours brought $525. A pig roast dinner for 20 offered by the maintenance department brought $550. The 39 baskets raised a total of over $4,300 for the Caring Fund.

Other highlights of the day were the many activities for children. Young visitors were happy to spend time with Lisa Landis who broadcast live her “Kids Cookie Break”, a WJTL radio show, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going until noon. Other events included a barrel train ride, a bouncing castle, wagon rides and petting ponies. Student volunteers from Hinkletown Mennonite School hosted a face painting station for much of the day. There was also an open house of the Children’s Learning Center.

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On November 1 the Children’s Learning Center at Landis Homes turned one year old! Children and residents are celebrating this special time by holding a birthday party and Harvest Parade in various parts of campus. Partnering with Hildebrandt Learning Centers, Landis Homes has had a great first year of serving “from generation to generation”.

Hildebrandt Learning Centers, which operates similar centers in a number of other retirement communities, served as a strong partner in designing and staffing the center with a strong team, led by Jo Ann Pringle, Center Director. Jo Ann shares that parents of children appreciate many things about the Children’s Learning Center, including its beautiful location, the caring staff in the center, the great food the children are served, the clean and safe environment, and perhaps most of all, the special opportunities provided for their children to interact with a wonderful community of residents.

This first year has seen a wide variety of activities with residents, including balloon play, water gardening and other water activities in courtyards, beach ball toss games, birthday celebrations, times for singing and talent shows, outdoor picnics, international events with residents who have lived in other parts of the world, and assisting residents with bingo. At least one special resident volunteers weekly in the center as well, which is much appreciated!

In addition to the 50 infant, toddler and preschool children served in the year-around Children’s Learning Center location, a Summer Adventure Day Camp served another 15 school-aged children over the summer months, and we plan to offer this program next summer. We hope to see this program grow to 20 children next summer.

A significant milestone occurred in late August with the first licensing inspection of the center. With the support of a great team effort of Children’s Learning Center staff, other departments at Landis Homes, and the Hildebrandt Learning Center regional staff, the center passed with flying colors with no findings of deficiencies!

Jo Ann reported that the surveyor visiting the center “felt that it offers children a very loving, enriching environment. She found the children to be happy and respectful and the staff knowledgeable and professional.”

Larry Zook
Vice President of Resources
November Art Reception

The Landis Homes fall art show will feature the works of Gladys Zeiset of New Holland. The exhibit will consist of works in oil including still life, landscape, portrait and floral. In a real way the collection reflects aspects of Gladys’ life journey. One of her most recently completed works is a portrait of her mother who will turn 98 years old later this year. Another piece only just finished is a painting of the house in Blue Ball in which she was born. The house was since demolished.

Gladys is primarily self-taught and has also taken advantage of art classes offered locally or through long distance learning. She received instruction of well-known Arizona artist Hal Weber.

Gladys serves on the art auction committee for Friendship Community and the quality assurance committee for Lighthouse Ministries. She is the mother of three sons and lives with her husband in New Holland. In addition to painting she enjoys playing piano, baking and reading.

The opening reception, on Thursday, November 10, will be held in the Harvest View Galleries from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to the show that will continue through January 2006.

Second Wife Signs New Book

Martha Denlinger Stahl addressed an audience of 140 persons to talk about her newly released book Second Wife: Stories and Wisdom from Women Who Have Married Widowers.

In her comments she presented some of the background of her own experience as a second wife and shared how she found support in talking with others who were in similar situations.

“This is a book, I wish I could have read before I became a second wife,” said Martha. “My hope is that it will give support to others.”

Within the pages of Second Wife, published by Good Books, Stahl not only shares her own story but also the stories and the combined insight of some 40 other second wives whom she interviewed for her latest writing project.

This is Martha’s third book. She is also the author of Real People: Amish and Mennonites in Lancaster County and By Birth or by Choice: Who Can Become a Mennonite? She lives in a cottage, where she continues to write, lead singing and volunteer.

The event, held in July at the West Bethany Chapel, included a book signing. Over 100 books were sold, the proceeds of which benefited the Landis Homes Caring Fund.
Repositioning Healthcare and Assisted Living

Ten years of construction to reposition the setting for Healthcare at Landis Homes finishes this year. The repositioning included the following projects:


The repositioning has brought an improved quality of life to residents. Private, rather than shared rooms, provide a more dignified setting. Each resident bathroom includes a shower, a further improving of dignity by providing the option of in-room bathing. Pleasant dining rooms with a “country kitchen” help to enhance the dining experience. And the more home-like setting contributes to a more comfortable and healing stay for persons needing healthcare services.

Assisted Living at Landis Homes is located in some of the oldest buildings on the campus. Aspen was opened in 1964, Birch in 1967 and Cedar in 1971. Repositioning Assisted Living, which is scheduled to begin November 2005 in Aspen, includes the following changes:

1. Renovate resident rooms and bathrooms, including individually controlled heat and air conditioning, box windows and shower in bath. Convert some single rooms to larger rooms or two-room suites.

2. Add living room, game room and seating area in a central location more easily accessible to all residents, not at the end of a corridor.

3. Replace wall treatment, flooring, light fixtures, furniture and window treatments in each resident room and in all common areas.

The repositioning, in order to better serve current and future residents, is a multi-year project, starting in Aspen this year, and then moving to Birch and Cedar in future years. Plans are to complete the repositioning in 2008.

Linford Good
VP of Planning & Marketing

Two Readers’ Choice Awards

For the third consecutive year the readers of Lancaster Newspapers selected Landis Homes as a favorite Assisted Living Residence. And for the first time, Landis Homes was selected as a favorite Retirement Community.

Lancaster Newspapers conducts a “Readers’ Choice” survey each year to identify favorite providers of a variety of services, such as restaurants, banks, hair salons, radio stations and many more.

Assisted Living serves approximately 100 residents living in Aspen, Birch, Cedar and Lititz House. The Retirement Community serves 650 residents, 100 in Healthcare, 100 in Assisted Living and 450 in Residential Living cottages, apartments and suites.

Landis Homes was selected runner-up to Willow Valley Retirement Communities in both the Assisted Living and the Retirement Community categories. Congratulations to all members of the Landis Homes team for being leaders in serving one another. And thank you for voting us one of your favorites.

Linford Good
VP of Planning & Marketing
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A mixed chorus including Landis Homes President Ed Longenecker and his wife Rhoda in the auction tent at 4:30 p.m provided musical entertainment later in the afternoon.

The Landis Homes auxiliary sponsored the barbecue chicken dinner, which is the centerpiece of the annual Fellowship Day. Through the sale of over 3500 meals and chicken halves plus a bake sale and ice cream stand the auxiliary raised $10,000 for future improvements to the campus of Landis Homes.

Auctioneers Robert E. Martin and sons directed the auction with the proceeds of over $70,000 benefiting the Caring Fund, part of the benevolent program at Landis Homes.
Yesterday Meets Today
Leads to a Charitable Gift Annuity

A new Landis Homes resident was in my office recently to create a charitable gift annuity. She referred to the special care her mother received while living here a number of years ago. On one occasion when she was visiting her mother, she observed a maintenance man hurrying along a hallway on what appeared to be a special mission. However, he paused long enough to get on his knees in front of a resident in a wheelchair to share “good morning” greetings.

The memory of this experience, confirmed in this new resident a desire to one day live here and now she was in my office writing a charitable gift annuity to benefit the Landis Homes Endowment Fund.

Her decision to participate in the gift annuity program is supported by several factors; 1) she will receive an annual fixed payment for life, part of which is received tax free up until she outlives her life expectancy, 2) she will receive an immediate income tax deduction, and 3) after her demise, the residue in the gift annuity, at her discretion, will be added to the endowment fund.

Through her gift annuity, her deepest interest seemed to lie in her desire to support and strengthen the long-term mission of Landis Homes. This mission is “to serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love.”

All residents and other friends of this community are encouraged to remember Landis Homes as part of a charitable bequest in their wills. This can be further designated for the Caring Fund or the Endowment Fund. A charitable bequest through the will is a tax-free distribution of the estate.

Many residents, staff, and friends of Landis Homes find other avenues through which they support the Landis Homes Mission. Some find meaningful opportunities to volunteer, some assist with some of our fundraising venues such as the auction, or the golf tournament, others give memorial, honorary or annual gifts, and still others participate in pastoral groups to work alongside our chaplains to assist in encouragement and spiritual ministries.

The Gift Development Office objective is to help persons deliver on their charitable goals for Landis Homes. The welcome mat is always out. Please call 509-5490.

John Buckwalter
Director of Gift Development

Demystifying Medicare Part D

Starting January 1, 2006, new Medicare prescription drug coverage will be available to everyone with Medicare. Everyone with Medicare can get coverage that may help lower prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future. Everyone on Medicare needs to make a decision about prescription drug coverage.

A number of workshops are being offered to answer questions regarding Medicare Part D, discuss MMA’s Medicare Part D options, address enrollment questions and give people the opportunity to enroll in MMA’s Medicare Part D. We encourage you or your family and friends who have questions about the new Medicare changes to attend the workshops.

Should you have any questions about future workshops, long-term care insurance, Medicare Supplement, or health insurance, please call 717-581-3866 or at MMA – Sauder Financial at 717-394-0769. I would be happy to meet with you.

Eric Groff, MMA Counselor
Stewardship Solutions for Seniors

Eric Groff

Yesterday Meets Today
Leads to a Charitable Gift Annuity
Living Trust

What is a Living Trust?
- A Living Trust is a tool that can be used to manage your investments and efficiently settle your estate.

Who should consider a Living Trust?
- Anyone who feels that they are no longer able to prudently manage their investments.
- Someone who is no longer interested in managing their investments because they would like to spend more time traveling or pursuing other hobbies/interests.
- Someone who prefers privacy regarding his or her estate settlement details.

What are some of the advantages?
- Professional Investment Management
- No probate and related costs
- Maximum privacy of estate settlement details
- Quick distribution of assets to beneficiaries

Please call 717-581-3800 or stop into our Landis Homes branch to talk to Bonnie Kauffman if you have questions or to arrange a free consultation with one of our Trust Officers.

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Calendar of Events

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For other items, check out the Events Calendar at www.landishomes.org

FALL 2005 Landis Homes Horizons
Passing on the Comfort, a traveling exhibit from Mennonite Central Committee, features 18 quilts and comforters made by North American women and sent to the Netherlands by MCC following World War II.

This exhibit inspires us to pass on the comfort to hundreds of thousands around the world through the ongoing relief, development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee. www.mcc.org

Don’t miss this special exhibit from Mennonite Central Committee!