Laughter, warm sunshine, hundreds of bidders, a wide array of food choices and volunteers of all ages made the Fellowship Day on September 8 special. Residents joined their children, grandchildren and other visitors in shopping at the flea market and craft shop, attending the auction and dining on barbecued chicken, ice cream, fresh fruit and baked goods.

After a minute of silence to honor the memory of the late auctioneer Robert E. Martin, his family began the auction at 9:00 a.m. with a steady stream of quilts, household items, handcrafted furniture and antiques. Frank King’s hand-carved Blue Jay sold for $1100, Harold Eby’s Multi-Marble Roller at $600, and the Heart of Roses quilt brought over $2000. Several other quilts, most quilted by the Landis Homes quilters, sold for over $1000 each.

A new feature this year was the auctioning off of three mystery boxes by former retirement community CEO’s. They included Ed Longenecker former president of Landis Homes, Paul Leaman past president of Mennonite Home and Leroy Petersheim formerly of Tel Hai Retirement Community. Both Leaman and Petersheim are new residents of Landis Homes. In addition to raising $2,370 everyone had fun observing the interactions of the amateur auctioneers with the bidders. The combined auction activities raised more than $78,000 for the Caring Fund, part of the benevolent program at Landis Homes.

Other highlights of the day were the activities for children. These included a Castle bounce, a barrel train ride, miniature horses for petting, crafts, face painting and a train display.

WJTL Radio’s Lisa Landis did a live broadcast of the show “Kids Cookie Break,” at times

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Learning is the Strength of Our Community

Grace Wenger’s 1994 book on Landis Homes, The First Thirty Years, describes the early founders’ interest in learning from the experiences of other retirement/nursing communities. Early planners like Orie Miller, Frank Enck, Sanford High, Mowery Frey and Ira Buckwalter explored, visited and took photographs of innovative, cutting-edge communities in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties as well as two communities in Florida.

Forty-five years later Landis Homes continues to preface action with times of research and learning. We are continuously learning through contacts with our present and future residents, volunteers and staff, as well as community leaders. We also partner with businesses and consultants who incorporate learning into their cultures.

We have heard from current and prospective residents how they value the learning opportunities offered here and look forward to new learning adventures. Support groups and seminars offered on campus and in partnership with other organizations provide information on topics such as aging well, Medicare coverage, advance directives and nutrition. The resident-driven Keenagers computer club provides learning opportunities through regular meetings, and we have supported learning by expanding the Wireless Internet Service across campus—a service similar to that provided on many college campuses—which enables residents to tap into the massive amount of learning and communication opportunities that are available online.

We also enjoy strong relationships with a number of institutions of learning in the area including; Lancaster Mennonite Schools, Hinkletown Mennonite School, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster General College of Nursing and others. We partner with local providers of lifelong learning seminars such as Quest, a six-week program held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. It is a joy to participate in early-childhood learning as well through supporting the children, staff and others by partnering with Hildebrandt, the operators of the Children’s Learning Center at Landis Homes.

We realize that an organization like Landis Homes only grows and learns as its individual employees, residents, volunteers and others engaged in our community life grow and learn. We have, therefore, provided learning opportunities in culture-change and person-centered care throughout the past year and plan to continue in coming years. Learning is enhanced in a team setting, so in September we launched what we hope to be a monthly “Lunch & Learn” series. Staff will meet over lunch and learn about topics such as new trends in elder housing, creation care, campus master planning, and other topics.

The Landis Homes Board of Directors consistently values learning. Board members take advantage of opportunities to learn by attending Board Forums sponsored by the Anabaptist Providers Group, of which we are a member, as well as the Mennonite Health Assembly sponsored by Mennonite Health Services Alliance. The Board also recognizes that the local church and broader community seeks support in learning about health, wellness, finances, and social and other issues relating to aging. Therefore, a Speaker’s Resource List of board and staff members willing to speak to congregations, Sunday School classes, and in other settings has been posted on our web site. See www.landishomes.org for a complete list of topics and speakers. We can also recommend books and video resources.

Learning is the Strength of Our Community and is a natural outgrowth of our journey to this point. Learning helps prepare us to be open to God’s leading now and in the future as we seek his direction through prayer. Thank you for joining in this journey!

The Annual Report will no longer be inserted in the Fall issue of Horizons. It will be printed and mailed separately.

Larry Zook, President
Adult Day Services Celebrates New Patio

On September 18, 2007, Eden West clients and staff celebrated the dedication of the patio installed this summer outside of the adult day services center. Pictured is client Carol Greenfield, center with scissors, cutting the ribbon with the assistance of President Larry Zook and Eden West Manager Christy Carpenter. Looking on are Linford Good, VP of Planning & Marketing, Donald Becker of Stony Bridge Landscaping, Lancaster County Office of Aging Executive Director Jacqueline Burch, and VP of Operations Eva Bering.

The Lancaster County Office of Aging contributed a generous grant toward the installation of the patio. Donald Becker along with Maintenance Director Jeff Yunginger designed the patio and Stony Bridge Landscaping did the installation.

Watercolorist to Show in October

Debra L. Smith will show her most recent watercolors at Landis Homes on October 30. Born and raised in Lancaster County, Debra’s interest in art began at an early age and continued through her school years and beyond. Early in her career she worked in graphite, moved into colored pencil and now devotes all her time to watercolor.

Debra holds Signature member status in the Philadelphia Watercolor Society (PWCS). She also has previously served as President and Vice President of the Village Art Association in Lititz. Debra has exhibited her award-winning work in numerous juried shows including the Longs Park Arts and Crafts Festival. Her paintings are part of the corporate collection of MBNA Bank of America, and private collections throughout the United States and abroad.

Debra, who lives in Lititz with her husband and children, is a member of Neffsville Mennonite Church.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. The works will continue to be on display through January 2008.

Speakers Resource Listing Now Accessible

Landis Homes has recently launched a Speakers Resource listing available through the web site. Local congregations and community groups can arrange for a Landis Homes employee or board member to speak to a group on a variety of topics. Topics are available on a number of subjects including aging, stewardship, health & wellness and more.

In the event a church or group would like to arrange a speaker they may contact them directly using the contact information provided on the website. This resource is provided at no charge.

Please visit the Speakers Resource Listing page of our web site at www.landishomes.org for a list of speakers and topics or call 717-581-3935 to request a listing.
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interviewing children and adults who were enjoying the day’s activities. She also had a live interview and harmonica concert with her grandmother, Lois Landis, who is a resident at Landis Homes.

The Auxiliary sponsored the chicken barbecue dinners that were served for outdoor dining and for takeout. Proceeds from the barbecue dinners and bake sale, totaling over $14,000, will go towards the purchase of a new wheelchair bus to benefit all residents.

Two additional events this year were also a part of the Fellowship Day weekend. Several vocal groups provided a Night of Music on Thursday, September 6, and Myron Augsburger of Harrisonburg, VA, gave the message in the Worship Under the Tent on Sunday evening, September 9.

The Fellowship Day in 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, September 13.
Campus Becomes Subject of New Photography Book

*Landis Homes in Color* is a newly printed book of photographs taken on the retirement community campus. The book is the work of cottage residents Dr. J. Lester Eshleman and his wife Lois. It includes over 100 color photographs reflecting the changing seasons on the campus and surrounding properties.

The Eshlemans, who served as missionaries in Africa for nearly 50 years, received the gift of a digital camera from their son and daughter several years ago. Dr. Eshleman, who has enjoyed photography most of his life, added this new method to his inventory. Lois assisted with the selection and editing of the photos.

Many of the photos have been used on the closed circuit television on campus along with the announcements of the day.

“So many people shared their appreciation with me for these images, and they encouraged me to put them all together somehow,” said Dr. Eshleman. “This book is the result of their suggestions.”

The book *Landis Homes in Color* was unveiled just a few days before this year’s Fellowship Day. The first copy sold for $125.00 at the auction in September and was autographed on the spot. Additional copies of the book are now for sale on campus at the General Store and Dogwood Commons Gift Shop for $25.00, plus tax.

The photos have also been incorporated into the redesign of this quarterly newsletter. Beginning with the summer 2007 issue, an Eshleman photo serves as the basis for each issue of *Horizons*.

Auxiliary Seeks New Leaders

*By Sue Shirk,*

*Director of Volunteer Services*

The Landis Homes Auxiliary is the organization that handles the details for hosting the chicken barbecue portion of the annual Fellowship Day & Chicken Barbecue held each year on the second Saturday in September.

The Landis Homes Auxiliary is seeking volunteers for various leadership positions. Terms are two years and begin in spring 2008 with the bulk of preparation activity occurring in July and August in the following positions:

**Vice President:** Assist the President in assigning volunteers, dividing responsibilities for general oversight of the event. In the second year, the vice president becomes the president, joined by a new vice president.

**Food Committee Members:** Contact church representatives for food or financial contributions, order supplies from Landis Homes Dining Services and provide oversight for the East barbecue area.

For more information or if interested in applying, please contact Sue Shirk, Volunteer Services Director at 509-5409.
Teamwork - A Landis Homes Value

by John R. Buckwalter, Director of Gift Planning

Teamwork is one of the guiding values at Landis Homes. It can be witnessed in resident relationships, in staff interactions and in various activities carried out by the Auxiliary and other volunteers.

A rich tradition continues of residents and staff working together to plan special events. The recent Fellowship Day was successful due to the teamwork of residents, staff, board members and friends.

In a few weeks an invitation will be in the mail requesting participation in our annual appeal to benefit Benevolent Care. It will be an opportunity for our many friends to be included in our teamwork fabric here at Landis Homes. Each generous gift received for this important ministry will be very much appreciated.

The gifts received through the annual appeal will bless about fifty people who no longer have sufficient financial resources or government assistance to cover the full cost of their assisted living or health care services.

Clarence and Mary Martin, residents of Landis Homes since 1998, will serve as co-chair persons of our 2007 annual appeal. Their ongoing support for benevolent care is appreciated. Clarence and Mary are part of the fabric of teamwork in serving one another at Landis Homes.

Readers’ Choice

Linford Good, VP of Planning and Marketing

For the second year in a row, the readers of Lancaster Newspapers selected Landis Homes as their favorite Assisted Living Residence. This follows three years as runner-up. Residents living in Aspen, Birch, Cedar and Lititz House receive assisted living services.

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

For the third consecutive year Landis Homes was also selected as runner-up in the Retirement Community category. 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.

Waning Gift Opportunity for IRAs

During 2006 and 2007, federal law allowed transfers, by persons age 70½ and over, from an IRA to the Landis Homes Caring Fund or Endowment Fund without incurring income tax. Any arbitrary gift amount up to $100,000 can be chosen, or join others in transferring their annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

As of this writing, the law is due to expire at the end of the year barring an act of Congress. Contact John Buckwalter in the Office of Gift Planning Services at 717-509-5490 for more details or assistance in preparing a transfer request for your account executive.
New Medical Director Begins

By Eva Bering, VP of Operations

Landis Homes welcomed Dale K. Hursh, MD, CMD as the Medical Director for the retirement community effective October 1, 2007. He replaces Gary Hopkins MD, CMC, from Manheim Family Practice who has served in this position since 2002.

Dr. Hursh was born in Lancaster and grew up locally in Farmersville. After graduating from Conestoga Valley High School, he attended Houghton College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Following college, Hursh entered medical school at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia graduating with a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1989 in family medicine. After completing his residency at Lancaster General Hospital, Dr. Hursh entered private practice.

In 2001 Dr. Hursh began a fellowship in geriatric medicine and completed the one-year specialty training in geriatrics in 2002. He then worked to help establish Geriatric Associates, an outpatient specialty geriatric practice of Lancaster General Hospital and to assist in the further development of the fellowship training program.

Dr. Hursh currently serves as an Associate Director of the Lancaster General Geriatrics Fellowship Program, sees patients at the Geriatric Associates office, and provides care for residents at Landis Homes and Homestead Village retirement communities. In addition to being board-certified in geriatric medicine, Dr. Hursh also has earned certification as a Certified Medical Director (CMD) through the American Medical Directors Association. Dr. Hursh and his wife Karen have three children and live in Lancaster.

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Life Trails Inaugurated

It was a perfect weather day in September when residents and staff took part in a Life Trail Walk around the campus. The event included instruction on the five new Life Trail stations, which were funded by gifts from the Landis Homes Auxiliary.

Eighteen residents on battery-operated vehicles and several staff members were part of the morning Roll n' Stroll event which proceeded around the walking path and Life Trail stations. There was a great level of enthusiasm in the many residents and the accompanying staff members trying out the new equipment for the first time.

In the afternoon another 14 residents joined Wellness Coordinator Bob Dressler for a walk around campus. They stopped at each Life Trail station along the way for instruction on the station and for discussion on many wellness-related topics. It was a great time of learning about health and wellness while enjoying the fellowship and the beautiful weather.

Since there was so much interest generated in the Life Trail stations, there will be additional “Life Trail Walks” scheduled in coming months for residents who are interested in learning more. Everyone is encouraged to participate and try these exercise stations designed to turn a walk into a total-body workout.