

Volunteer Team Members Honored by Two Events

The annual Volunteer Appreciation banquet was held in April at Yoder's Restaurant. The banquet theme, "Teamwork," was chosen because it is one of the guiding values of Landis Homes. Approximately 300 persons attended the celebration including volunteers, board members, staff and guests.

The "Spare Parts" men's quartet, all members of Akron Menonite Church, sang a variety of music. The quartet included Daryl Eshleman who is a Landis Homes board

member. One of their songs, "Thank You," was written by a quartet member with new lyrics to highlight various volunteer roles.

Vice President of Resources, Larry Zook, also spoke on the teamwork theme. Larry shared, "Jesus chose to carry out his work on earth through a group of 12 volunteer disciples and 2000 years later, you join them as volunteers in carrying out His work through your service to others."



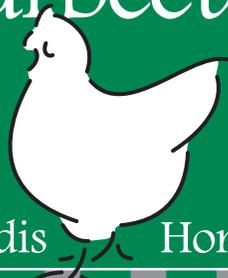
The quartet "Spare Parts" including Merle Gingerich, Bruce McCrae, Daryl Eshleman and Ron Guenther entertained 300 volunteers at Yoder's Restaurant.

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September 9, 2006

Auction at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship
Day and
Chicken
Barbecue



Landis Homes



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Bethany Fellowship at Landis Homes Affirmed



Pastor Don Good

Landis Homes is an agency of Lancaster Mennonite Conference. In January 2006, the conference affirmed the formation of Bethany Fellowship at Landis Homes. The purpose of the new fellowship is to provide membership for residents, who because of unique circumstances are not actively involved with a congregation.

“We are happy to serve in this new way those who have no other church membership,” said Landis Homes Pastor Don Good.

The Pastoral Care Team at Landis Homes continues to encourage all residents to maintain membership in their home congregations. The team also nurtures

these congregational connections by involving visiting pastors in preaching and teaching in both chapels on campus. Residents, who already have church membership, are urged to continue to foster relationships in those congregations and with its leadership.

There are cases in which no congregational membership can be identified. A few residents came to Landis Homes from congregations, which have since ceased to exist. Also, residents who make first-time confessions of faith in Christ and are baptized at Landis Homes, can now join this new fellowship. For individuals in these circumstances, establishing membership in Bethany Fellowship at Landis Homes can offer a sense of connectedness and belonging.

Residents whose home congregations are located outside of the area, can request associate memberships. Bishop Nelson Martin will give oversight to this

new fellowship, which will exist outside of any congregational district.

Pastor Good said, “We continue to welcome every one of the residents to fully participate in all of our worship experiences.”

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Associate Chaplains Mary Yunginger Rittenhouse & Glenn Metzler.

Share-A-Meal Adventure

To Benefit the Landis Homes Caring Fund

Fellowship Day

September 9, 2006



- A host or hostess will choose a day and time (after September 9, 2006) to prepare and serve a favorite meal to a specified number of unknown guests, as a donation to the Landis Homes Caring Fund.

- On Fellowship Day, in the auction tent, a Share-A-Meal booth will display many individual posters, each showing a specific date and time that various hosts and hostesses have chosen to serve a meal.

- Beginning at 8:00 a.m., buyers may purchase tickets for the meals of their choice. Travel directions will be provided to the host's home.

- Cost for each meal ticket will be \$20.00.

Mother's Day/Father's Day Observance

A gift in honor or in memory of your parents or grandparents, is a meaningful, thoughtful gesture and it also helps us offer the essential resources needed for Landis Homes healthcare residents who are in need of benevolent care.

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Star Comforter Service Begins

“When I see a resident dying alone, I wish I could stop everything else and just sit with them.”

An 11-year employee Deb Boyer, C.N.A., voiced this concern at a staff meeting in 2005.

As a result, a committee, including Deb along with other staff members and residents, was formed to develop a way to address this need. The name “Star Comforters” was chosen by combining the symbolism of stars as representing heavenly life and the words of Jesus in verse John 14:18: “I will not leave you comfortless.”

Resident and staff volunteers were recruited and received training from the Hospice of Lancaster County. Two carts were assembled with items such as music, lotion and reading materials to be used at this sacred time in a person’s life journey.

The Star Comforter service is available throughout the campus including healthcare, assisted living, cottages and apartments. Volunteers are asked to be a quiet presence and to be sensitive to the needs of the resident. The healthcare staff members on duty provide any needed nursing care.

In April 2006 the group had the honor of offering the Star Comforter service for the first time to a

healthcare resident and their family. The family members expressed gratefulness for the volunteers who provided relief care while they got some needed rest.

When they were resting or eating they did not need to worry that their loved one was alone.

Another part of the program, which is still developing, is the creation of small comforters. The comforters made of star-covered material, are now located in quilting frames in many areas throughout the campus. Residents as well as staff and family members have the opportunity to help knot them. When completed they will be displayed in each living area. At the time a resident dies, the comfort will be placed on that resident’s bed as a remembrance and as a way of honoring her or him and the family.

The Star Comforter volunteers count it a privilege and an honor to serve the Landis Homes’ residents and families.



Deb Boyer helps to knot one of several Star Comforter quilts now being created.

*Ethel Caldwell
Administrator of Healthcare*

Scion Shuttle

A new campus shuttle vehicle, a Scion xB, with a strong team of volunteers and a new schedule,



began making its rounds in mid-February. In addition to the roomy interior, the Scion has been rated least expensive per lifetime mile of any other car sold in the U.S. The study cited on the Car and Driver website considered energy cost to plan, build, sell, drive and dispose of a vehicle from initial concept to scrappage.

Children's Learning Center Receives Award



Carol Hess center presents the award in her name to Landis Homes President Ed Longenecker, left, and Hildebrandt Learning Centers CEO Bill Grant.

Landis Homes received one of three first time awards presented by the United Way of Lancaster under the auspices of their *Success By 6* program in early April at an awards banquet at Franklin & Marshall College.

The Carol D. Hess Children's Champion Award was presented to a Lancaster County employer who has

shown the greatest sensitivity to the needs of their employees and community regarding children and child-care. The honor is named for Carol Hess, who has been recognized nationally and locally for her work in child-care and for being instrumental in the creation of one of the earliest worksite day care centers in the county.

At the banquet Ms. Hess presented the award to the Children's Learning Center at Landis Homes, which is managed by Hildebrandt Learning Centers. In addition to offering a subsidy for employees who use their Children's Learning Center, Landis Homes offers a variety of work schedule options to employees. Also, in the case of illness of an employee or a family member, other employees may donate their PTO (paid time off) time to their coworkers.

Also presented awards were the Lancaster Day Care Center (LDCC) receiving the Child Care Center Award for excellence, and the Ayala Group Day Care receiving the Family/Group Child Care Provider Award.

The *Success by 6* program includes 100 volunteers working to improve children's health care; to improve parenting skills; to increase children's school readiness and to improve the quality of childcare available to working parents in Lancaster County.

Two Teachers for May Art Reception

A spring art reception at Landis Homes will feature two artists who are also art teachers in local schools.

Judith Rempel Smucker, originally from Manitoba, Canada, is a freelance graphic designer and artist who lives and works in Akron. She is married and the mother of two teenagers. She received her B.F.A. from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg and her M.F.A. from Basel School of Design, Switzerland. She previously worked in graphic design at Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, and as a teacher at the PA College of Art and Design, Lancaster. In addition to her freelance work, she currently teaches art part time at Lititz Area Mennonite School.

Howard Wenger, originally from Chesapeake, VA, lives in Lancaster city and is a

part time art teacher at Hinkletown Mennonite School. He studied art at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, before moving with his wife and two children to Lancaster County in 1989.

He has worked for Mennonite Central Committee in Viet Nam and for Ten Thousand Villages, Inc., Ephrata.

His current work represents his love of nature in flowers and the surrounding landscapes. He enjoys poetry, music, basketball and his grandchildren.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, in the Harvest View lobby and galleries. The works will continue to be on display through July 2006. For more information,

call Landis Homes at 717-581-3935.



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Mildred and Shelly Shellenberger help to plant a Star Magnolia in the newly opened Prayer Garden near the West Bethany Chapel.

Larry gave specific examples of how board members, volunteers and staff work together to fulfill the mission of Landis Homes.

Sue Shirk, Volunteer Services Director, announced the recorded volunteer service hours for 2005. The 510 volunteers provided 54,810 hours of

service benefiting Landis Homes residents and another 13,936 hours to the larger community.

In early April, a group of resident volunteers gathered for a brief ceremony and tree planting in the newly built Prayer and Memory Garden. A plaque honoring both past and current volunteers will be installed at the tree later this spring.

Pastors Discuss Memory Loss



Panelists Ron Haines, Faith Hoover and Steph Hubach, left to right facing camera, address over 40 pastors and church leaders at an April breakfast meeting titled, "Congregations Serving Persons with Memory Loss."

Stewardship Solutions for Seniors — Medicare Part D – Open Enrollment Coming to a Close



Eric Groff

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (or Medicare Part D) became available January 1, 2006. If a senior has not signed up for Medicare Part D, it's not too late. Anyone who has Medicare Part A or Medicare Part A & B, may sign up until May 15, 2006 and avoid penalties.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is a good option for most people. However, the confusion around the various options and plans has been overwhelming for many. If seniors do not join by May 15, the next time to join is between November 15 and December 31 each year. It's important to know

that anyone who is eligible, but does not have creditable coverage elsewhere, and signs up after May 15 will incur a 1% penalty per month if they decide to enroll in Medicare Part D in the future.

Stewardship Solutions for Seniors personnel continue to meet with people, help evaluate options, and offer guidance during this time. Should you have any questions about Long-Term Care insurance, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Part D or Health insurance please contact MMA Counselor Eric Groff at Landis Homes at ext. 3866 or 581-3866, or at MMA – Sauder Financial at 394-0769. I would be happy to meet with you.

*Eric Groff, MMA Counselor
Stewardship Solutions for Seniors*

Calendar of Events

May 9 - Bus trip to Longwood Gardens Contact Activities, extension 3067	WED	May 25 - Ascension Day Services East Bethany, 10:00 a.m. West Bethany 7:00 p.m.	SAT
May 10 - Art Reception Judith Rempel Smucker & Howard Wenger		May 30 - Memory Loss Support Group Neelofer Sohail, M.D.	
7 Harvest View Galleries 6:30-8:30 p.m. show continues thru July 2006	10	11 Geriatric Associates Warwick Room of The Heritage 7:00 p.m. For more information 717-581-3939	13
May 10 - Visit the Landis Homes Display Senior Expo Lititz Recreation Center 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	14	June 2 - Golf Tournament Benefits Adult Day Services Foxchase Golf Club Denver, PA	20
May 15 - Parkinson's Support Group Meeting "Secondary Symptoms of Parkinson's" Mary Matthews, R.N. Parkinson's Movement Center Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia Westview Community Room 2:00 p.m.	21	25 Information: 717-581-5490	26
May 17-20 - Coach Trip to Cape Cod Contact Activities, extension 3067		Sept. 9 - Fellowship Day & Chicken Barbecue 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
		Sept. 10 - Worship Under the Tent An Evening of Music 6:00 p.m.	

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



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