Caldwell Receives State Award

Landis Homes Administrator of Healthcare Ethel Caldwell received the Distinguished Service Award called Facilitator of the Year 2012 at the LeadingAge PA annual conference in Hershey, PA in June.

LeadingAge PA is an association of non-profit senior services advocating for public policy initiatives, which support individual rights, quality care, equitable access and reimbursement for seniors throughout Pennsylvania.

The Facilitator of the Year Award is given to an outstanding mentor who has nurtured, coached, counseled and encouraged others in order to help them develop personally and professionally as an individual and as part of a team. Here is an excerpt of the comments made about Ethel during the awards presentation:

“Over the course of Ethel Caldwell’s thirty years of service to Landis Homes, her ability to win hearts and inspire outstanding service has contributed greatly to the organization’s success. From her initial role as charge nurse to her current position as Administrator of Healthcare, Ethel’s warm, hands-on style of leadership has resulted in the development of a strong and dedicated service team. By promoting open dialogue among all staff, she has fostered a team that is confident in their own abilities to overcome challenges and arrive at effective solutions to maximize resident care.”

Following the award presentation, Ethel was along with friends, family and colleagues were hosted to a brunch attended by other distinguished award winners who won in other categories.

About receiving the award, Ethel shared, “I am grateful to be part of a great team which works hard every day to serve a wonderful community of residents.”
Summer Brings ‘New Year’ Reflections

Summer has arrived at Landis Homes and with it comes the beginning of a new fiscal year for the organization. It gives us the chance to reflect on the events of the past year and look ahead to what we anticipate in the next 12 months.

Team members, volunteers, board members, residents and supporters all collaborated to fulfill the mission of Landis Homes to “Serve aging adults and their families by honoring and enriching their lives in a community of Christ-like love.” Life was enriched by residents and staff participating in the Lancaster Senior Games as well as by the hundreds of golfers who came together to raise $44,800 for the Adult Day Services program. A major award was recently presented to Ethel Caldwell, Administrator for Healthcare, who was honored by LeadingAge PA with a Distinguished Service Award as Facilitator of the Year. See Page 1 article.

This new year brings significant changes. July 1st was the official launch of Landis Communities, the umbrella organization coordinating Landis Homes and additional affiliated organizations providing a range of programs and services for those 55 and older. This change is designed not only to keep Landis Homes strong and vital, but to bring together organizations designed to be, “Enriching lives by following God’s call to creatively serve the diverse needs and interests of older adults by developing opportunities and collaborative relationships.”

We also look forward to the completion of eight more cottages on South Campus and the beginning of reservations for the next hybrid homes. After five years of feasibility studies, seeking approvals and securing permits, work on the floodplain restoration is scheduled to begin this summer. The restoration will improve the stability, water quality, aquatic habitat and provide an alternative approach to storm water management along the reach of Kurtz Run through the campus.

The opening of Steeple View Lofts, a 36-unit rental apartment project in Downtown Lancaster, is also planned for the coming year. These projects, along with a strengthened Adult Day Services and Landis At Home program, are aimed at the strategic focus areas of keeping retirement living strong and vital, providing options for people with diverse economic resources, providing services at home and being creative in our partnerships.

This year planning and preparations have already begun for Landis Homes 50th anniversary year, which will be celebrated in 2014. We are excited to hear stories and remembrances coming together from those involved with the organization over the years. We also anticipate the 40th annual Fellowship Day, September 8th. We welcome your prayers and participation as we work together to be “Jesus Christ in Street Clothes.”

Larry Zook, CEO
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Looking Forward to the 50th

Summer of 1962

In less than two years, on February 18, 2014, Landis Homes will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of welcoming our first residents. The Landis Homes story began in 1961 in response to the generosity of Emma Shenk, widow of Harry, who offered to donate a farm she owned in Strasburg. This offer was received by Lancaster Mennonite Conference congregations in the Strasburg-Willow Street area, and then referred to the Lancaster Conference Bishop Board. In November 1961, a Planning Committee was then appointed by Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions to create a retirement home for retired missionaries, pastors, church workers and others.

In the months leading up to the 50th Anniversary, this column will be used to look back to see what was happening 50 years ago in the journey that led to the founding of Landis Homes. Since this is the first column, we will reflect on events from 1961 through the summer of 1962. Many of these events are summarized well by current Landis Homes resident A. Grace Wenger, who authored the Landis Homes 30th Anniversary Book in 1994. We share these stories out of a deep appreciation for the way God worked through those involved in the founding of Landis Homes, and as an encouragement to be open to ways that God is working among us today as we plan for our future.

In October 1961, a $100,000 gift from Graybill Landis was received by Eastern Mennonite Missions to support the creation of a retirement home. This same gift, in today’s dollars, would equate to about $750,000! The ten member planning committee, which was led by Frank Enck with support from Eastern Mennonite Board staff member Ira Buckwalter, quickly got to work in the fall of 1961, with members attending a conference on “The Church and its

Student Artwork Selected

In May, Landis Homes announced Renae Gochnauer as their 2012 Art Student Award winner. Renae, who completed her sophomore year at Lancaster Mennonite High School, was chosen for her charcoal drawing which is titled “Tea Time Reflections.” The piece depicts a teapot, mugs and other items in a still life with varying shades of grays and black.

Resident Roland Yoder, a retired art teacher, who helped select this year’s winner, said, “I was impressed with the way the various reflections ‘danced’ off the teapot and mugs. It is very well done.”

Renae who now lives in Conestoga, PA, said she grew up in the New Danville area. Her family consists of her parents Dave and Becky, and three older sisters. She attends River Corner Mennonite Church in Conestoga, where she has been on the Bible quizzing team for the past 4 years.

At Lancaster Mennonite Renae is involved in National Honor Society, band, newspaper, yearbook and choir. She enjoys volunteering at the Hans Herr House where her mother works as director.

“In the future I plan on graduating from high school, and hopefully going to college,” says Renae. “Getting a minor in art would be fun, but I am not entirely sure at this point, what I would major in. There are too many choices!”

Each year Landis Homes selects a piece of artwork from the Lancaster Mennonite High School Spring Fine Arts Festival to become part of a permanent collection on the retirement community campus. In return for the artwork, Landis Homes made contributions to the Lancaster Mennonite School art department and to Renae to further her education.

About receiving the award Renae said, “I was shocked and very surprised…..it’s such an honor as a sophomore to be chosen by Landis Homes.”
Aging” in Goshen, Indiana, and other members making a trip to Florida in February 1962 to visit six retirement communities in the Miami and Sarasota areas.

In late 1961 and early 1962 a site selection committee began to evaluate a number of properties throughout Lancaster County, settling in the summer of 1962 on two properties, one adjacent to Willow Street Mennonite Church and the other being the Clayton and Ellen Landis farm on East Oregon Road in Manheim Township. Clayton was a cousin of donor Graybill Landis.

There was a bit of suspense on August 10, 1962 when the 10 member Planning Committee recommended to a joint meeting of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference and Eastern Mennonite Mission Boards that both properties be acquired, and that two communities be created to serve a maximum of 100 residents each under one administration. After discussion in that meeting, the group unanimously took this action: “That the Clayton Landis family farm gift be accepted against Annuity Contract and Agreement.” As Grace Wenger writes, “from this date planning focused on the development of a community on the Landis farm.”

All are invited to an Art Preview Reception on August 7 from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Harvest View lobby and art galleries. The show features many artists who have generously donated original works, limited edition prints, and vintage art pieces. Art enthusiasts and collectors have also donated pieces.

While art donations are still being received, some of the displayed works were created by Liz Hess, Paris Wyatt Llanso, Suk Shuglie, Velma Magill, Don Ziegler, Lila Garber, Merrill Freed, Cindy Schlosser, Renny Magill, Helena Dueck, Anna M. Smith, Gladys Zeiset, Mary Trees and more. Some of the artists will be present during the evening reception.

These donated art works will continue to be on display through September 6 and then will be auctioned on Fellowship Day, September 8, through live and silent auctions. All sales benefit the Landis Homes Caring Fund which helps support the benevolent care provided to those who can no longer cover the full cost of care and service.

The preview reception will include piano music by Glenda Gingrich, a Landis Homes team member. Hosting the reception will be Velma Magill, Daniel Riehl and Dawn Zook, members of the Auction Art Committee. Refreshments will also be served.

In addition to the fine art, antiques, quilts and many other specialty auction items will be on display.

“Auction Art Preview Reception on August 7, 6:30 – 8:30pm”

“Lancaster Red Roses and Barn” is an original palette knife oil painting, 24x24 inches, by Paris Wyatt Llanso.

“Hans Herr House” is an original acrylic, 24x20 inches, by Suk Shuglie.

“Conestoga Creek Meadow” is an original oil, 21x18 inches, by Velma Magill.
Preparations for Fellowship Day 2012 are Underway

Mark your calendars for September 8, 2012

Excitement is in the air as many prepare for the 2012 Fellowship Day on September 8th. This year will be Landis Homes Auxiliary’s 40th Chicken BBQ while the Benefit Auction was added as recently as 14 years ago.

Tents are ordered and Peters BBQ is ready to go. Hosts for the Share-A-Meal Adventure are planning and the call for Gift Baskets has been made. Quilters are stitching; Artists and Craft persons are creating. Business friends are donating items and services. New and interesting auction items are arriving every day.

Check out some of the items on display in the Harvest View Foyer until September 5 or visit www.landishomes.org for the schedule and to see a sampling of the items that will be auctioned.

Seeking Volunteers

Volunteer Services is seeking volunteers for a variety of roles:

- Escorting residents by wheelchair to on-campus appointments and activities
- Playing games with Personal Care residents on weekends
- Friendly Visitors for healthcare residents
- Dogwood Gift Shoppe cashiers
- Assisting with Fellowship Day events, September 8

If interested in applying, please contact Sue Shirk, Volunteer Services Director at 717-509-5409.

Donors of Auction Items, Volunteers, Sponsorships, Matching Bids, and Patron Donations to cover the cost of the auction make this largest fundraising event for the Caring Fund a success. For more information about opportunities, please contact the Gift Planning Services office at 717-509-5490.
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**Benefit Golf Tournament raises $44,800 for Adult Day Services**

Alonna Gautsche Sprunger,
Director of Gift Planning Services

Residents, neighbors, friends, employees and others who totaled 250 golfers joined with 58 business sponsors to create a successful Benefit Golf Tournament on June 1. The net proceeds of $44,800 support the two Adult Days Services centers at Landis Homes. They are used in providing an excellent program as well as financial assistance to eligible clients who would otherwise not be able to participate.

During the evening celebration, Rick and Connie Wiggins described their life immediately after Rick’s diagnosis of vascular dementia, as just “barely surviving.” Connie was working full-time, being the primary caregiver and trying to coordinate services from three different sources so that Rick was not home alone. But since February 2012, Rick has been involved with Adult Day Services at Landis Homes for five days a week and their lives are much simpler. Rick is eager to meet his new friends each day and is back to speaking in full sentences.

“I have real peace of mind knowing Rick is safe and happy while I’m at work,” Connie explained. Rick read a description of a typical day at Adult Day Services, noting, “Being greeted each morning by name makes me feel special.” Connie added, “The assistants make us ALL feel special.”

To read more of Rick and Connie’s story and the change they are now experiencing because of the support of Adult Day Services, go to www.landishomes.org. Join with others to positively impact additional families who are caring for loved ones at home by supporting Adult Day Services.
**New Director of Residency Planning Begins**

Sarah Short of Millersville is the new Director of Residency Planning at Landis Homes. In this position Sarah will present the benefits of retirement community living to prospective residents.

Her professional background includes over twenty years of working in retirement community sales and marketing. She was most recently employed at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community in Quarryville where she was Director of Sales since 2005. Prior to this position she was part of the marketing department at Willow Valley Retirement Communities in Lancaster.

Short received a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA. She minored in Sociology.

Sarah and her family are part of Grace United Methodist Church, in Millersville, where she has been involved in worship leading and on the stewardship committee. She and her husband, Jeff, are the parents of two children. Daniel is a sophomore at West Chester University and Stephen is completing his sophomore year at Penn Manor High School.

“I have always appreciated Landis Homes’ excellent reputation,” says Sarah. “I look forward to working with persons as they discover the quality of life available here.”

**Lancaster Senior Games 2012**

The Lancaster Senior Games took place this past June, running from the 11th to the 16th at Franklin and Marshall College and Leisure Lanes. Landis Homes was well represented by 13 residents and two team members, all together participating in 21 different events.

2012 marked the 24th year for the Lancaster Senior Games. This year’s games drew over 800 participants from all over the county, with many of the events filled with great competitors. At the end of the week, Landis Homes’ participants had won eight medals.

Congratulations to the medal winners and to all of our participants for another fun year at the Lancaster Senior Games!

**Pathways Institute to Kick-Off Fall Semester**

There will be a “Kick Off” event for the fall term of Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® on Tuesday, August 7. It will be held in the West Bethany Chapel and the Azalea Dining Room at Landis Homes from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The program will begin with guest speaker Quintin F. Frey, President of Turkey Hill Dairy. He will tell the “Turkey Hill Story” from its establishment through its current operations. Following Mr. Frey’s presentation, each instructor will be introduced and invited to announce what they will teach during the fall term.

Following the program, the new fall catalogs will be available and guests are invited to enjoy delicious desserts in the Azalea Dining Room.

Reservations are required. RSVP to Alice Whitman at 717-569-3271 or respond via e-mail at pathwayinquiry@thepathwaysinstitute.org by Wednesday, August 1.

**Bikers Provide Rides for Residents**

The rumble of a dozen Harley Davidson’s was heard on the campus of Landis Homes recently. A motorcycle ministry called Triple Tree Ministries of Lancaster visited the retirement community for a day of fun. The bikers, clad in leather and denim, were there to exhibit their motorcycles and to provide rides around the campus for some of the willing residents.

“It was awesome of Landis Homes to permit us to come here and do this,” says Mike Martin, Senior Pastor at Triple Tree Ministries. “We had a great day being able to give back a little of our time to these amazing folks."
Heritage Watchers: New Series to Begin

Come for 1, or all 9 sessions

Beginning her 17th year of instructing classes at Landis Homes, Joanne Hess Siegrist, founder of Heritage Watchers will lead the new session beginning on September 6.

“I anticipate students engaging in hands-on activities to transform their personal photographs, memoirs, and history into friendly, family heirlooms,” says Siegrist.

The monthly classes are open to men and women of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The classes are designed to help individuals explore their unique family histories and learn what historical resources are available within the community.

During a nine-part series, class participants become detectives to find and to save their early family artifacts and to discover new ways to use photographs. Other areas covered are genograms/birthmarks and peace-building themes.

The class meets the first Thursday of each month from September to May from 1-3 pm. The first class is scheduled for September 6. Classes are held in the Harvest Room of Harvest View.

For a course schedule and more information contact Joanne Hess Siegrist at 717-656-6429, jhs606@frontiernet.net, or Landis Homes Life Enrichment Coordinator, Janice Hess at 717-569-3271, jhess@landishomes.org.

September Reception Features Local Artist

The September art exhibit will feature the works of Helen Reinhold Gordon, who is a direct descendent of the founder of the town of Reinholds, PA. Helen lives in Reinholds, where she works out of a home studio.

Helen graduated summa cum laude from Kutztown University in 1981 receiving a BFA degree. She is a member of The Berks Art Alliance in Reading, PA. She has received recognition and awards for her work both locally and nationwide.

Using watercolors and vibrant oils, her favorite subjects feature impressionistic florals, succulent fruits, roosters, local landscapes, and seaside vistas. She has also painted several commissioned pieces of local historic sites: “The Black Horse Hotel,” “Hershey Brothers Feed Mill,” and “The Trinity Chapel,” which she also offers as print reproductions.

Besides exhibiting her artwork, Helen also upholsters antique cars. She is owner of Helen Reinhold Studio Fine Art and Upholstery. There is more information about her work at HelenReinholdStudio.com.

The opening reception will be held in the Harvest View Galleries at Landis Homes from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18.

For more information call 717-381-3550 or visit www.landishomes.org. All are welcome to the exhibit that will continue through October.
August 7
Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning
Fall Semester Kickoff
RSVP: 717-569-3271
1:30-3:30 p.m.
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Art Auction Preview Reception
Harvest View Gallery
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

August 17
EMU Nursing Graduation
West Bethany Chapel
7:00 p.m.

August 20
Parkinson’s Support Group
* Biomarkers: Why Are They Relevant?
Speaker: Dr. Zoltan Mari, Johns Hopkins Hospital
Westview Community Room
2:00 p.m.
For More info call 509-5494

August 28
Memory Loss Support Group
“Humor in Caregiving”
Delores Lynch, former Caregiver and Author
Warwick Room, Heritage Memory Support Center
7:00 p.m.

September 6
Heritage Watchers
1st Class of new series
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Art Reception
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6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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During worship services
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Quilts, Artwork, Antiques, Handcrafts, Gift Baskets

Chicken BBQ Eat In and Take Out
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Children’s Activities —
  Market Place, Flea Market
  & Silent Auction

WJTL’s “Kids Cookie Break”
- with Lisa Landis —
  Broadcast Live at 9:00 a.m.

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