Moving at the Right Time

New residents John and JoAnn Wolfe share about their recent move to a new cottage on Wisteria Drive.

Why did you choose a retirement community lifestyle?

We have two adult daughters who live out of state. With our past experience with elderly parents, we decided we wanted to make decisions about our retirement years while we were in our 70’s.

We appreciate that we don’t have the responsibility of a property and all that entails. Last fall, we had a plumbing emergency at 2 AM. We made one phone call and in a short time someone came to take care of it.

We feel safe and secure in our home. We have peace of mind knowing there are employees available 24/7. When we travel now, we just lock the door and go. We have more freedom.

Following a hurricane threat this fall, our daughter said, “I am so glad you were in your new home. I didn’t worry at all.”

How did you choose Landis Homes?

Landis Homes is fairly close to the house we lived in for 45 years. We like living close to Lancaster City, to Trinity Lutheran Church and to cultural venues like Fulton Theatre.

We loved the location of our new home right away. It is on the

South Campus is Filling Up

“This fall we have seen a surge of enthusiasm for our new homes,” said Sarah Short, Director of Residency Planning. “Many recent applicants have signed on to our priority list.”

Of the 145 cottage homes and hybrid homes that are part of the total plan for the Landis Homes residential expansion, 75 are already built. The next phase of construction will include another hybrid building with 12 homes as well as nine cottage homes. The projected date for completion for this phase of construction is fall 2013 for cottage homes and spring 2014 for hybrid homes.

“With feedback from current residents, we are also in the process of revising floor plans for the hybrid homes, said Short. “Future residents are delighted about the proposed changes, which will include things like more closet space.”

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“Felt Around the World”

By Larry Zook, President/CEO

Nearly 50 years ago, before the first residents moved in February 1964, our founders were envisioning “a Christian community in which residents will enjoy Christian fellowship with all other residents.”

A July 1963 brochure to promote Landis Homes suggested future residents would include: “retired missionaries and other church workers with many years of experience.” The brochure continues, “Participation in the life of the community will be encouraged. Christian service activities will be planned and it is expected that the ministries and influence of this community will be felt around the world.”

Having recently returned from a 10 day visit to China consulting with Christian Church leaders who are being asked to develop aging services for a growing aging population, we found church leaders across China are envisioning new Christ-centered retirement homes much like Landis Homes’ founders did 50 years ago.

In recent years Landis Homes staff and residents have hosted a visiting Japanese sociology professor several times as she studied and published two books about Mennonites and aging services. Both books shared about Landis Homes, and one included a photo of a resident knotting a comforter for Mennonite Central Committee. The professor was impressed with the ways residents were actively involved in serving others.

We’ve also hosted several Australian groups as they visited a number of retirement communities across the United States. Landis Homes Vice President of Operations Eva Bering, who hosted several of the groups, heard from a recent visiting group that they felt, “the culture at Landis Homes is something special, and can be felt as one walks through the buildings.”

Several persons from Ethiopia have also been in touch with us to discuss their interest in creating a retirement home in Ethiopia similar to the Christ-centered community at Landis Homes. We have shared Grace Wenger’s first thirty years history book with them, which they found very helpful. Conversations continue.

The seeds sown 50 years ago at Landis Homes with God’s blessing have blossomed into a beautiful community, and as our founders foresaw, the influence of our community is being felt around the world. We are grateful for God’s work among us these nearly fifty years, and look to God for guidance in our next fifty years!

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Larry Zook, (first person seated left, in middle row) was part of a consultation in November 2012 with Chinese church leaders in Harbin, China, along with representatives from Mennonite Partners in China, Mennonite Health Services Alliance and the China Christian Council.
New Members Join Board of Directors

Landis Homes recently announced the appointment of four new board members for the coming year.

Carol Shenk Bornman, Lancaster, is a graduate of Goshen College with a BA in Communications. She also did postgraduate work in organizational development at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA and St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA. Carol, along with her husband Jonathan and family, lived in Africa for more than a decade in two different service assignments. Her working career in the US has included adolescent care at Philhaven Hospital, Mt. Gretna, PA, and currently tutoring services locally. She is a member of Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

Jonathan E. Hollinger, Manheim, is a CPA and is the CEO of Excentia, a non-profit provider of human services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He also serves on the board of The Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. He graduated with a BS in Accounting from Lebanon Valley College, Lebanon, PA. He and his wife and children are members at Lititz Mennonite Church.

Marian G. Leaman, a resident, and her husband Henry, were founders of Mennonite Marriage Encounter. Before retirement, they served many in this organization and saw it grow to include Brethren in Christ and Church of the Brethren as well. Marian has served other church organizations over the years, especially those supporting women and families. She is a member of Willow Street Mennonite Church.

Fred T. Sargent and his wife, Judy, relocated to a cottage on the south campus of Landis Homes from Southbury, Connecticut in July 2011. Fred holds a BBA in Accounting from Pace College in New York City. He retired from a career in accounting and finance, mostly within the insurance industry, in 1992 and then spent 15 years as a seasonal income tax consultant. Fred is an ordained ruling elder and deacon in The Presbyterian Church – USA. The Sargents are members of Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

In responding to the invitation to serve on the Landis Homes Board Fred stated, “Judy and I both have great admiration for the manner in which the Landis Homes leadership and staff conduct themselves, and the obvious commitment to the model of servant leadership.”

Officers serving this year are John W. Eby, Chair, Glen Moffett, Vice-Chair, R. Clair Sauder, Treasurer, and Daniel D. Mast, Secretary. Continuing their service are board members James R. Martin and Rachel Thomas Pellman.

Looking Forward to our 50th Winter of 1962-63

By Larry Zook, President/CEO

By looking back to what was happening 50 years ago in the journey leading to the founding of Landis Homes, we can learn much about Landis Homes today, and possibly see a bit of our future. In this glimpse back, we are looking at happenings during the Winter of late 1962 through early 1963.

On December 29, 1962, the Retirement Home Development Planning Committee met at the High Welding Co. Office in Lancaster, and reviewed drawings and plans by the landscape architect, engineer, and by builder and architect Abram and Clyde Horst. At this meeting, the group took unanimous action to approve the plans for the first buildings, which included the quadruplex at the East Entrance and Unit A, what today is known as Aspen House.

Following additional meetings, a report was written. It was received well by the Mission Board Executive Committee and then went to the joint meeting of the Lancaster Conference Bishop Board and Mission Board on March 12, where an action was taken to adopt the recommendations regarding the proposed retirement home, and that the facility being developed to provide for the Mennonite retirees and older citizens be known as Landis Homes, Route 3, Lititz, PA.

John Ruth describes this in his history of Lancaster Mennonite Conference, The Earth is the Lord’s:

“In March 1963, around the time Bishop David Thomas was being elected as the new moderator of Lancaster Conference, the bishops approved the new retirement home project. Here retired mission workers like Philadelphia’s Emma Rudy and Alma Ruth had a peaceful home in a community that kept expanding every several years. The growth of retirement facilities was another of the many major historical developments that had not been anticipated.”

More postings from 50 years ago are on the President’s Blog at landishomes.org.
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south part of campus, so it is surrounded by farmland, a small woods and a wetland that all make for a lovely place to walk and bike and enjoy the outdoors. We also like the floor plan of our home which has a nice flow from the living room, kitchen and our favorite room, the sun room, which is overflowing with plants.

JoAnn: I enjoy gardening and the sunroom allows me to grow plants all year. My friends ask if I miss my garden, and my response is, “I don’t miss the old house at all.”

John: I like the oversized garage for my “tinker toys.”

We both appreciate that Landis Homes is a faith-based community and that the healthcare center has a very good reputation.

How was selling your property in the current economy?

Our neighborhood had experienced few sales in recent years, but when we put our home on the market, it sold in 4-5 days! We were happy and surprised. Landis Homes was able to accommodate our accelerated time schedule to move into our new home.

How is life now that you are here?

Retirement community life is what we expected, though we moved in more quickly than we or even Landis Homes expected. We put in an application in 2011 and moved in this past September.

We did not know any residents prior to moving in. In a short time, we feel at home in this community. We are getting as involved as we choose and are meeting new people all the time.

What advice would you have for others considering a move to a retirement community?

Move when you can make the decision together. Enjoy the benefits the community has to offer while you are active. Don’t push the responsibility off on your children.

Award for Entrance Lobby Renovation

A recent improvement to the Residential Living Entrance Lobby at Landis Homes was recognized by Environments for Aging’s 4th Annual Remodel/Renovation Competition. Submissions included more than 100 entries from 28 states and Canada.

The Entrance Lobby was runner-up in the Public Spaces category. This renovation transformed a dated, cool-toned and institutional lobby into an updated, warm and homelike environment. The lobby incorporates a raised ceiling with curving bulkheads, leading the eye into the space and giving it an aura of spaciousness.

Cornerstone Design Architects, Godshall Commercial Interiors and EG Stoltzfus Construction, all of Lancaster, designed and constructed the renovations.

Submissions were reviewed by a panel of 30 judges invited from the Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments. One judge commented, “Some bold design moves: moving walls, opening up corridors to create vistas through the space and a more open feeling.”

Compassionate Nursing Student Awarded

Steph Hoffman, Director of Risk Management and Compliance of Landis Homes, presents an award to Jessica Israel of York, PA, at the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) graduation event in December. The Landis Homes Retirement Community Award for Compassionate Nursing Care is given annually to the HACC graduate of the Practical Nurse program who “demonstrates outstanding compassionate care to patients and families.”
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People who join the priority list will be the first to have the opportunity to reserve a cottage or hybrid home yet to be constructed. The selection process will begin once the new rates are finalized.

“With the projected completion date set for new cottages and hybrid homes, we are hoping this will give future residents even more time to market a home if they have one to sell,” said Short.

Several new Landis Homes residents have been fortunate enough to have no difficulty selling their homes in the current market. For one example read the article about new residents John and JoAnn Wolfe starting on page one.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the Residency Planning office at 717-581-3935.

Green Power Comes to Campus

By Linford Good, VP of Planning & Marketing

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- Cleans the air - renewable energy offsets carbon dioxide and other emissions from conventional power plants

Benefits to Landis Homes

- Support for social and stewardship goals
- Environmental leadership positioning
- Enhanced employee morale

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This project achieved LEED Gold certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies applying ecological restoration and low impact development techniques. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

Project features include:

- Geothermal mechanical system
- High performance windows
- Increased insulation
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John M & Nora H Lefever
Dorcas Stoltzfus Morrow
John Jacob Oberholtzer
Christine Reilly
Karl & Karen Wenger
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Sheila Druck
Jennifer & Charles Hall
M. Virginia Musser
Robert H. & Norma Weaver
Charles Weigand
Donna Wetzler
Melvin & Sally Williams

Kenneth & Charlotte Espenshade

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C. Richard & Mary Ann Hess

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Eva Jane Bering
Betty G. Denlinger
Anna H. Frederick
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Lois G Landis
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Andrew Shaub

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Louis Hoobler

In Appreciation

Thanks to Oregon Dairy Store for providing a 10 percent discount to Landis Homes for supplies sold in the General Store and Dogwood Gift Shoppe. Items purchased in Landis Homes stores are sold at regular price and 10 percent goes to the Caring Fund to support residents who have outlived their financial resources. Thanks also to the team of volunteers like these pictured here: General Store cashier, Doris Gochnauer, and General Store manager, Lois Martin. In 2012, total sales from both locations raised $18,172 for the Caring Fund.
Donating IRA Assets Tax Free

John R. Buckwalter, Planned Giving Counselor

IRA Gifts During Life Time

Non-taxable charitable IRA rollover donations given during one’s life time are again possible as part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 which was signed into law by the President at the beginning of this year. This on-again-off-again opportunity expired on December 31, 2011 but has now been reinstated. (Provisions for retroactive 2012 IRA roll-over donations by January 31, 2013 are not covered here because of the print date.)

A charitable roll-over of IRA funds given directly to a qualified charity such as Landis Homes does not produce a taxable liability. Neither is there a charitable contribution deduction earned for the gift. Individuals must be age 70½ or older, and can donate any amount up to $100,000 in one calendar year. Required Minimum Distributions can be donated or any arbitrary amount can be chosen as a gift.

Charitable roll-over donations for 2013 can be set in place anytime during this year but the law will again expire on December 31, 2013. In the Gift Planning Office we are available to provide assistance with transfer request language for your account executive.

IRA Other Pension Gifts at End of Life

While life time roll-over gifts apply only to IRA’s, any qualified pension plan including IRA’s can be designated as a charitable gift at death. Qualified retirement plans can suffer a major tax liability when paid into the estate. Most persons plan for the spouse as primary beneficiary. If a qualified charitable organization receives funds as a contingent beneficiary, not one penny of tax is due on these funds. Other family members can be designated to receive nonqualified assets which are less tax sensitive.

For individuals who are not sure about donating retirement funds during lifetime, the end of life gift is a practical option.

Thank you for your consideration of these gift opportunities to help support the ministry of Landis Homes. While we have taken great effort to provide accurate information, the reader is advised to consult their own tax and legal counsel.

Team Members Honored for Service

by Sandy Smoker, Director of Human Resources

Approximately 380 staff and guests gathered at Yoder’s in November 2012 for the Annual Team Member Banquet. The annual celebration honored a total of 72 team members this year who were recognized in achieving milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years of service. A complete listing of team members receiving awards is available at www.landishomes.org.

During the evening program, Clair Sauder (Board treasurer) and Ethel Caldwell (Administrator for Healthcare) shared reflections on their experiences of connecting with Landis Homes in a variety of ways over the years.

The staff giving project this year highlighted the ministry of Landis Homes neighbor organization, Friendship Community. Approximately one dozen large boxes of personal care items and more than $1,000 in cash and checks were donated and delivered as a gift to them.

A nursing assistant, in response to receiving a five-year award, said, “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and be served. I really enjoy being part of Landis Homes; it is a place where I daily learn the purpose of my life.”

Sincere thanks to all team members who honor and enrich the lives of those we serve in a variety of ways every day!
A Time for Giving
Children Helping Children

During December, the children from the Children’s Learning Center (CLC) at Landis Homes participated in a toy drive for children in New Jersey affected by Hurricane Sandy. Tom’s River, NJ, happens to be the hometown of Becky Doumaux, a CLC parent and president of Lancaster Junior Achievement.

The CLC on campus is managed by Hildebrandt Learning Centers who have many locations in the Lancaster area. When they spread the word about the toy drive at the Landis Homes center, other centers joined in and sent toys as well.

Donations were sent to two agencies in New Jersey, Santa’s Rooftop Response and The People’s Pantry, who distributed the toys. A note was received by the center from the New Jersey grandparents of Ben, who has been part of the Landis Homes center since he was an infant. He also participated in the toy drive and helped deliver the toys to New Jersey. The note read:

“Dear Children’s Learning Center at Landis Homes,

It is people like you and your families who make these programs possible. The recipients were all touched by the origin of the donations when they were delivered. For most of them, receiving deliveries from preschoolers in Pennsylvania was truly overwhelming. The idea of ‘children helping children’ from another state touched their hearts and reflected the values being taught at your childcare center by both the faculty and the families. You will never know how many lives you touched, but you certainly provided Christmas Magic here at the Jersey Shore!”

Ben and Becky Doumaux with their car packed with toys for children in New Jersey.

Auxiliary Fellowship Day Proceeds Realized

The Auxiliary donated a wheelchair van, funded by three years of proceeds from chicken barbecue sales during Fellowship Day. The rear entry lift provides an easy way for persons to face forward inside the van. Pictured is resident Paul Dagen and team member Dawn Bollinger on the first transportation run. THANK YOU, Auxiliary!!
Art Reception Features Local Artist

An art reception on February 5 will feature the art of local artist Bob Grobengieser, who will be showing his work at Landis Homes for the first time. The exhibit will consist of a variety of work from local scenery to portraits. Bob does his artwork on paper and canvas in both oils and in pencil sketches.

“I guess my technique would be considered traditional since I paint with significant detail” he continued. “I try to achieve a realism that comes as close as possible to capturing the beauty with which we are blessed each and every day.”

Grobengieser was born in Lancaster, PA, and lived in several local townships including Manheim, East Lampeter and now East Hempfield. He also ran his own business, Keystone Ingredients, in Lititz for 10 years.

Art has always been a lifelong interest for Grobengieser. However, he said in mid-life his involvement with work and family caused his interest in art to lie dormant. Since his retirement eight years ago, he has made a connection with The heArt of Friendship gallery in Ephrata, through his son Tom.

“Through my experiences at the Friendship gallery, my interest in art was reawakened,” he says.

The opening reception, to which the public is welcome, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, in the Harvest View lobby and galleries at Landis Homes. In case of inclement weather a snow date is set for February 12. Cellist Max Stauffer will provide live music.

The exhibit will continue to be on display through April 2013. For more information, visit www.landishomes.org or call 717-381-3550.

Understanding the “Powers” in Power of Attorney--the Legal Implications of Financial & Health Care Powers of Attorney & Living Wills”

March 21, 2013 6:30 p.m. West Community Room at Landis Homes

One of the things that Attorney Tim Shawaryn of Gibbel, Kraybill and Hess, LLP has learned is that many family members and friends end up serving as a Financial and/or Health Care Power of Attorney but have few opportunities to educate themselves on their duties, responsibilities and the pitfalls involved. This free educational seminar will provide some helpful information for those choosing a POA and for those who have already been selected. Some of the questions that will be addressed are:

• What are the responsibilities of a Financial and/or Health Care POA?
• What consideration should be noted when naming a POA or agreeing to be POA?
• How do retirees work with their POA? What should the POA know now before they need to act?
• When should a POA become more active when aging is involved?
• What are the common pitfalls of serving as a POA and ways to protect against them?
• What should a POA do when laws change the planning that has been done?

Attorney Tim Shawaryn practices in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, employment law, corporations, business associations and non-profit organizations. Tim enjoys helping clients develop carefully drafted estate plans and implementing the appropriate planning strategies to meet their individual needs along with assisting families through the probate process. He joined Gibbel, Kraybill and Hess firm in 2002 and became a partner in 2009. Tim is a 1994 graduate of Hempfield High School, a 1998 graduate of Juniata College and 2001 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law. He is actively involved in his church and coaching scholastic volleyball.

This free educational seminar sponsored by Gift Planning Services of Landis Homes is open to the public and registration is limited. Please call 717-509-5490 to reserve a space.
Pathways Institute to Launch Spring Term

By Susan Stauffer,
Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® Director

The spring 2013 term of the Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning® at Landis Homes will begin with a special Kickoff Reception on Monday, February 4, at Landis Homes. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with introductory comments and a special presentation by guest speakers Arthur Mann and Sidney Marland of the Hourglass Foundation.

Mann is the chairman, and Marland is the past president and current member of the board of directors of the Hourglass Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inform citizens about the issues arising from the growth and development of Lancaster County. It also works to provide both public forums and open channels of communication by connecting local people, organizations, communities and government to discuss common issues and to solve growth-related problems.

The Pathways Institute program will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. in West Bethany Chapel. Following the guest presentations, each instructor will be introduced and invited to announce the course they will teach during the spring term. The new Pathways Institute catalogs will be available at the conclusion of the program, delicious desserts will be served, and the registration process will begin. Online registration at www.thepathwaysinstitute.org will open at 4:00 p.m. on February 4.

The courses, which run from March through May, are open to all Lancaster County residents who are age 55 years or above. There is a registration fee which includes enrollment in to up to 5 courses per semester as well as a per course option. 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.
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“Sooners Rather than Later”

“We did a lot of research before choosing this caring community. We have been warmly welcomed here and Landis Homes has truly felt like home from ‘Day One.’ We are so glad we moved in sooner rather than later.”

– Fred and Judy Sargent