New Houses Bring New Life

“Our morning exercise class is much larger and much more enthusiastic!”
“Residents are coming out of their rooms more and visiting each other more.”
“The whole atmosphere is more relaxed and homier.”

These are some of the comments Activities Director Tina Mast Burnett heard from her staff at their first meeting after the move to the new healthcare houses in the fall.

The more peaceful and home-like environment has been observed in some particular ways. Residents are taking advantage of the many added community areas: looking out of the large windows over the pond, participating in planned activities, playing board games, reading the newspaper or just visiting with each other. Even though the individual resident rooms are nicer and larger than the former healthcare center, people are still attracted to the common areas.

With the increased space, for the first time there is room for pianos in the healthcare areas, which previously could only accommodate portable keyboards. There are pianos in the dining rooms in both Oregon and Manheim houses, which are often heard being played before and during meal times and at other times of the day. Another addition has been a player piano, with over 100 selections, in the Activities area in Manheim house. This has been a big hit, especially with residents who grew up listening to player pianos, who again have the opportunity to listen and enjoy some unforgettable old songs.

Another extra that is in the works is the installation of a model train. Apartment resident Luke Bomberger with the help of other volunteers is constructing a

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40 Years of Serving One Another

THE FIRST DECADE: 1964-1973

George and Grace Leaman were leaders in serving. A. Grace Wenger in her book, The First Thirty Years, writes “From the very first day, Landis Homes had a home-like environment, due to the warmhearted leadership of George and Grace Leaman.”

George heated the water, operated the sewage plant, kept financial records, repaired things that broke, admitted new residents and did the purchasing of supplies and equipment. He bought a piano to satisfy a resident who complained about the quietness.

George also looked for ways to keep the men active. He set up a woodworking shop and painted a shuffleboard court on the basement floor.

Grace supervised the kitchen, laundry and housekeeping staff. She also helped to interview job applicants, showed rooms to prospective residents and served as George’s secretary. Once a week Grace drove residents to town for shopping. She started projects in quilting and other handwork for the women.

Looking back, George comments, “Those were happy years. One day Grace looked up from her typewriter and said, ‘I really enjoy this work. Even if I didn’t get paid a cent, I’d enjoy it just as much.’ ”

Serving one another and fostering good feelings among residents was a priority for the Leamans. George and Grace continued to serve as volunteers after they officially retired.

Grace and George Leaman keeping the books.

HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights of the first decade include:

February 1964 .................... Aspen (“A”) opened
January 1967 ....................... Birch (“B”) opened
May 1968 .......................... First issue of Landis Homes News
March 1969 ....................... Dogwood (“D”) opened
October 1970 ..................... East Bethany Chapel dedicated
June 1971 ........................... Cedar (“C”) opened
October 1973 ..................... Ephrata (“E”) opened
Changes to Board of Directors

Landis Homes recently announced the appointment of new officers and board members for the coming year. Joining the board, as new members are Jean M. Lichty and Susan E. Godshall.

Lichty, who is a resident in one of Landis Homes cottages, is a retired school librarian. She continues to volunteer in the Lancaster community using her organizational skills. For many years she also has been involved at Lancaster Bible College, serving as a board member and as a trustee.

Godshall, who lives in Mt. Joy, has been involved in church administrative work in both professional and volunteer endeavors. She and her husband lived and worked in Tanzania on several occasions. She has also worked in the offices of Eastern Mennonite Missions in Salunga. She currently serves on the board of Eastern Mennonite University.

Mamo Dula will continue as board chair with J. Ken Brubaker as the new vice-chair, Lois M. Good as secretary, Joyce Hoover as new assistant secretary, and Daryl E. Eshleman as new treasurer. Other board members are: J. Lester Eshleman, M. Hershey Leaman, Robert E. Leaman, Teresa E. Long and Jean K. Shenk.

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train layout with multiple tracks, two trains and a trolley in Oregon House.

In addition to human residents Honey Bun, the campus pet rabbit, and Gabe, the campus dog, moved to the new areas. Staff persons have seen much more resident interactions with the pets.

“Our goal for this building project was to enrich the lives of our residents,” said Burnett, “and I am in awe at how the new environment has immediately made a difference in their lives.”

Luke Bomberger adjusts a train on the new layout he is building.
Landis Homes employee Nancy Pawling was recognized for her 30 years of service at a banquet held at Yoder’s Restaurant in December to express appreciation to all employees for their service. The special focus of the evening was the recognition of 59 Landis Homes staff persons who reached employment milestones.

Nancy, who received the top honor, works as a nursing assistant. She started out in 1973 as a certified nursing assistant in the small healthcare center at Landis Homes. For a number of years she worked with assisted living residents. Currently, she works in Home Services providing supportive assistance to residents who live in cottages, apartments and residential rooms.

“The thing I have appreciated most over the years,” says Nancy, “is the relationship with the residents. That has been most rewarding.”

Three retiring board members, Rachel Fisher, Glen Hostetler and Rozanne Zimmerman, were recognized for their service along with the employees.

“We are blessed to have a large number of dedicated staff that have committed to serving for significant periods of time. This stability can only add to the quality of care that is provided for residents and clients of Landis Homes,” said Allen Heinly, Director of Human Resources.

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### Staff Service Awards 2003

**30 Years**
- Nancy Pawling .............. Home Services

**25 Years**
- Anna Mary Burkholder .... Dining Services
- Rachel Lutz ................. Healthcare
- Dorothy Shirk .............. Healthcare

**20 Years**
- Ruth Good .................. Healthcare
- Carol Nolt ................. Activities

**15 Years**
- Clyde Espigh ............... Finance
- Pat Gibson ................. Health Suite
- Arlene Herr ............... Dining Services
- Cindy Hess ............... Dining Services
- Brenda Horst .............. Housekeeping
- Kathy Marks ........ ....... Activities
- Ella Mae Martin .......... Housekeeping
- Marla Martin .............. Laundry

**10 Years**
- Jennifer Charles ........ Dining Services
- Cheryl Horning ........ Healthcare
- Chris Kennel .............. Construction Services
- Deborah Laws-Landis ..... Community Relations
- Bob Miller ................ Maintenance
- Nancy Ressler .......... Healthcare
- Vera Rose Rohrer .......... Healthcare
- Biz Weaver .............. Social Services

**5 Years**
- Ken Allwein .............. Maintenance
- Sara Burkholder .......... Dining Services

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Sanela Gigorevic .............. Healthcare
Connie Gockley .............. Healthcare
Linford Good ................. Administration
Lourdes Hartzler .............. Healthcare
Allen Heinly .................. Human Resources
Linda Herr ...................... Healthcare
Mildred Herr- Activities
Marlene Hershey .............. Healthcare
Karen Hess ..................... Activities
Beth Leaman ................ Healthcare
Angie Martin ................. Healthcare
Jewel Martin ................ Healthcare
Marian Martin .............. Dining Services
Sharon Martin .............. Laundry
Ginny Musser .............. Admissions
Donna O’Brassill ........ Healthcare
Helen Peifer ............... Volunteer Services
Jane Pfautz ................. Development
Norma Riehl ................. Eden East
Pat Ruhl ....................... Healthcare
Teresa Selzer ................. Activities
Carla Shirk ................. Eden East
Teresa Sweigart ........ Dining Services
Marilyn Taylor ........ Activities
Megan Weaber ............... Healthcare
Guner Weaver ............... Housekeeping
Jill Weaver .............. Dining Services
Gerald Weinhold ........ Maintenance
Darla Wenger .............. Healthcare
Ann Wenrich ............... Healthcare
Jane Yoder ................. Activities
Maria Young .............. Housekeeping
Anita Zimmerman ............ Laundry
Landis Homes Memorial/Honor Gift

I/We would like to help build the Caring Fund by contributing:

☐ $250  ☐ $100  ☐ $50  ☐ Other ______

In ☐ Memory of

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Mail to: Landis Homes Development Office, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Florence Hame
James & Virginia Baum
Stephanie Hoffman
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Anna Mary Reed
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Estates or Trusts

We would like to recognize with gratitude those individuals who so generously named Landis Homes as a beneficiary in their estate plan.

C. Henry Breneman Estate
Blanche Cochran Estate
Clarence & Esther Harnish Estate
Edna Hostetter Estate
Tribute to Loved Ones

July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

We are sincerely thankful to those listed below who have given a tribute to a loved one either as a Memorial or Honor gift. We also thank those listed who have remembered the needs of others at Landis Homes through their estate or trust. We apologize if there are misspellings or omissions on this list. To contact the Development Office, call (717) 509-5490.

Gift in Memory Of

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Auxiliary Fulfills its Pledge

Three years ago, the goal of a pledge the Landis Homes Auxiliary made was to provide a comfortable place for healthcare residents to dine. Auxiliary members visited the new dining area in its last phase of completion. Shown in the photo are, left to right, Anna Mae Kauffman, Naomi Martin and Janet Horst. They have each been involved in the fundraising campaign. Kaufman was the Treasurer during the time period, Martin is the current President and Janet Horst was the President in 2001 when the project began. They are holding a plaque that reads “A Gift From The Landis Homes Auxiliary 2001 – 2003,” which was installed in the new dining room when it opened in December.

In 2001, as soon as the new healthcare Building to Serve campaign got underway, the team-oriented auxiliary signed on to raise $35,000 over a three-year period. With the proceeds from the Fellowship Day in September, the group saw their pledge realized.

Director of Development John Buckwalter said, “Actually, all the persons who participated in the last three annual chicken barbecue events associated with Fellowship Day made this generous gift possible.”
Volunteer Wins Outstanding Senior Award at Senior Expo

The Senior News named Ruth G. Weaver of Lancaster its Outstanding Senior of the Year, an award that recognizes outstanding public service. Ruth received the award at the opening ceremony of Lancaster Senior Expo on November 4. Ruth has been a volunteer at Landis Homes since her retirement six years ago.

Every Friday she works with Assisted Living and Healthcare residents as they do service projects. They cut patches that are made into quilts for overseas relief. They cut strings and sort materials for school and health kits that are sent overseas. When finished, Ruth delivers these items to Mennonite Central Committee’s Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, where they are sent to children and families in refugee camps, in war-torn areas and wherever people are in need of emergency assistance. Then each Wednesday Ruth volunteers all day at MRC, where she sorts piles of baby layettes and kits, preparing them for shipment.

Her volunteering doesn’t end there. She is also a Friendly Visitor at Landis Homes and volunteers one evening a week in the Heritage. She has been a Red

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Van Ingen Receives National Recognition

Lori Van Ingen received an award for Excellence in Media 2003 from the American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (AAHSA) at a luncheon held in her honor at Landis Homes. Lori is a reporter for the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal and has written hundreds of articles on interviews of local older adults for her Senior Focus column in the Monday edition.

In reporting the award on the AAHSA internet site, www.aahsa.org, the tribute of Van Ingen reads: “...she has featured well over 300 county residents, always concentrating, not on the past, but on current accomplishments and whatever ‘spark’ the older person has in his or her life. Her stories are a weekly reminder of how diverse and rich mature adults’ lives have been and continue to be in retirement. She also provides a valuable community service, as her columns artfully present a positive view of retirement including a wide range of views of retirement living choices.”

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The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 became law on December 8, 2003. According to Medicare, this new law preserves and strengthens the current Medicare program, adds important new coverage for prescriptions and preventive benefits, and provides extra help to people with low incomes. Persons can choose to stay with their current Medicare coverage, or to enroll in new options.

The prescription discount cards, made available with this law, will be available in spring of 2004 to help retirees save on prescription drugs. Medicare will contract with private companies to offer new drug discount cards, until the Medicare prescription drug benefit starts in 2006. Companies who sponsor a discount card and meet Medicare’s standards will have a “Medicare-approved” seal on their discount card. A discount card can help persons save 10-15% on total prescription costs, and as much as 25% on certain drugs. These cards are temporary and enrolling is a choice.

Extra help will be available for people with low incomes and limited assets. If persons qualify, they will only pay a small co-payment for each prescription. Depending on income and assets, premiums and deductibles might be completely covered or made lower. For example, persons with Medicare who have incomes below a certain limit (less than $12,124 for a single person or less than $16,363 for a married couple) won’t have to pay the premiums or deductible for prescription drugs. Other people with low incomes and limited assets will get help paying the premiums and deductible.

MMA will stay on top of new information and more specifics regarding the Medicare legislation as it becomes available. For questions about a Medicare Supplement or Long-Term Care Insurance or need to purchase either, call Landis Homes Ext. 3866 or 581-3866.

The award was initially announced at the AAHSA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, in October. Lori was unable to attend that meeting, so a luncheon was held locally to recognize her.

Presenting the award, was Ron Barth the president of PANPHA, the Pennsylvania organization that represents over 350 nonprofit providers of long-term care and housing services. Barth in presenting the award commended Lori in her work for dispelling negative prejudices about older adults and instead presenting their lives with vitality.

In addition to Lori, also receiving the AAHSA Excellence in Media Award for 2003 were: N.R. Kleinfield, a reporter with the New York Times, and Harry Wiland and Dale Bell, the executive producers of the “And Thou Shalt Honor” series on PBS.

Cross volunteer for 25 years at Lancaster General Hospital. She serves as the Mennonite Homes Auxiliary key person for her home congregation, James Street Mennonite Church. She is active in the Witmer Fire Company Auxiliary and its annual ox roasts.

Six years ago Ruth retired from Conestoga Valley School District, where she was custodian for 31 years. She has 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Her favorite way to relax is going camping with her husband Roy.
Leaving a Legacy

According to a recent survey, about 50% of Americans die without a will or any type of estate plan. For Landis Homes residents, their families and friends the percentage rate is likely much lower.

The beginning of a new year is, for many, a time to reflect and ask themselves a very important question. “Does my will and estate plan as written, still carry out my wishes for my family and for charity if I should meet with an untimely demise?” It's possible an out of date will could create more havoc for survivors than no will at all.

While family considerations are very important in estate planning, listed below are several opportunities for giving to Landis Homes that could be included as part of a charitable bequest in a will.

Charitable Bequest Types

A Charitable bequest in a Will or Revocable Living Trust is a tax-free distribution of an estate. This applies to both the Federal Estate Tax and the PA Inheritance Tax.

The bequest language which follows is not intended as legal advice. Readers are encouraged to contact an attorney.

Specific Bequest

A donor bequeaths a certain amount of cash or specific assets to Landis Homes.

Residual Bequest

Bequest of all or a portion of the remainder or residue of a donor’s estate after specific and other bequests have been distributed.

Percentage Bequest

Landis Homes receives a certain percentage of the donor’s estate or other asset.

Contingent Bequest

Landis Homes receives a portion of the estate if others named in the will are not living at the time of the donors demise. For example; “I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to my wife, Ruth, if she survives me; if not, then 50% in equal shares to my children who survive me, or to their issue if a child is deceased, and 50% to Landis Homes.”

Charitable Bequest opportunities at Landis Homes

The following funds provide specific options for a charitable bequest. Gifts, which are not directed to a specific fund as described below, are used where needed most as determined by the Landis Homes Board of Directors.

The Caring Fund

Both principle and earnings from gifts given to the Caring Fund help to meet the needs of Landis Homes residents whose financial resources have become insufficient to cover the cost of care.

The Endowment Fund

This fund is designed to build principal over many years through a combination of planned gifts and cash contributions. Interest earned on money in the Endowment Fund is used to cover the cost of benevolent care.

The Heritage Gift Fund

This gift fund seeks to maximize the quality of life for residents of the Heritage Special Care Center for persons with memory loss and their families by providing funds for special programming and training.

The Adult Day Services Financial Aid Fund

This financial aid fund assists Day Services clientele by paying attendance fees for persons without sufficient funds to cover this expense.

The Scholarship Fund

This fund provides financial support for qualified employees who desire to further their education in the allied health field. Priority is given to the nursing profession.

The Landis Homes Board and Administration are grateful for the many persons who support the various benevolent programs. Persons are welcome to contact the Development Office at 717-509-5490 to discuss any details or questions pertaining to estate planning.
Calendar of Events

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