



# PARCR NEWSLETTER

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## Quincy Retirement Community

Delegates and visitors from 18 Communities were called to order by President Elma Kreps. Following the opening prayer by the president of Quincy's Resident Council, the group was warmly welcomed by Carole Malin, Executive Director of Quincy Village.

Bill George called the roll, and among the comments from communities were the following. Bethany Village is in a transition period, looking for a new executive director. Brethren Home Community of Cross Keys Village is converting duplexes into single cottages. They plan to build a new apartment building with a pool, café, and library. Garden Spot Village is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Green Ridge Village has begun building its lodges, a new style and larger cottage. At the present five are being built with the hope of eventually building 24. The 125 acres, which were purchased a few years ago, are now being planted with trees and marked with trails. In order to receive the help of a grant from the state, GRV must agree not to build on this acreage for 15 years. Homestead Village has 10 villas to be filled before being completely full. A skilled nursing unit is to be built. Homewood at Plum Creek has finished the new Community Center. Landis Homes has done extensive renovations on Aspen, Birch, and Cedar Houses. A Memorial Prayer Garden has been developed. There are still 50 acres of undeveloped property on the campus. Masonic Village has 102 new cottages, 99% filled. There are now 815 residents. Sycamore Square is a new area being developed. A 6 story apartment building is completely committed. A second apartment building will be built. Some parts of the square will be available for commercial use. It was reported that guide wires had been placed over a pond to control Canada Geese. Penn Hall at Menno Village is hosting a Walk for Arthritis. They are looking for a Campus Manager. Menno Haven is about to renovate its skilled nursing unit as well as some cottages. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibit will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Diabetes Support Group is now 2 years old. Computer Rooms at both Penn Hall and Menno Haven need computers. Messiah Village is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Normandy Ridge is also enlarging cottages. They have a waiting list for apartments but some cottages are available. Quincy has completed renovations of part of the nursing unit. 255 sweaters were knitted for the Guidepost Sweater project. Additional planting has been done along the Antietam Creek. Sprenkle Village is also looking for a new executive director. Woodcrest Villa is completing 32 new villas with move in expected in May. 90% of residents signed a petition against casino gambling. Brethren Village in Lancaster County held a Wellness Fair. They are restructuring their Resident's Council and are seeking more resident involvement in decision making.

George Tjiattas introduced the speaker for the day, Paul E. Cullinane, Jr., the Vice President of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce and Maine Street Manager and Resident of Downtown Chambersburg, Inc. He is a graduate of the University of Tampa, with an MBA from Morehead State University, and is a graduate of the U. S. Army War College. His topic for the day was Franklin County, Past and Present.

Mr. Cullinane began his program by explaining his 18<sup>th</sup> century attire. He wore a linen and wool coat with a cape and fringe. In addition to a Pennsylvania rifle, he carried a tomahawk and a knife, a recycled file

with a horn handle, a canteen and a powder horn. He wore a large hat with a broad brim. He carried a *possibles bag*, containing such things as flint, a small axe, a pot scrubber, knife, fork and spoon, scissors, a wooden needle holder, and a tin cup.

He reminded us that in addition to being Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> is also the birthday of the United States Army. George Washington was much impressed with the sharp shooting skill of the Pennsylvania Frontier riflemen, and called for as many as possible to join his forces in Boston. 12 units walked from the Franklin County area to Boston, making that distance on foot in 6 weeks.

Next came a slide show with many interesting facts about Franklin County and Chambersburg in particular. Chambersburg was founded in 1734. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1864, the Confederate army making its third visit to Chambersburg demanded a large sum of money, and when that was refused, burned the town. Among a number of historical spots in the town are the Olympic Candy Store, 104 years old and still in business, and the Jail with a gallows which was used until 1978. The Heritage Center on the square contains many interesting historical exhibits.

President Kreps thanked Mr. Cullinane for his very interesting presentation. After lunch, the business meeting continued. Hugh Fitzgerald reported on legislation now before the U. S. House of Representatives. House Bill 4608 concerns “imputed” interest on refundable deposits paid to Continuing Care Facilities. Currently the laws say that you can give a refundable deposit to a continuing care facility if you or your spouse are over 65 years old or the amount is less than a threshold amount (\$158,100 in 2005) and there will be no “imputed” interest. House Bill 4608 would make changes in the exemption. First, the age one must be to be exempt from imputed interest is lowered from 65 to 62. Second, it eliminates the threshold amount. Third, if an individual or spouse enters any portion of the continuing care facility an exemption is granted. If any one is concerned about the effect of this legislation it is recommended that the individual should consult a professional, and then communicate one’s feelings to one’s Representative.

Frank Lookingbill reminded delegates of the need to increase the membership of PARCR, and asked for volunteers to become part of the Membership Committee.

Dick Morris gave a report about the recent meeting of NaCCRA, the National Continuing Care Residents Association, which he and his wife attended. Of the 43 persons registered for the meeting, 17 were from the host community. The state organization from California recently gave up its membership in NaCCRA. While the small group of interested leaders are trying to accomplish the purpose of NaCCRA there seems to be a real question whether or not membership is worth the dues PARCR pays (\$350). State organizations, local communities, and individuals can be members of NaCCRA.

Elma Kreps reported that Steve Lindsey, CEO of Garden Spot Village, has agreed to become a member of PARCR’s Advisory Committee.

Evert Fuller reminded the delegates of the PARCR web site, [www.parcr.com](http://www.parcr.com), and requested communities to send him their logos. He again invited all communities belonging to PARCR to link their web sites to PARCR’s web site.

Ray Vaughan called the attention of delegates to the problems facing members of the military reserve, and urged delegates to check with community administrations about the support given to reserve members who need time off for military duties, or who have been called up to active duty.

Elma announced that once again PARCR has been invited to have a booth at the PANPHA Convention, Jun 21-23. The booth can be set up June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Elma asked for volunteers to help set up and man the booth.

The next meeting of PARCR will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at Green Ridge Village in Newville. The program will be a time of exchange of ideas among the communities. Also election of officers for the coming year will be held. It was announced that the Big Spring and Green Ridge Model Rail Road will be open for visitors. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be at Normandy Ridge, and January 12<sup>th</sup>, at Bethany Village.

## **New from Our Communities**

### **Bethany Village**

Angela Dohrman, Executive Director of Bethany Village, has been called to a full time position as Asbury's Regional Vice President of Operations in Pennsylvania. This appointment which is an important step forward for her, means that Bethany is now looking for a new Executive Director.

When the March April edition of the Bethany Village went to press, the total number of volunteer hours given to Bethany Village in 2005 was 30,831, a commendable total. New volunteers welcomed are Laureda Smith, Betsy Faber, Helen Melhorn, James Lloyd, Robert Keyes, George Tjiattas and Ruth Musselman.

### **The Brethren Home Community – Cross Keys Village**

Ed Sharrah, the Cross Keys Village Transportation Manager has announced the May 6<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom/Chicken Dinner Tour. The trip will be an afternoon filled with sights of Apple Blossoms and the All-U-Can Eat Chicken Dinner at the Orrtana United Methodist Church. Cost for the trip is \$8.00.

After a presentation by Debra McCauslin concerning Yellow Hill Cemetery and the Underground Railroad, the enthusiastic response encouraged the Education Committee to ask her to lead a tour of that area. Since she agreed, the tour has been set up for Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition to many site mentioned, the trip will also pass many hills covered with apple blossoms. There will also be a stop at the Hollabaugh Brother's Fruit and Farm Market.

### **Brethren Village, Lancaster County**

Construction on a new building project is expected to begin in June and be completed by fall, 2006. The project site can accommodate up to 54 homes within 27 duplex buildings. The initial phase will include as any cottages as are sold with the remainder phased in as part of the community's "repositioning" efforts. Two floor plans will be offered. One floor plan will include 1500 square feet of living space, with a one or two car garage. The other floor plan will include 2,200 to 2400 square feet of living space and a two car garage.

On Nov. 5 through Nov. 13, 2005, Brethren Village sent a group of team members to assist the Church of the Brethren Disaster Response efforts in Pensacola, Florida. The volunteers assisted families still recovering from the results of Hurricane Ivan. Many homes in the region are still without roofs, forcing many families to remain in temporary housing facilities and dwellings. The volunteers offered help in a variety of capacities, including painting, sanding, and dry walling, and pulling weeds.

### **Landis Homes**

A group of a dozen residents and staff met in the fall to begin the Landis Homes Courtyard Railroad. There is a good beginning to an operating outdoor railroad. The plan is to gradually add more track and items as funds become available.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Benefit Golf Outing will be held June 2 at Foxchase Golf Club.

### **Masonic Villages**

Four years ago, under the leadership of “Queen Mom” Mabel Hornickell, a group of ladies from Retirement Living dressed in purple dresses and red hats, joined together as the Masonic Village’s first Red Hat Society group. What do the ladies do as members of this society? According to Mabel, “We get together and just have fun.” Since Mabel began her group at the Masonic Village, the desire for a second group, to accommodate residential living women has formed and meets monthly in the Freemasons Cultural Center. Under the direction of Amy Rote, Recreation Therapist, women in the Masonic Health Care Center have formed their own Red Hat Society group, dubbed the “Red Hat Mamas.”

### **Penn Hall and Menno Haven**

The annual Yard Sale will be held on both campuses on Friday, April 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Donated yard sale items will need to be taken to Village Square Life Enrichment on April 20, 21 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents, staff and their families may reserve spaces for a \$5.00 donation.

On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Village Square Dietary Department has come up with a menu of wonderful foods from around the world to tempt the palate. The entertainment will be provided by the CASHS Steel Band on the Village Inn Patio.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Menno Haven Golf Classic will be held June 8, 2006, for the benefit of the Benevolent Fund. It will be held again this year at the Penn National Founders Course.

Northfield Progress – Interior alarm systems, electric, air conditioning, and plumbing rough-ins for Phase 3B have been completed in all seven villas. Exterior finishes are also in progress with the installation of shingles, vinyl siding, fascia and soffit. Brick has been completed on two villas, and masons are currently working on two of the remaining five the get stone veneer.

Menno Haven is currently seeking necessary approvals for Phase 3C, which consists of five villas located at the west end of Northfield Drive. All five villas have been sold, and excavation on these units will hopefully begin this spring.

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