



Fairview
SENIORS COMMUNITY

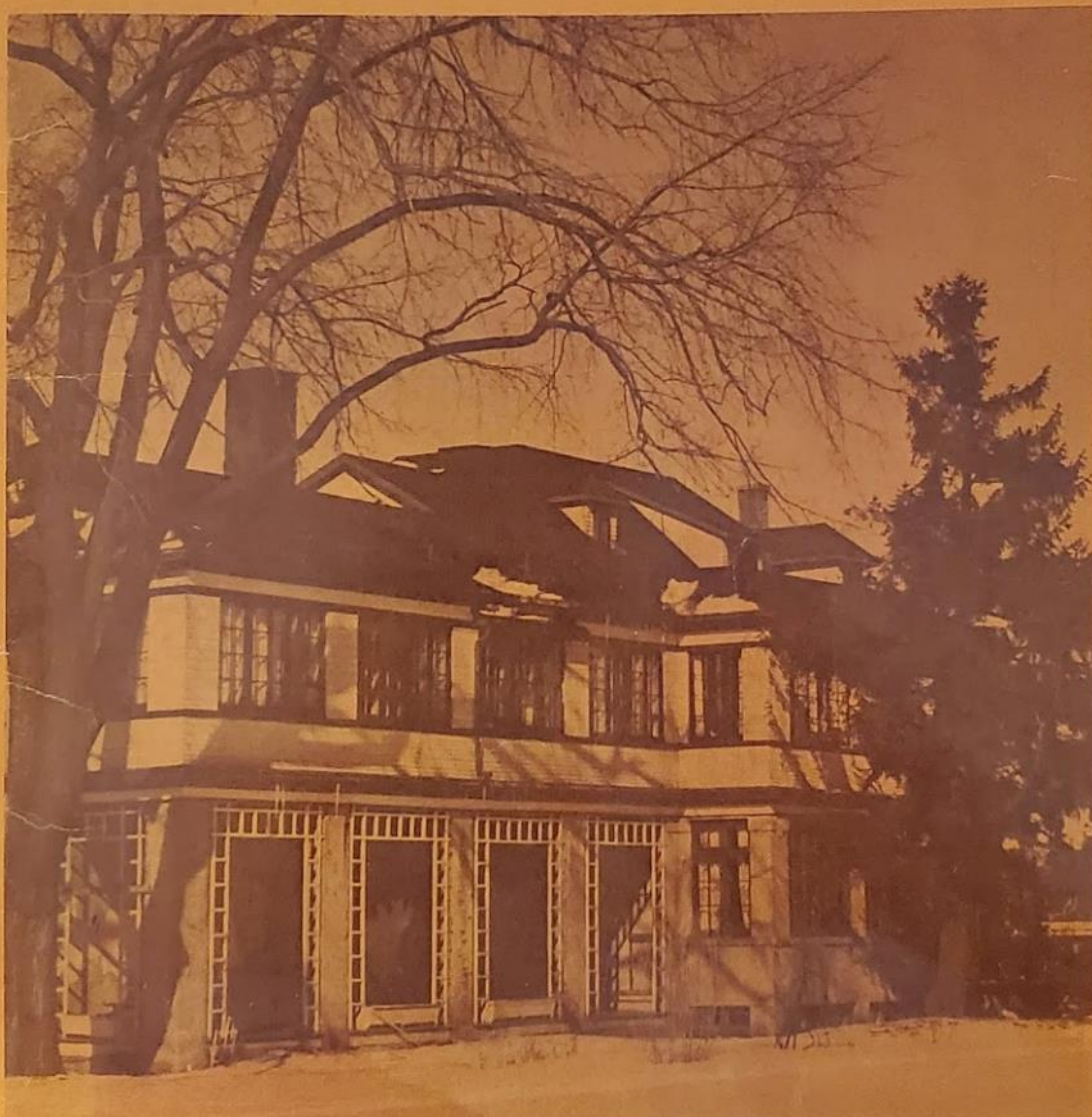
64 Years of Kindness

Fairview Auxiliary Luncheon

October 25, 2021

A vision and a need

A History of
Fairview Mennonite Home
1943-1983



Auxiliary Formed 1957

The Women's Missionary and Service Auxiliary of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario was asked to set up an Auxiliary to the Home. In May, 1957 Mrs. Vera Hunsberger was appointed President, and convenors were assigned to be responsible for providing an activity each Tuesday of the month. Slides, children's programs, birthday parties and social evenings were held monthly. When there was a fifth Tuesday a musical event was planned. A craft class and a special "shopping service" were also conducted on a monthly basis. During the summer months "car rides" (monthly trips to places of interest) were planned and each resident was provided with a "secret niece" from the community. This was later changed to an "adopted nieces" program.

Addition to Fairview Home 1958

Soon after Fairview Mennonite Home was opened problems were encountered which necessitated changes. It was found that it was too hazardous to operate the facility without an auxiliary heating unit, so in 1958 an enlarged boiler room was added and two boilers were installed, replacing the one previously in use. An auxiliary electric generating plant was also installed to operate during power failure.

HANDICRAFT SALE OCTOBER 29, 1964

The sale of handicrafts made by the residents will be held on Thursday, October 29, 1964 from 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. and from 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. The Fairview Auxiliary will have a tea in conjunction with the sale and will also have a table of home made candy and jam.

If anyone has craft articles, plants, etc. they wish to donate, they will be most welcome.



NOTATIONS

Auxilliary Picnic

The annual picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 6, at 2.30 p.m. All staff and residents are invited. Your "adopted Niece" should be calling for you. If it is a nice day those who are able will go to the Preston Park and those who are in wheelchairs or are not able to go to the park will be entertained on the patio. In case of rain the picnic will take place indoors at the Preston Mennonite Church and the Assembly at Fairview Home.

Tomatoes Anyone?

Perhaps you have noticed the lovely flowers on the patio. Have you observed one planter has been producing in some profusion little red round tomatoes. If you like little red round tomatoes and you happen to be the first one there when there is one just ripe - please feel free to help yourself. That's what they were put there for. May you have the joy of picking your own sunripened tomato!



Women of Fairview Mennonite Home work on handicrafts and other articles for their annual fall sale.

Fairview sale all set for Saturday

Pillow talk is the password at Fairview Mennonite Home, 799 Concession Rd. these days as residents prepare for their annual craft and baking sale Nov. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pillows, plain and fancy and large and small, will be a feature of this year's sale. They include novelty pillows for children and teen-agers; hand-painted satin and velvet pillows for those who delight in the nostalgia of yesteryear; washable cotton and terry-cloth pillows for the practical homemakers; and satin petal pillows for the sophisticates.

The sale will also offer quilts, mats, aprons, handwoven place mats, stuffed animals, Christmas stockings, Santa Claus puppets, wooden games, toys, puzzles, bookends and many other items made by the residents under the craft and program director, Mrs. David Rudy, who has been assisted by staff member Mrs. Abner Martin

and Anson Hallman, 82, of Kitchener.

"A visit to our craft rooms should prove that older people are still capable, useful and artistic," said Mrs. Rudy. "All these nimble fingers belong to men and women who range in age from 71 to 89."

The home has 84 residents, plus 20 who live in cottage units.

Flower dolls in vibrant shades of coral and gold have been made by two of the home's residents for centrepieces on tables in the tea room. "Infinite patience was required by Mrs. Ella Baker and Mrs. Lydia Baer to transform nine yards of ribbon into the bouffant skirt and wide-brimmed hat required for each doll," Mrs. Rudy said. "These will be sold and can be taken home at the end of the evening."

Tea will be served by members of the home's auxiliary which also sponsors the baking sale. The auxiliary's convener is Mrs. Howard Cressman of Rennie Drive, Kitchener. Yeast baking, jams, jellies, relishes and candy made by women of Mennonite churches throughout Waterloo County will be sold.

Guided tours, displays and slides depicting activities of the home will be other attractions.

"And we have something special for men who shy away from tea rooms," Mrs. Rudy said. "We are inviting them to relax in our games room where coffee will be served."

Proceeds will be used to buy furnishings for the craft room, as well as to make up a donation to be given the Mennonite Relief Fund.

Last year's sale attracted more

than 700 people, and proceeds amounted to approximately \$1,200.

Preston Times,
Wednesday, November 12, 1969



PILLOW TALK—Fairview Mennonite Home, Preston, has produced dozens of pillows as a feature of its annual craft and baking sale Nov. 15. More than 100 residents at the home and cottage units, who range i

age from 71 to 89, as well as auxiliary members from Mennonite churches in Waterloo County have contributed their talents for the sale which will aid craft room furnishings and the Mennonite Relief Fund.

Record Photo

FAIRVIEW MENNONITE HOME
ANNUAL REPORT 1973



AUXILIARY

Life for residents at the Home would not be the same without the participation of many persons who serve with the auxiliary of the Home. There is value in listing some of the many services they provide:

- Children's Programmes
- Slide or Movie Programmes
- Birthday Parties
- Social Evenings
- Musical Programmes
- Choir Programmes
- Car Rides
- Shopping Services
- Tea Room Operation
- Tuck Cart Services
- Adopted Nieces Programme
- Special Event Programmes
- Annual Sale in Conjunction with Handicraft Sale

In addition various items are purchased for the Home which are of direct benefit to the residents and usually together with funds from the handicraft class. This may be anything from the purchase of the new Mennonite Hymnal to the furnishing of an outdoor patio, buying a movie projector or supplying a floral arrangement for new residents.

Truly, the programme of the auxiliary has been a real benefit for residents of Fairview but equally or more important is the contact it provides for residents with people outside of the institutional setting. There is nothing like hearing first hand, news of the family or of the community "back home".

We want to say "thank you" to the many persons who have given many hours of time and much energy in providing this needed and worthwhile service to the residents of the Home.



Residents at Fairview Mennonite Home always enjoy having visitors stop in for a chat. Here auxiliary member Salome Bauman (left) enjoys a visit with resident Mrs. Kate Chalk. (Reporter photo)

Cambridge Daily
Reporter
December 28,
1976



Mrs. Nina Gimbel



First time with the cart.



Fairview auxiliary member Joyce Dettweiler, right, is in charge of the tuck cart at the Home, and brings around odds and ends to the residents. Anson Hallman and Mrs. Mura Shantz are shown making their selections from the well-stocked cart. Everything from fruits to Christmas popcorn was on the cart during yuletide week. (Reporter photo)



MRS. ILA BAKER AND MRS. LYDIE BAER DISPLAY HANDMADE DOLLS

(Reporter Photo)

Their Skills Help Others

The residents of Fairview Mennonite Home have all returned from some form of business or housekeeping but they have definitely not retired from being active and using their skills to help others.

An outstanding array of handicrafts offered at the annual sale yesterday was ample proof of their talents and their desire to keep busy.

Approximately \$690 was realized from the sale of the handicrafts and over \$550 was taken in by the Ladies Auxiliary of the home, for the sale of home-made baking, jams, relishes and candy. Mrs. Howard Cressman is president of the auxiliary and food for the sale was donated by women of the various Mennonite churches of the area.

Proceeds of this year's sale

will go in part, towards furniture for the spacious craft room included in a fairly recent addition to the home. Comfortable chairs, end tables and lamps were purchased with last year's proceeds for a reading room adjacent to the games room. Other projects in previous years, have included equipment for a beauty parlor, patio furniture and a truck cart for bed patients.

Besides working all year making articles for the sale, the women do a great deal of relief work. They make lavettes, children's clothing, quilts and bandages for the Mennonite Central Committee and on occasions supply clothing for needy families of the district. Some of this work was on display yesterday.

Mrs. David Rudy, wife of the

administrator, has the mammoth task of convening the sale, and directs the women in their handicraft periods. Many of her own artistic paper flower decorations were added attractions at various points around the building where fair activities were in progress.

Anson Hallman, 82 years of age, is in charge of the men's hand crafts and all visitors were intrigued with the fine display of games, bird houses, button and spool holders, and other articles. The giant sized dominoes were of special interest.

Hand painted cushions done by Mrs. Annie Hiltz, who is almost 90, were among the 30 cushions of every size, shape and material imaginable.

No doubt many Christmas

gifts were bought by early shoppers as they visited tables laden with colorful aprons, tea towels, stuffed animals, decorated soap, hooked rugs and quilts, just to mention a few of the hand made articles.

The dining room was turned into a tea room for the day, with tables covered by cloths of coral and gold and each one centred with a doll dressed in a full skirt and picture hat formed of ribbon. The dolls were the work of Mrs. Ila Baker and Mrs. Lydia Baer and were also offered for sale.

Demonstrations of rug making and quilting were held during the afternoon and a continuous showing of slides of the home activities was presented in one of the sitting rooms while the sale was in progress.

Elderly residents turn homely things into art

By Record Staff Writer
CAMBRIDGE — It's hard to believe that weathered corn husks or ordinary brown paper bags can be turned into garden-like blooms. But they are just two of the hundreds of classic crafts to delight shoppers at the annual Fairview Mennonite Home handicraft and bake sale here Nov. 26.

More than 1,000 are expected at the home, 799 Concession Rd., for the sale, which will be open from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This year, the home will use several rooms to display examples of some almost-forgotten skills.

Crafts range from candles to quilts, Christmas decorations to woodworking. There are also knitted garments, hooked rugs, more than 100 aprons for men, women and children; stuffed toys, pillows, more than 100 embroidered pillow cases and tea towels, novelties and a new craft this year, Indian bead jewelry.

Residents have been busy preparing for the sale for many weeks. Knitted socks, which have won several prizes at the Canadian Na-

tional Exhibition for resident Mrs. Mabel Atkins, will be featured, as well as the corn husk and brown paper bag flowers, which won a creative arts award from the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged for another resident, Mrs. Minnie Hunsberger.

A sale of home baking, jams, jellies, relishes and candy is sponsored by the Fairview Mennonite Auxiliary with products supplied by Mennonites throughout southern Ontario.

Candles made by residents will be on sale, as well as planter tubs, plant stands, a few games and children's wheelbarrows. Candle-making and woodworking classes were directed by Mrs. Marge Harvey of Cambridge and Anson Williams of Kitchener respectively.

Festive Christmas chimney lamps will be on sale. More than 200 recipe books, compiled by the residents, will also be available.

The Flower Shop will feature plants, grown by residents, an array of artificial flowers and macramé pot hangers.

Last year, craft sale proceeds reached \$2,000 and

home-baking raised about \$1,200. Part of the money from the sale of crafts goes to the Mennonite Relief Fund, while the remainder of the proceeds is used to purchase articles for the home.

Last year, new drapes and shower curtains were purchased for all washrooms and an awning was installed over the patio.

General co-conveners of the sale are Mrs. Miriam Cressman of Cambridge and Mrs. Norma Rudy, director of home-life and wife of the home's administrator.

Assisting are Mrs. Lydian Martin and Mrs. Grace Weigand, both of Cambridge, handicrafts; Mrs. Gladys Cressman of Plattsville, baking; Mrs. Vera Snyder of Waterloo, candy; and Mrs. Nina Gimble of Cambridge, relishes and jams.

Mrs. Greta Hunsberger of Waterloo is in charge of the tea room and Salome Bauman and Mrs. J. B. Martin, both of Kitchener, will be hostesses.

Residents will conduct tours of the home and give demonstrations of quilting and rug hooking. An informal coffee shop will also be open.



John McGinnis at his hobby of rug hooking

Fairview Mennonite sale makes more than \$3,300

Fairview Mennonite Home's annual Handicraft and Bake Sale continually surpasses past achievements, and this year was no exception.

Mrs. Norma Rudy, wife of the administrator, and director of the crafts and activities program for the Home said total craft sales amounted to \$2,100.

Auxiliary proceeds totalled \$978.40 for the sale of candies, jams, jellies, home-baking and the tea room. The Fairview Mennonite Cook Book, published last year, raised \$278.50.

Other popular items that sold well were created by John McGinnis. A craft he learned since coming to the home a year ago, he had approximately 10 hand-hooked rugs featured, of which eight were sold during the sale.

Projects which have been made possible by proceeds from past Handicraft and Bake sales include drapes in the assembly room; a tuck cart to make rounds to each room every week; library book shelves, tables, settee, magazine rack, books usually set up in part of the Assembly Room.

A hairdressing room was outfitted in the bed wing; patio furniture, folding tables and chairs for the tea room; furnishings in the men's sitting room; bathroom shelves, tape recorder, refinishing and reupholstering chairs, piano, handrails on the first floor, movie projector, sewing machine and cabinet; public address system, lights in the assembly room.

Each year the handicraft class also gives a donation to the Mennonite relief fund.



CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE—Mrs. Norma Rudy (left) and Mrs. Miriam Cressman display some of the hundreds of crafts made by residents of Fairview Mennonite Home.

Cambridge, for their annual sale Nov. 26. Proceeds aid the Mennonite Relief Fund as well as supply articles or equipment for the home.

Record Photo by Ray Hubert

Cambridge Daily Reporter January 28, 1980



THE ADOPTED NIECES and aunts at Fairview Mennonite Home meet once a month for companionship. At left, Eileen Randall learns some new stitchery techniques from her adopted aunt, Ila Baker. And at right, Bessie Wismer talks with her adopted aunt, Lydia Ann Martin

about the morning's Bible study class. Both pairs of women have been together since the program began two years ago. (Reporter photo by Rainer Leipscher)

Seniors love adopted nieces

By CATHY MOTHERWELL
Staff Writer

The other day, Ila Baker found out a woman in Fairview Mennonite Home did not have an adopted niece.

"Speak to the auxiliary," she said. "They'll find you one."

Mrs. Baker says she can't imagine not having her adopted niece come to visit every month. She has family in the area who come to see her regularly, but her niece Eileen Randall provides another kind of companionship.

Mrs. Baker, 86, would be pretty upset if she was the one without a niece.

Her niece, Miss Randall, 67, finds the benefits are felt on both sides.

Miss Randall and her friend since youth, Bessie Wismer, also 67, have participated in the adopted niece program at Fairview since it began two years ago. Miss Wismer visits Lydia Ann Martin, 84.

"I benefit from it all too," she says of the program. "because I think she gives me as much cheer as I give her."

Every resident in the home has an adopted niece, nephew or both assigned to them by the auxiliary. Birthdays are always remembered, as are Christmas and other special occasions. In addition, the program offers special outings and gatherings for the adopted relatives.

There's an annual summer

picnic, involving both those who can get outside and those who cannot. Wheelchair bound individuals have their fun in the centre auditorium while the others congregate outside.

Mrs. Baker has been confined to a wheelchair since she injured her hip, but that doesn't slow her down.

She is in the craft room daily and has been providing Miss Randall with tips on needlework.

The conversations cover full range — especially since the two

women grew up in the same area outside the city. Their fathers used to do business together.

Miss Martin grew up in Elmira where she opened her home to convalescents and ran a modest nursing home. She has lived at Fairview for 15 years and says the monthly visits with Miss Wismer and their conversations at church each Sunday make her life enjoyable.

Miss Wismer, a retired factory superintendent and Miss Randall, a retired bookkeeper,

keep their scraps of material and bring them in for their aunts to work with. Miss Martin is an experienced quilter and Mrs. Baker makes many of the craft items sold at the centre's annual sale each fall. Since the last sale, she has already made 11 aprons.

She is continually active despite being confined to her chair, and can even play the mouth organ upside down. (She doesn't stand on her head — she

plays it backwards.)

Befriending the residents of the home is important for both Miss Wismer and Miss Randall. They feel they need to do something for the elderly and also help others by driving them to doctor's appointments and by volunteering at the hospital.

"We feel we're doing something useful," says Miss Randall. And by all indications that's exactly as they've accomplished.

Cambridge Daily Reporter, Saturday, Jan. 31, 1981



HELPING TO improve the quality of life for seniors at Fairview Mennonite Home is the ultimate aim of the Fairview Auxiliary. Members of the executive are (left to right seated) Joyce Dettweiler, vice-chairman; Naomi Martin, visitation convener and

Bea Steckley, social convener; (standing left to right) Vera Snyder, chairman; Eleanor Snyder, secretary-treasurer; Margaret Martin committee member; Shirlee Schiedel, special events convener; Gloria Musselman, birthday party convener.



PROVIDING transportation to the residents is one of the purposes of the Auxiliary to Fairview Mennonite Home. Members of its executive include (front row, left to right) Eleanor Snyder, secretary-treasurer; Joyce Dettweiler, president and Shirlee Schiedel, vice-president. In

the back row, (left to right) Bea Steckley, social convener; Gloria Musselman, birthday party convener; Naomi Martin, visiting convener; Dorothy Shantz, GMSA convener; and Margaret Martin, member. Absent from the photo is Gladys Gingrich, member.

Auxiliary assists residents

Cambridge Daily Reporter January 30, 1982

Auxiliary assists residents

The Fairview Mennonite Home Auxiliary had the opportunity to take approximately 15 residents from the home and apartments shopping and to see the Christmas decorations at Brox Old Town Village just before Christmas, due to the generosity of a free bus ride by McDonald's restaurant and a lunch at McDonald's.

The auxiliary also provides car rides for residents of the home during the summer months. Different local Mennonite church groups provide transportation and this is very much appreciated.

The auxiliary plans one program a week for the residents of Fairview Home. Slides, children's programs, birthday parties, and a social evening are held once a month on Tuesdays. Musical programs are given when there is a fifth Tuesday in the month.

A tuck cart is available once a week for residents

who wish to purchase fresh fruit, popcorn and candy and the shopping lady is available for special shopping once a month for anyone needing a special item.

Tea is served on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons and this gives the residents a chance to have friends and family in for a cup of tea.

A picnic is held in July for the residents and their adopted nieces and nephews, a program which the auxiliary set up. Persons from

the community area assigned to each resident and become a special friend to that person. They remember them throughout the year with visits and gifts.

This past summer saw the opening of the Preston School Apartments and auxiliary members assisted in preparation and serving lunches during the tours.

Members also assist when needed in helping at special occasions including Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The auxiliary helps at the annual Christmas craft sale to raise funds by having a bake table, jams and relishes, candy and a tea room.

During Senior Citizens Week, the auxiliary holds a Strawberry Tea which gives the residents a chance to meet their friends and families. Carnations are also given to each resident on Valentines Day to help brighten their room.

Auxiliary improves life of Fairview residents

CAMBRIDGE — The auxiliary of Fairview Mennonite Home, 799 Concession Rd., Cambridge, plans and participates in various activities throughout the year which help to improve the quality of life for residents in the home, cottages, apartments, and school apartments, as well as members of the community.

Annual events, sponsored by the auxiliary, include the following:

February: Valentine Tea with a carnation for each resident.

June: Strawberry Social held during Senior Citizens' Week.

July: Adopted Niece/Nephew Picnic.

November: Tea and Bake Sale in conjunction with Fairview's Handicraft Sale.

Revenue from the Tea Room, operated afternoons and evenings on the day of the Handicraft Sale, made it possible for the auxiliary to purchase several Pocket Talkers. These will improve communication with the severely hearing impaired

residents.

Monthly programs include birthday parties, children's programs, social evenings, musical programs and slide presentations.

During the summer months, car rides are arranged for residents who enjoy the outdoors and are able to go for short rides in the surrounding area. Persons in wheelchairs are also able to participate because of the mini-bus, which is equipped with a lift.

Residents are able to enjoy Wednesday and Sunday afternoon tea in the Tea Room, which is convened by the auxiliary.

New residents are welcomed to their new surroundings with a visit and a gift from the auxiliary. They're also able to provide amenities such as annual magazine subscriptions and tapes for the portable Music Centre.

Many volunteers from the surrounding community, as well as various church groups, assist in many of the programs



Executive members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Fairview Mennonite Home are: (back row, from left) Beatrice Cressman; Margaret Martin; Carol Martin; Beatrice Shantz; Margaret

Martin; Florence Wiedman; (front row, from left) Elsie Shantz, vice president; Gloria Muselman, president; and Dorothy Shantz, secretary-treasurer.

planned by the Fairview Auxiliary. This is greatly appre-

ciated by the residents, as well as the staff, management and

board of Fairview Mennonite Home.

You're an essential piece

Congratulations the Fairview Ladies
Auxiliary has been chosen as the
Volunteers of the Year for 2014!

Volunteer of the Year awards will be
handed out at the Volunteer Appreciation
Tea on Thursday April 24th at 2:00pm.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful
Auxiliary assisting us here at Fairview
Mennonite Home.

Thank You.

This day is Fairview's opportunity to show thanks and appreciation to our faithful volunteers. We value your commitment to Fairview and are thrilled to be honouring the hard work that you do.

Congratulations to our "Volunteers of the Year 2014"

The Women's Auxiliary

Joyce Dettweiler	Eleanor Snyder McKee
Arlene Kehl	Ruby Schmitt
Elsie Kuepfer	Dianne Shantz
Jeanne Leis	Dorothy Shantz
Margaret Martin	Pat Kinzie Witmer

The following volunteers are receiving special recognition
for their milestone years of service:

5 Years

Doris Brubacher
RuthAnn Cook
Joan Hatherley
Royce Hatherley
Erlene Huber
Brian Johnston

Trish Lajoie
Denise Mercer
Janet Pascoe
Verna Roy
Yolanda Venema

10 Years

Lawrence Caldwell
Elaine Cressman
Alice Gascho
Kathleen Hall
Ray Johnson
Lillian Mayman

Aaron Sander
Larry Shrubbsall
Pat Snyder
Denis Read
Audrey Wismer
Wilfred Wismer

15 Years

Alice Kehl
Doraine Ross
Don Wenger
Ruth Wenger

20 Years

Miriam Cressman
Justine Gingrich

30 Years

Judy Murray

What we do for ourselves dies with us – what we
do for others remains and is immortal

~Albert Pike



Approximately 2014

Front l to r: Eleanor Snyder McKee, Dorothy Shantz, Ruby Schmitt
Back l to r: Arlene Kehl, Elsie Kuepfer, Joyce Dettweiler, Dianne Shantz,
Jeanne Leis, Margaret Martin, Pat Kinzie Witmer



Strawberry Social to be held during Senior Citizens' Week

"Don't let your know how go into retirement" is the slogan for this year's Senior Citizens' Week which is to be observed from June 20 to June 26, 1976. This is the sixth consecutive year the province has set aside a special week to focus on its elderly.

The theme or focus this year is centered around the concept of seniors making a contribution to society through self-help and helping others.

At Fairview Home, 799 Concession Rd., Cambridge, the highlight of the week's activities will be two strawberry socials. One will be held on Wednesday, June 23, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be **ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS**. Note it is only in the afternoon. On Thursday, June 24, from

2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. there will be a strawberry social and open house for the public. Everyone is welcome.

Special features include an old-fashioned store where cookies and candies may be purchased. This home-baking is done by auxiliary members and Fairview Home staff and recipes used are from the book, *Favourite Recipes*, compiled by residents of Fairview Home. This cook book will also be on sale.

A slide and tape presentation outlining the present program and facilities as well as the new complex will be shown in the Assembly Room. A mock model of an apartment unit from the new building complex will be ready for visitors to inspect.



COMMUNITY

Hold the rhubarb

Cambridge Times
Thursday, June 19, 2014



CAMBRIDGE - Fairview Mennonite Home held its strawberry social this week, following performances by vocal and hand bell choirs.

Strawberry Social

Hosted by Fairview Mennonite Home Women's Auxiliary

CS 20

Fairview Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs Present:

"A Time For All Things"

New: Ticket required for entrance to event!

(Concert and homemade pie included)

Purchase tickets in advance; choose afternoon or evening concert



Wednesday June 22
2 pm and 7 pm
Centre Auditorium

Tickets

Adults \$5.00

Children (under 12) \$3.00

Available at reception starting mid-May

Strawberry Social

Fairview Choir & Bell Ringers

presents

Step by Step

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

2-4 & 7-9 p.m.

Program - Auditorium

Fairview Choir & Handbell Choir

2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Fresh Strawberry Pie & Beverages Served Following the Program

Cost: \$4.00 Adults \$3.00 Children

The Tea Room is Sponsored by the Fairview
Mennonite Home Women's Auxiliary

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

BY FAIRVIEW MENNONITE HOME WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Fairview Vocal and Handbell Choirs Present:

"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL GOD MADE THEM"



Wednesday June 24th
at 2pm and 7pm
Centre Auditorium

*TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION OR AT THE DOOR.

Refreshment Tickets
\$5.00 For Adults
\$3.00 Children under 12
(includes homemade pie and beverage)

\$15 Large Dinner
Cambridge, ON
654-365
519-252-2714

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Strawberry Social

Hosted by Fairview Mennonite Home's Auxiliary

CS 20

Wednesday June 20
2 pm and 7 pm
Centre Auditorium

Fairview Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs will
present their spring program, dessert served in the
Centre Dining Room after concert.

Ticket required for entrance to event!

(Concert and homemade pie included)

Purchase tickets in advance; choose afternoon
or evening concert



Tickets

Adults \$5.00

Children (under 12) \$3.00

Available at reception starting mid-May

515 Leas Drive
Cambridge, ON
519-653-5719
www.fairviewmh.com

Fresh Strawberry Pie Recipe

We baked 95 frozen pie crusts, thawed out 3 pails of frozen berries and stirred together:

- 3 cups of sugar
- 1-1/3 Clear Gel
- 16 cups of berries
- 2 cups of water.

This had to be mixed a day ahead so it had time to thicken.

We cleaned 13 flats of Ontario picked strawberries and assembled the pies. Whipped up nutri whip to put on top. If the berries were really ripe, by the evening, we were running into a problem getting them out of the pie plate, but everyone enjoyed them. I believe before we started making the pies, they had bought white cake and had strawberries and ice cream.

Courtesy: Eleanor Snyder McKee, Fairview Auxiliary



Vegetable Chicken Soup (8 cups)

(6x recipe)
 (36 cups) 6 cups chicken broth or part water and part broth
 (6 Tblsps) 3 tsps. Knorr Chicken Stock Mix*
 (6 cups) 1½ cups sliced carrots (if carrots are large, halve or quarter lengthwise before slicing)
 (6 cups) 1 cup sliced celery (chop lower portion of stalk)
 (9 cups) 1½ cups peeled, cubed potatoes
 (3 cups) ½ cup finely chopped onion
 (1 cup) 3 Tblsps. pot barley
 (4 T blsps.) 2 tsps. salt
 (1/4 tsp.) dash of pepper
 (6) 1 bay leaf

(28 oz. tin 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
 diced tomatoes)
 (1 kg bag) 1 ½ cups green beans (fresh or frozen)
 (3 Tblsps.) ½ Tblsp. lemon juice
 (6 Tblsps.) 1 Tblsp. chopped parsley
 (4 cups) ¾ cup diced, cooked chicken

Combine all ingredients (except the last 5)
 Bring to boil and simmer 40 minutes
 Add tomato and simmer 15 minutes longer
 Add green beans and chicken and simmer 10 minutes
 Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice and parsley

* Add more chicken stock if needed)

Note: For Fairview lunch : Bring chicken and green beans to add after reheating to retain colour and keep chicken from disintegrating.

Fairview Auxiliary TEA ROOM

November 21 - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

-Adults \$8.00 - Children \$4.00 -

According to the tickets collected we served lunch to 111 adults
 4 children
 Total purchased 115

Plus Complimentary lunches 43
 Total served 158

Coffee and muffin 68
 Coffee or muffin 10

Complimentary to Fairview volunteers 24 @ \$8. = \$192.
 Complimentary to auxiliary volunteers 19 @ \$8. = \$152
 Total 43 \$344.

Just out of interest this is equal to about 1/3 of our revenue

<u>Fairview Auxiliary Donations to Fairview</u>		
2000	Fairview - Quilted Wallhangings	\$ 500.00
	- Mesh Slings for LTC	\$ 850.00
	- Patio Furniture	\$ 5000.00
	- 4 Benches - Entries	\$ 2000.00
2001	Preston School Apartments	\$ 1000.00
	Suites - Kierstead Print	\$ 250.00
2002	Table/Chair Project	\$ 2727.76
2003	Suites - Grand Piano	\$ 2500.00
2004	Coffee Carafes/Tea Servers	\$ 1066.74
2005	Fairview Court - Furnishings	\$ 2000.00
2006	Fairview Court	\$ 3000.00
2007	Fairview Van Fund	\$ 2000.00
2008	Lois White Bursary	\$ 1000.00
2009	Fairview LTC - Wing Chairs	\$ 2000.00
	Fairview - Dishwasher	\$ 8000.00
2010	Fairview - Kitchen Renovations	\$ 5000.00
2011	Fairview Suites - Furniture	\$ 3000.00
	Preston School Apartments - BBQ	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total Donations		\$42494.50
2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 - Zehr's Tapes Donations to Fairview's Health & Wellness Centre		<u>\$ 2876.89</u>
Grand Total Donations - 2000 to 2013		\$45371.39

<u>Fairview Auxiliary Donations to Fairview</u>		
2014	Patio Furniture	\$ 1000.00
	Warming Cabinets	\$ 5000.00
2015	Balance of Patio Furniture	\$ 979.76
2016	Family Room Upgrades	\$ 5000.00
2017	Fairview - Re: LTC Activity Room Tables	\$ 3000.00
2019	Fairview - Re: Coffee Urn	\$ 230.80
	Fairview - Re: Choir	\$ 500.00
Total Donations - 2014 to 2019		\$15,710.56
Grand Total Donations - 2000 to 2019		\$61,081.95

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June 5, 2009

Fairview Mennonite Home
Ladies Auxiliary
c/o Dorothy Shantz
3632 Erbs Road
Baden, ON N3A 3M1

Dear Dorothy:

Please express our appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary for their recent gift to Fairview in the amount of \$10,000.00. As you know, these funds will be used to purchase a dishwasher for the Centre kitchen and to purchase Wing Chairs.

We are very grateful for this support and for the work done by the Auxiliary. The quality of life at Fairview would be significantly different without the contributions of volunteers and auxiliary volunteers.

Thank you also for the trust you place in us to be wise stewards of the funds given to us.

Yours truly,

Fairview Mennonite Home



Tim Kennel
Executive Director
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M E M O

TO: Fairview Auxiliary
FROM: Nancy Kinsie
DATE: January 4, 2002
RE: Dining room tables and chairs

At the December Handicraft Sale Appreciation Tea a motion was made by one of our tenants to use some of the craft money to purchase additional tables and chairs for the Centre Dining Room as the continued use of portable tables looks unsightly.

I met with Fern Schaefer, Food Services Supervisor and together we determined that 6 table and chair sets were needed as well as twenty-four extra chairs. The cost of a table and four chairs is approximately \$950 dollars, so our cost will be \$5,700 plus 24 extra chairs.

We offered tenants the opportunity for contribution through year end charitable giving and received about \$1,650. I project that the craft fund can afford about \$5,000. (Our surplus was greater, but we retired the pool tile debt of \$2,900.) This leaves us about \$3,000 short of our goal.

This memo is offering the Auxiliary opportunity to participate in this project as well. Any amount of money that you are able to contribute would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, *And with thanks,*

Nancy

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September 10, 2003

Margaret Martin
R. R. # 1
4th Line E 5830
Ariss, ON N0B 1B0

Dear Marg:

The residents of the Retirement Home have been requesting a piano for the front lobby and this summer I was able to purchase a good reconditioned piano from Paul Wall, the man who tunes all the pianos and organs here at Fairview.

I am writing to ask if the Auxiliary would be willing to make a contribution toward the cost of the piano, which was \$2,500.00. We would be grateful for any amount and I would ensure that a plaque was put on the piano if you wished.

I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

FAIRVIEW MENNONITE HOME

Lois M. White

Lois M. White, Administrator
Long Term Care and Retirement Suites

LMW:p

Fairview Craft sale Review from the "archives"

2000: Chicken Rice Soup – each auxiliary member make 41 cups, will be mixed together, heated and served with rolls
Carrot cake for dessert

2001: Chicken Soup – Joyce, Eleanor and Margaret make chicken soup at Fairview to conform to health standards

2002 & 2003: Quiche, spinach salad or grapes and orange slices, muffin and beverage \$5.00

2004-2007 Beef/Vegetable soup, Apple Squares \$5.00

2008 -2011 Same menu \$6.00

2012&13 " " \$7.00

2014 &15 " " \$8.00

2013 Discontinued visits to new residents

2014 Discontinued Jams and Jellies

2007 Ruby president, Margaret Vice president

2007 Jeanne joined auxiliary

2010 Nancy Kinsie retired

2010 Kitchen renovations

2014, September, Karen Kimmel joined auxiliary

2015 April, Mava Holland joined auxiliary

2016 Pat Witmer retired from auxiliary

September 2014

President: Arlene Kehl

Secretary: Jeanne Leis

2009 Purchased 10 baskets \$11.30

Strawberry Pies - 2004

Fairview Home Auxiliary duties:

Meet 3 times per year (Jan./April/Sept.) to plan the following:

Valentine Tea (Feb). Purchase carnations for all residents – set-up auditorium, bake cookies serve tea and cookies in p.m. Deliver carnations to long term care, others receive theirs when they come for the tea.

Strawberry Social (June) - purchase, clean and prepare strawberries for the social. For the past number of years we have made and served fresh strawberry pies to residents and guests in the afternoon and evening in the Centre dining room (approx. 450-500 guests)

Christmas Craft Sale (Nov) assist with set up of crafts (Friday) purchase baking from various bakeries – prepare and serve muffins/coffee and lunch for Sat. visitors (approx. 200 people)

At our regular meetings we receive updates from Fairview Staff (Nancy/Lois) re new admissions – and other concerns/suggestions they might have. Auxiliary members welcome new residents with a visit and present them with a carnation.

Receive a financial report and make decisions re use of generated funds – in the past we contributed toward patio furniture, donated a quilted wall hanging for Long Term Care, foyer furniture for Preston School Apartments, funds for a new piano for lobby of retirement home, helped with expenses for the Fairview Court recreation room, assisted with the purchase of the bus, we make a donation to Fairview for the Christmas banquet and just recently contributed toward a bursary in honor of Lois' retirement.

Recruit volunteers to serve tea and goodies in Long Term Care – Sundays and Wednesdays.

Plan Tuesday evening programs – introduce group and serve refreshments

1st Tuesday – videos

2nd – social

3rd – (afternoon) birthday parties (Long Term Care)

4th children/youth

5th music

Auxiliary members assist with serving refreshments for Friendship Partners Tea (Aug)

2007 Fairview Aux. Agreed to host and plan the OANHSS Region 3 meeting in Sept. approximately 40 reps in attendance.

2008 this meeting will be held elsewhere and auxiliary members are encouraged to attend.

-As Auxiliary members we are invited as guests to the Volunteer appreciation event -also the invitation to the Christmas banquet for staff/board & auxiliary is very much appreciated.

January, 2008

Article for Der Bote

An air of festivity pervades the centre auditorium of Fairview Mennonite Home the evening before the Annual Handicraft sale that is to be held this year on Saturday November 16, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A company of friendly snowmen stands with arms outstretched in welcome to the room that has taken on the appearance of an oversized boutique. Volunteers have spent a good part of the day setting up for the sale and the residents are invited to preview the display of the crafts that they have been creating throughout the year for this event.

In the Christmas section there are small indoor and large outdoor nativity sets, centerpieces, mantelpieces, candles, potpourri, placemats and tree skirts. Christmas trees and garlands are colourful with myriads of decorations including delicate, tatted snowflakes, elves with alphabet block bodies, 3 dimensional gold tipped stars and snowmen made from light bulbs.

The walls are also adorned with sale items including quilted wall hangings, a grapevine wreath measuring 3 feet in diameter and others of various sizes and materials.

Hand-knit or crocheted mittens, slippers, baby sweater sets, kitchen towels, dishcloths and afghans are arranged on tables. There are garden stepping stones, votive candleholders and sun-catchers featuring stained glass in beautiful designs and colours., Artistic full sized and crib quilts are prominently displayed. Birdhouses, bird feeders, baskets of cushions and soft toys and many more items provide a wonderful selection.

Then there are the snowmen, 20 remaining, to be exact, after last year's orders of 22 were filled. They were such a popular item last year that the 27 available for sale were sold out in 12 minutes and orders were taken.

Each stands 3-4 feet tall on a base beside a small evergreen tree, wears a broad smile, black top hat, plaid scarf and has little birds perched on its hat and shoulder.

As with other craft items, they were made by residents who volunteer countless hour of their time and skills in the regular activity program or take materials to work on in their apartments. They also bear witness to a dedicated and creative activities director.

Many of the craft materials are salvaged, donated, recycled, and reused. For example, the bodies of the snowmen served, in a previous life, as portions of utility poles. The arms are tree branches blown down on the premises by strong winds.

Denim jeans get a new lease on life as handbags, picnic blankets or woven carpets.

Candle stubs join forces to create new ones. Old cupboard doors are the source of wood for various crafts and barn boards again provide shelter in the form of bird feeders and birdhouses.

Most of the participating residents are in their mid-seventies to the late eighties. An enthusiastic 88 year-old painted and assembled most of the snowmen!

Donations of used books are sold in the hallway and the green house is the setting for the Plant Sale where cuttings and seedlings nurtured there, and on the bright sunny windowsills throughout the facility, are offered for sale.

The craft sale has been held annually since the early 60's. The director of Home Life, at that time, wished to brighten the facility with new drapes but no funds were available. This prompted her to solicit a small amount of "seed money" from the auxiliary, gather donated and recycled materials, collect or design patterns, recruit resident volunteers to create crafts and hold a sale. The profit of \$300. furnished draperies and a tradition was begun!

Proceeds in recent years have exceeded \$10,000. Craft items not sold on the day of the sale are available at the Craft Room until Christmas. Throughout the remainder of the year they are displayed in a case in the hallway near the front desk where they may be purchased. These sales generate approximately an additional several thousand dollars.

Each year after expenses are deducted the participating residents decide on how the money is to be used. Over the years up to 20% has been donated to various charities and the remainder used for projects that improve the quality of life for the residents. These have included table linens, centerpieces, additional dining room furniture a gas insert for the dining room fireplace and pool improvements.

The Fairview Auxiliary, whose ten members represent eight Mennonite churches in the area, continues to work cooperatively with the staff on the sale. In addition they sell homemade jams and jellies and pickles and hold a Bake Sale and Tea Room. One individual, who has generously donated most of the jams, has recently become a Fairview resident but is still collecting jars to use next year!

Traditionally churches in the constituency supplied baking for the bake sale, however in recent years the source has been "Home Bakeries" whose coffee cakes and cinnamon buns are perennial favourites.

In the Tea Room, coffee and muffins are available after 9:00 a.m. the lunch menu has varied from homemade chicken vegetable soup, rolls and apple dumplings to quiche, spinach salad and muffins.

Profits from these sales also support projects in the facility that ranges from independent living to long-term care.

Each year the participants marvel at the culmination of their combined efforts and celebrate the sense of community reinforced in a project such as the Fairview Mennonite Annual Handicraft Sale.



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Thank you

**to all who served in the
Fairview Auxiliary since 1957**