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## SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Okay, Homefields isn't 25 years old exactly, but this is the 25th issue of our newsletter. So a small toast: *Homefields, may the sun always shine down on your residents and land, nurturing both.*



## CHEEP, CHEEP = REAP, REAP

Next Spring, look for traveling chickens making their rounds on the farm. These chicks will be moved to a new field location each week to do their... ah, duty. Poultry manure contains the major plant nutrients of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium as well as calcium, sulfur, magnesium, zinc, copper, boron, iron, and manganese. They are an important resource for best land management. Follow the eggs to find the greenest spots in the 2009 gardens. Most likely that will be the eggplants!

If you want to reserve a half or full share of organically grown produce for the 2009 season, now is the time to send a \$50.00 deposit to:

Goodwill at Homefields  
Scott Breneman, Farm Manager  
P.O. Box 38  
Millersville, PA17551  
717-871-3110  
sbreneman@yourgoodwill.org

Shares of produce are distributed weekly.

## Frittatas!... In Celebration of the New Chicks at the Farm

**ORGANIC SCALLION FRITTATA RECIPE**  
A frittata is a type of Italian omelet that's an easy and tasty way to start a weekend morning. Here scallions play a major role in the flavoring along with their friends, the tomatoes.

- 8 organic free-range eggs
- ½-cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano
- Leaves from 1 sprig fresh sage, finely chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 organic scallions, trimmed and sliced thin (white and green parts separated)
- 18 grape tomatoes, halved

1. Whisk the eggs until well mixed. Stir in the cheese, sage, and salt and pepper to taste.
2. Place the oil in a medium to large nonstick skillet over medium heat. When hot, add the chopped scallions, reserving 1 tablespoon of the chopped green ends. Stir until the scallions are wilted, about 2 minutes.
3. Preheat the broiler. Add the egg mixture to the skillet and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, pulling the cooked eggs toward the center with a spatula and allowing the uncooked portion to run underneath. Sprinkle the tomatoes evenly over the top and continue cooking another 2 to 3 minutes until the eggs are almost set through but the top is still runny.
4. Sprinkle the top with reserved scallions and pass under the broiler for about 1 minute, until the top sets and is lightly brown. Loosen the frittata and carefully slide it onto a warm serving plate. Cut into wedges.

Credit—Jeff Cox

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

### Lee Eastwood

Hello! My name is Lee Eastwood and I'm looking forward to meeting many of you. I'm a newly elected Board member for Homefields.

Because you are the people who support us so generously and in so many ways, it is appropriate that you know some of my background. I'm generous, too, at least in age! I'm 63 and recently retired from Millersville University, where for the last 23 years, I worked in Development, raising funds in support of public higher education.

My business was evolutionary, because the climate for develop-



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ment in education changes with the greater economic, cultural and social environment of our country, and sometimes even our world. It required fortitude, sensitivity, flexibility and acute awareness of the climates, which I named, and I did my best to do my work in productive response to all the overload of information and trends we could identify as it changed. I believe I was reasonably successful.

Therefore, I see the application of the same strengths in working to grow the service and assistance, which Homefields already brings to many people; people who desire to live, enjoy and be successful at life just as I have had the privilege to have. That's good, fair, and reasonable, too.

Having lived in conservative Lancaster County for 28 years, and having raised our children here, I will always be tied to this land and community to some degree. However, upon retirement, I made a decision that I would only serve on one board at a time. Homefields will be that first

post-retirement commitment. My life has been full of travel. I have lived in upstate New York, Cincinnati, Florida, Connecticut and Lancaster. My bachelor's degree in English is from Bowling Green in Ohio, and I worked on my masters' degree in Career Counseling in Connecticut. For pleasure and education, I've traveled in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

I have no plans to stop traveling or to try on a sedentary coat just yet, but there's a connection to your home community which I believe is essential, to call "home", even if only temporarily, and for now, Lancaster is a wonderful community with opportunities to thrive. I hope to do just that through my work on Homefields' Board.

I want to contribute to Homefields by increasing Lancaster's awareness of our mission, by educating this community and beyond about the critical needs which Homefields serves, and by persuading members of this community to give both time and funding to enable Homefields to maintain its excellent service. If I'm successful then I'll feel I've earned another foray to faraway places, or a course in basic auto mechanics at a local school, or even one of those beautiful, intentional days when I do "nothing". I live here; therefore I want to contribute here, because for now, this is my home. I want to give back for the good life, which Lancaster has given me.

### Board of Directors

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Scott Breneman, Farm Manager,  
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Community Services Group at Homefields  
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### RESIDENTIAL MISSION:

To create financially secure, long-term homes for adults with special needs in safe, family-like settings where there is respect for the individual in a holistic sense, and fun and creativity are revered, as basic human needs.

### VOCATIONAL MISSION:

To provide horticultural facilities for individuals who prosper with supported employment, to nurture integration through community interaction, and to cultivate a spirit of volunteerism within our community.

*The official registration statement and financial information of Homefields may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*



## We Thank You

As each year comes to a close and before a new begins, the Directors of Homefields always look back with remembrance and appreciation for everyone; every hand, every heart that joined together to help us continue to create life options and opportunities for our neighbors, especially those who who have a special need and the residents who have mental retardation.

### DONORS SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER 30, 2008

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# Homefields 12th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament



Even with the economy and stock market at one of its lowest points in history, **this year's 12th Annual Fall Classic was the most**

**successful tournament in Homefields' history.** Our wonderful supporters were able to pull together and raise over \$46,000, which after expenses, \$26,775 remains to continue to make Homefields' missions possible by supporting the residents and vocational programs. Thanks to all of our supporters and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 13th.

Don M. Mowery, CPA  
Tournament Committee Member



Top: Homefields' residents and staff listen to a speaker over lunch.

Above: Earnest golfers register before heading off to the course.

## VOLUNTEERS

Cindy Ledwith—Lead  
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Linda Strauss  
Kay Welty  
Linda Varga

**T**HE DAY WAS AS close to perfect as it could get. The weather was wonderful. The turnout was gratifying. The support by sponsors and friends was inspiring. Laughter was the language of the day, and friendship again was its product. If only someone would have won the car or tractor.

This kind of description of the 12th Annual Homefields Fall Classic Golf Tournament easily could have come from the lips of anyone lucky

enough to be part of the day at Cross-gates Golf Course in Millersville on September 19. The temporary chill of the morning quickly gave way to as clear and comfortable a day as anyone could want. Sixty-five golfers played in the morning round at a quick and efficient pace, unencumbered by the fog that made things difficult last year. They were followed by 107 golfers in the afternoon who had the opportunity for another quick round for this type of outing. A cadre of loyal volunteers kept everything moving along well all day.

As usual, smiles were the currency of the day. In twelve years, the outing has become a gathering of friends who enjoy each other's company. The socio-emotional climate of the day is something all look forward to and come to enjoy. In fact, it has become more a celebration than a fundraiser. That very spirit honors Homefields and its mission.

Cindy Ledwith, Volunteer Tournament Event and Volunteer Coordinator.



All of us know we are in tight economic times. The planning committee had concern that our record of progress in financial support of Homefields might be reversed until things picked up again. There was no disappointment when that proved not to be the case. Some contributions by sponsors were a bit lower as they exercised care with their limited resources, but hard work and the generosity of new sponsors easily made up for such shortcomings. We had a highly successful year thanks to those who contributed in all of the many ways possible.

Fun always is the order of the day at an annual Homefields outing, and this one was no different. There were lots of games and contests. A special thematic activity was the wide collection of prizes featuring associations with the number twelve. Egg containers filled with a dozen golf balls were a hit as

were dozens of sodas, donuts, bagels, etc. DVDs such as *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Dirty Dozen* found their way into lucky hands.

Get you planner out and mark Friday, September 18, 2009 as the date of the 13th Annual Homefields Fall Classic Tournament. You can guess that the planning committee will have fun with that number. You also can count on again seeing the PowerPoint presentation that made its debut this year to the

pleasure of all. Especially popular were the candid shots taken during the day. Come see some of those again. Look forward to the good food, fun, and fellowship.

As chair of the planning committee, I need to thank those who meet monthly to make this one day a year such a big success. We are growing old together, but we are loving every moment as we each watch the others pull their weight and more in their area of responsibility. It is a human machine lubricated with experience and driven by a shared interest in working for Homefields and those who care for and support its philosophy and success.

Until next year, hit 'em crisp and true!

Terry Blue, *Tournament Committee Chair and Director of Homefields*

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# Boo Who?

The Homefields residents, family members, staff, and Board attended a gala Halloween Party at the ranch house on October 26. All participated in games and pumpkin decorating, and feasted on delicious and healthy food.



The Advocate Committee of the Homefields Board of Directors hosts two such gatherings a year to support and honor members of the Homefields community, and increase opportunities for all involved to get to know each other better.



Jim Determan, Parent, and Joyce Smedley, Board President, illumine the party.



Left: Resident Victor Lyet demonstrates how the ring toss is done.

Above: The dining room of the ranch house, filled to capacity.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT CONTEST WINNERS

### MORNING ROUND

Winning Foursome: John Semedo, Mark Semedo, David Semedo  
 Net Low Score: 57  
 Second Winning Team: Joe Varga, Zach Varga, Brian Barter, Steve Souders  
 Net Low Score: 58 (3)  
 Men's Longest Drive: Rick Madey  
 Ladies' Longest Drive: Carol Thompson  
 Men's Straightest Drive: Dick Hershey  
 Ladies' Straightest Drive: Allison Hawthorne  
 Closest to the Pin Sam Nelson

### AFTERNOON ROUND

Winning Foursome: Bill Reynolds, John Reinhart, Dick Hershey, Kevin Lasko  
 Net Low Score: 54  
 Second Winning Team: Charles Hash, Brian Gladfelder, Jim E. Van, Adam Waite  
 Net Low Score: 57  
 Men's Longest Drive: Brian Bartek  
 Ladies' Longest Drive: Nancy Hostetter  
 Men's Straightest Drive: Rick Conley  
 Ladies' Straightest Drive: Nancy Hostetter  
 Closest to the Pin: Jeff Holl

Homefields 2009 Tournament Planner—Don't Miss Out! Mark Your Calendar Now. Tournament Date: Friday, September 18, 2009—Very Lucky 13th Annual Fall Classic See You Next Year... Cherished Friends Old and New

## Donations

forms also available online at [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org)

Yes, I'd like to help Homefields with my tax-deductible contribution:  
 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

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# Drum Roll for the Love of Homefields

## A Harley-Davidson Sweetheart Raffle



**D**URING THE MORNING HOURS OF VALENTINE'S DAY, February 14, 2009, the Board Directors of Homefields and friends will join together at 150-154 Letort Road, Millersville, PA to spin a golden raffle drum and, with palpable anticipation, pull a Homefields Harley-Davidson raffle ticket stub and announce the winner of our 2008 XL 883C Sportster Motorcycle. All will be attentive as President Smedley notifies the winner by phone at the time of the drawing. Posting of the lucky number will be displayed on [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org). The winner need not be present to win.

For a real sweetheart deal, buy 5 tickets for the price of 4. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the heart of the matter:

- 1) Homefields' homes.
- 2) The residents who have mental retardation and would not have a home of their own without the donations of families and on-going support and maintenance made possible through the charitable work of Homefields Board of Directors.
- 3) Homefields' farm.
- 4) The farmers who have a developmental disability or other special need.
- 5) The horticultural vocational program that would not exist without Homefields donations: our land, buildings, equipment, infrastructure, ongoing repair and maintenance, and leadership through vision.

## Harley-Davidson Raffle

forms also available online at [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org)

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Harley-Davidson raffle at \$5 each.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Letter from the President 2008

JOYCE SMEDLEY

My second year, as the first non-founding president of the Board of Directors, continued to be focused on assuring the future of Homefields by establishing organizational structure independent of the founders. Directors and other volunteers continue to work to secure the vision of the founders

**Latshaw, Dorothy Lyet, Tom and Linda Strauss,** and non-family members, **Christian Herr** and **Allison Hawthorne.**

While founders have left the board in the past, the person I think of as the "heart and soul" of Homefields, Linda Strauss, is leaving this year. Linda's vision and



who conceived and nourished Homefields to what it is today.

So as not to forget, I would like to recognize the original Board of Directors established in 1993. Included were five families of our residents: **Leon and Martha Bixler, Jerri and Jim Determan, Karen and Stefan**

passion are irreplaceable. Trying to fulfill the responsibilities she has assumed over the years is a formidable task.

It was Linda, who in 1986 envisioned a home for her daughter, Lisa. It was Linda's vision, determination and steadfast passion alongside husband, Tom,



Linda, deconstructing the building that would become Homefields' office.

who provided the leadership and structure to lay the groundwork and to involve the Lancaster County Office of Mental Retardation in 1992. It was Linda who conducted Homefields business from

her home. It was Linda who went door-to-door to interview contiguous landowners when a large development threatened our organic farm. It was Linda and Tom who met with Township managers

and attended township meetings: It was Linda and Tom who met with numerous people and groups to discuss Homefields. It was (and is) Linda who conducts tours explaining the historical significance of the property and the process of developing Homefields. It was Linda who wrote grant applications to secure funds for equipment and for restoring a farm shed which became our office and board room. It was Linda who planted flowers and pulled weeds to beautify the property. It was Linda who began the newsletter in 1994 publishing two issues yearly. It was Linda...

What began 23 years ago as a Mother's vision for a home for her daughter surrounded by beautiful fields in an environment where she could thrive within a community: what began as a horse farm: what began as a group of parents thinking about the future of their special needs child: what began as a willingness to do whatever needed to be done IS what developed into Homefields and Goodwill at Homefields.

While it required the efforts of many, it was nurtured by the dedica-

tion, vision and passion of Linda and Tom Strauss. **LINDA, YOU SURELY WILL BE MISSED!**

## DISCLAIMER:

*The above was inserted without Linda's knowledge through an act of duplicity by the writer and Linda's son Dave, who acted as accomplice, abettor, and ghost editor.*

## Herr of Many Hats



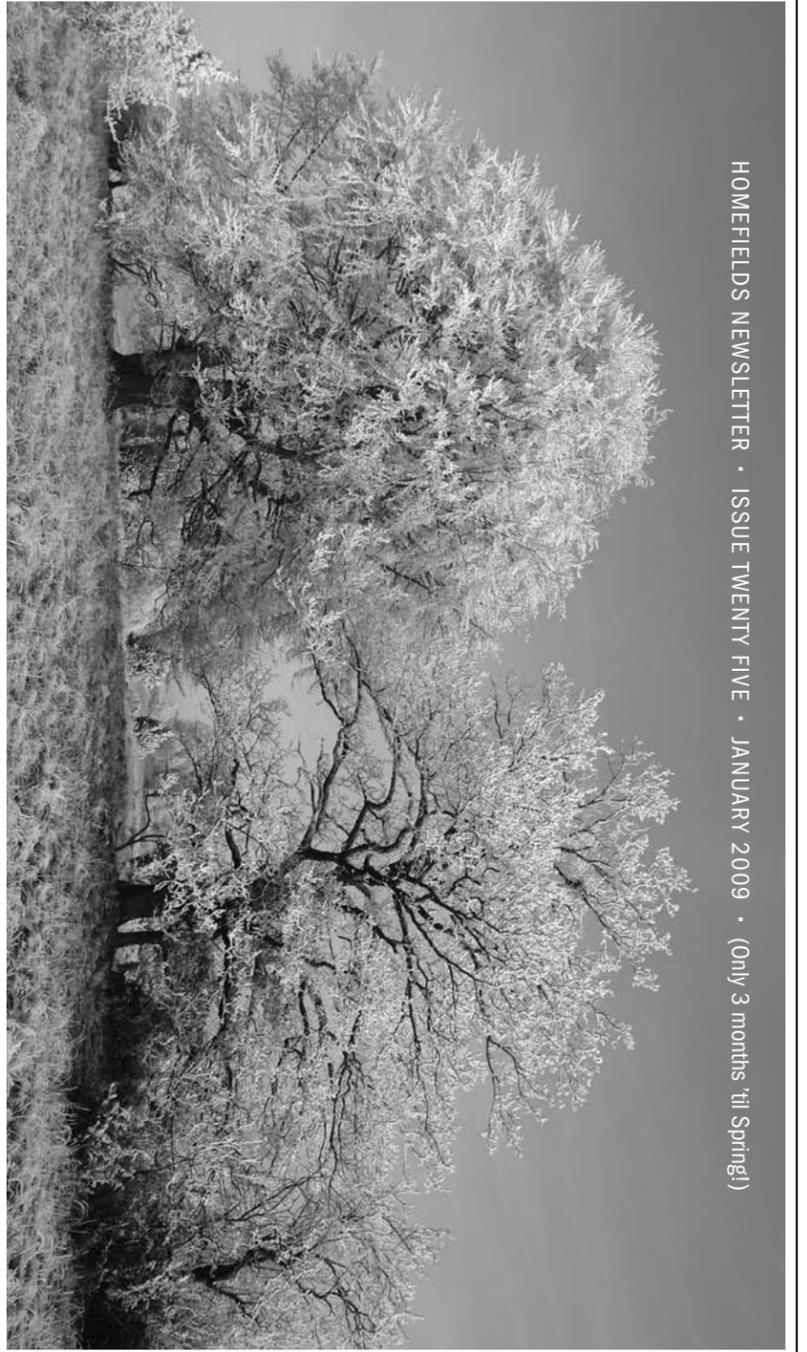
**Christian R. Herr, Jr.**, an original Board Director is also retiring. Chris, having served in many capacities over the years, could always be counted on for a broad perspective and creative thinking. Although Chris will not be on the board, we will continue to seek his viewpoint on committees. **CHRIS, YOUR FOOTPRINTS ARE THROUGHOUT HOMEFIELDS!**

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