

HISTORY

*25 Anniversary
Bethany Village Assn.*

September 1971 Letty Lykens, wife of the Administrator, at that time, started thoughts and movements centered around creating a Bethany Village Auxiliary.

Several preliminary meetings were held, information was sent out as to needs and type of service that could be rendered.

June 29, 1972 the first meeting of the newly formed Bethany Village Auxiliary was held and officers were elected. Work was immediately started on getting members. Dues were set at \$1.00 yearly and \$25.00 life member.

The project chairman had come prepared and suggested two money making projects, (1) a peach festival (2) a booth at the East Mall Charity Festival, these were accepted.

The first Peach Festival to be held August, 26 and the Charity Festival October 27 - 28. The receipts from the first Peach Festival \$213.55

Betty Crocker coupons and S & H Green Stamps were collected. Cutlery was purchased thru the coupons. 4 dozen table cloths and 12 bed spreads were purchased.

Christmas gifts were presented, bibles and bible portions to be placed in each of the lounges and both libraries (large print).

By this time we had 580 members.

May 9, 1973 we had our first fashion show, which was a success. Our first tour "Fall Foliage!" brought a special treat to the residents.

Programs for the residents have started, musical, singing groups, solos, piano recitals, chalk artist, skits, slide showings, hobby collections of Eggs and Angels, ventriloquist, readings, watercolor artist, childrens christmas programs.

In the presidents news letter, December 1974 states: We have been busy at the Village and the very nicest thing is this "Everything we have attempted to do has been appreciated.

There was a continuation of tours inviting Tower residents to participate. Church groups come to hold Birthday parties and parties for other occasions. In the early years of the Auxiliary, home made peach ice cream was made for the Peach Festival.

In 1976 a Bicentennial Tea was had, 134 residents signed the Bicentennial Pledge

Interested Church people made lap robes, slippers, bibs, shoulderettes, nighties and cancer dressing material.

June 20, 1982 a delightful event was the ground breaking for the medical unit. Members of the Auxiliary helped serve the refreshments, a beautiful day. Another was our 10th Anniversary celebration of the Auxiliary, an all day affair with a delicious lunch.

June 26, 1983 members helped serve the refreshments for the Dedication of the Medical Unit.

IN 1990 WE VOTED TO HAVE A TASTING TEA WHICH HAS REALLY SPARKED INTEREST AND NOW WE HAVE A PROGRAM WITH IT FOR THE ATTENDANTS. ASLO, WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS TEA FOR THE RESIDENTS EACH YEAR .

AMONG THE ITEMS WE HAVE PURCHASED FOR THE COMFORT OF THE RESIDENTS: BED SCALES, CHAIRS, CARPET FOR THE CHAPEL, WHIRLPOOL BATH, LARGE WHEELCHAIRS, OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS, DRYERS FOR THE BEAUTY SHOP, A NUMBER OF TIMES TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS. A BUS TO ACCOMODATE WHEELCHAIR RESIDENTS, AND CARE ASSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE, ALSO, THE ANCILLARY KITCHEN.

THE GIFT SHOP IS A PROJECT OF THE AUXILIARY AND WORKERS ARE VOLUNTEERS.