Resident Spotlight: Betty Bachinski

This month, we get to know a little more about Betty Bachinski! Betty was born in Topton, PA on March 20, 1930 to Harry and Sadie Fenstermacher. Weighing only three pounds at birth, Betty was so small that her parents used a dresser drawer as a crib until she was bigger. Betty grew to be a very energetic, healthy teenager who loved swimming, sports, and school. Betty’s family experienced tragedy when her sister, Doris, passed away at only three months of age. While living in Topton, Betty and her mother began to study the Bible. The Bible’s promise of the resurrection meant a lot to them. Betty and Sadie were baptized together in the Lehigh River in 1943. Spending 50 hours a month in the ministry, and a long commute to the Kingdom Hall kept them very busy! While Betty’s father did not share their love of the truth he did not try to prevent them from serving Jehovah. Near the end of his life, he even opened his home to provide rooming for brothers and sisters who attended district conventions at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

Betty married Walter Bachinski on October 14, 1950. During their Florida honeymoon, they experienced a hurricane...a somewhat stormy start to almost 52 years of a happy marriage. Walter and Betty raised three children; Debbie, David, and Jefferson. Walter regularly conducted the book study in their home for many years. They were blessed to study the Bible with several families, some of whom dedicated their lives to serving Jehovah. Walter worked long hours and came home at a different time every day. Betty always had dinner ready and waiting for him regardless of the time. They also enjoyed working on home improvement projects together and having their children, spouses, and grandchildren over for meals. Betty’s daughter shared the following comments: “Mom always looked for positive, good qualities in people. She made herself available to listen and help those that needed help. She set an excellent example as a wife, friend, mother, and loyal servant of Jehovah.”

Legacy has been Betty’s home for a little over a year. Although she struggles with severe loss of hearing, she deeply appreciates the patience of others and accommodations made so that she can participate in a wide range of activities. Betty loves when family and friends visit. She dreams of the day when she no longer needs her eyeglasses, hearing aids, and walker. She knows this will come true in the very near future and is patiently waiting for God’s Kingdom to be established here on earth. Many of us share the same hope. Until that day, we can continue to be a source of encouragement to faithful older ones like Betty!
Employee of the Month

This month we awarded employee of the month to all of our caregivers. Ensuring our facility is staffed at all hours of the day can, at times, result in long hours for our staff. We appreciate the care staff’s willingness to work extra hours over this past month!

A few of our wonderful and dedicated caregivers

PayPal Donations Now Accepted
Please consider donating to our Charitable Care Fund. Donations will be used to assist residents needing financial assistance. We are a nonprofit organization so all donations are tax deductible. Visit PayPal and search for donations@legacyplace.org to make your donation. Thank you for your support!

Gifts From Residents
Legacy Place is home to many kind and generous individuals. Our residents are very thankful and appreciative to all the volunteers and visitors who take the time to come to our community. It has come to our attention that some residents express their gratitude by attempting to give gifts to our volunteers. While the intention behind such gifts is good natured, many of our residents have some form of dementia. When a resident realizes one of his/her possessions is missing, it can be quite upsetting. For this reason, we request that gifts not be accepted from our residents. Understandably, it can be uncomfortable to decline a gift. This is where our trained staff can be of assistance. Please feel free to reach out to any staff member with questions. Thank you again for all you do to support our older friends!

Fall Prevention and Universal Precautions
In December, Caregivers of America came to Legacy Place to hold an in-service for our residents. The purpose was to educate our residents on ways to avoid a fall. In addition, universal precautions were reviewed. With cold and flu season upon us, all were encouraged to do his/her part to minimize the spread of germs. We are hoping for a healthy winter for all of our residents and staff!

Open House
We had a wonderful turnout for our Open House. New and familiar faces visited and the afternoon culminated with a performance by Glenn Miller. Below are a few pictures from this event.

Liz visiting her father, Robert

Mary enjoyed our many visitors.

Raymonde and Glenn

Glenn performing for a large crowd
**Pictures!**

- Singing Kingdom Melodies in Memory Care
- Craig and Marie checking out Tony’s new keyboard
- Doris and Beatrice playing Rummikub with Cindy
- Lorraine is one of our master puzzle solvers!
- Jean and Frank getting ready to watch JW Broadcasting
- Games are fun at every age!
- Sister time!
- Vena is all smiles.

**Employment Opportunities**

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact Briana at briana.snyder@legacyplace.org.

**Resident Applications**

We are full in both Personal Care and Memory Care! However, we will continue to accept applications for our waiting list. Please contact Meghan at meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org for more information.

**Mailing List**

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please email meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org. You can request to receive your newsletter through the mail, electronically, or both!

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It’s Our 5-Year Anniversary!

In December of 2014, we opened our doors to our first 5 residents! Five years have passed and we are now home to 40 residents. Two of our original residents, Margaret Banko and Raymonde Brensinger (pictured), are still living at Legacy Place. We are blessed to have them, and many more, filling our home.

To date, we have provided care to 69 people. While there has, unavoidably, been significant loss over the years, there has also been great joy. Advanced age is rarely kind to anyone, but what could be better than sharing your home with others who share your faith and can provide encouragement? So as we pass this five-year milestone, we want to say thank you to everyone who has been, and continues to be, a part of Legacy. We also reflect on how important it is to continue to do our very best for our residents, whom we all care for and love! May we always manifest a godly view of “gray-headedness.”- Psalms 71:18.