



Community treasure

Making house calls is one of the most memorable aspects of being a physician for **Linford Gehman (C 59)**. He laughs now and says he wishes he'd stayed for all the meals people offered him.

Dr. Gehman came to his work in a roundabout way. Drafted during the Korean War, he declared as a conscientious objector and served as a hospital orderly. It was there that he decided to be a doctor.

During the Vietnam War, Gehman served three years as a physician in Nha Trang, South Vietnam, under Mennonite Central Committee. After that he went to Nigeria as a medical relief worker during the Biafran war for independence.

When the war ended, Gehman returned to his home in Pennsylvania and to his sweetheart, Becky. They were married and moved to Virginia in 1970. With Becky as his nurse, Gehman took over the Green Valley Clinic in Bergton. Thirty-one years later, he continues to work 60 hours a week and has become a community treasure.

Looking back, Gehman finds satisfaction in the relationships with people and in the fact that "most people are so very appreciative." He wants to cut back on his hours and hopes to find a partner for the clinic.

—Carol Maureen DeHart,
from "eightyone"

Reminder to the classes of 1936, 1941 and 1946: You have a reunion this year during Homecoming, Oct. 12-14.

1920-49

Levi Weber (HS 29), Newport News, Va., has authored the first two books of the *Possum Hollow* series, published by Herald Press. He tells stories of his childhood and youth in Virginia and Pennsylvania in the early 1900s. Weber is a retired building contractor and real-estate developer.

Grace Lefever (C 30), a resident of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, has suffered a stroke and is now in the Crestwood assisted living facility.

Mary Deputy (HS 32) Brubaker, Harrisonburg, received the "volunteer of the year" award from the Virginia Nursing Home Association during its annual conference in May in Virginia Beach. Brubaker, a volunteer at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community for over 30 years, was chosen from more than 100 nursing homes.

Earla Hostetter (HS 36) and H. Ernest (C 38) Bennett, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year with family and friends. Ernest is the former chief executive officer of Mennonite Board of Missions.

Ray (C 44) and Ruth Brunk (C 52) Horst, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in July at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. Their retirement career is serving as staff persons for United Native Ministries.

Kathryn Hostetter (C 44, C 56) Bucher and husband Samuel of Harman, W.Va., enjoyed a trip to the maritime provinces of Canada a year ago.

Joseph Baer (C 46) and wife Catherine reside at Greencroft retirement community, Goshen, Ind. Joseph does volunteer work for Greencroft and for College Mennonite Church.

Reminder to the classes of 1951 and 1956: You have a reunion this year during Homecoming, Oct. 12-14.

1950-59

Huldah Gehman (C 50) Claude, Wilmington, N.C., is a retired mental-health nurse. She enjoys painting and tandem bike riding with husband John.

John (C 50) and Lois Hege (C 51) Brenneman, Lancaster, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a drop-in gathering at LIFE Ministries in Conestoga. John is a retired teacher and pastor.

Marilyn Stutzman (C 51) Swartzentruber, has retired from Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pa., where she was an editorial assistant. She now resides at Greencroft retirement community, Goshen, Ind.

Naomi Graybill (C 51) and Ivan Moon are both retired and living at Senior Living Community in Scottsdale, Pa. They volunteer regularly at the World's Attic store in Somerset and are active at Kingview Mennonite Church.



Original "Mennonite Hour" quartet

In 1950, an EMU student quartet—Crusaders for Christ—started an inspirational music program on a local radio station. The program quickly evolved into *The Mennonite Hour* and became part of the Mennonite Board of Missions agency that is now called Mennonite Media. The quartet members, in their 70s now, sang at Mennonite Media's 50th anniversary celebration in July. The four are (left to right) **Aaron King (C 49, S 61), Eugene Souder (C 51), Paul Swarr (C 51) and Roy Kreider (C 51, S 52)**. The event coincided with the annual assembly of Virginia Mennonite Conference, which was held this year on the EMU campus.

Martha Kauffman (C 51) Coffman Weaver, Atglen, Pa., was re-elected to another term on the board of St. David's Christian Writers Association, which sponsors an annual conference at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Daniel Reinford (C 52) and wife Cleta had to leave their Kulpville, Pa., home to make room for a road-widening project. In May they moved to a town house at Woods' Edge Community of Lancaster. Daniel retired in 1996 from 42 years of teaching at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in Lansdale.

Esther Becker (C 51), a retired missionary, has lived at Landis Homes retirement community, Lititz, Pa., since 1989. She volunteers in various roles, one of which is co-librarian.

Nancy Burkholder (C 52) and Bob Lee of Harrisonburg left in June for another stint of teaching in Japan and China under Mennonite Board of Missions.

June Beisel (C 53) Horst and husband John live in Elizabethtown, Pa. She is retired but active in community, church and issues related to blind people.

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