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Memory Support with Home in Mind... Spang Crest Manor

Remember sitting on your front porch sipping lemonade, wandering through town to visit neighbors and friends, a stroll to the library or simply enjoying the day-to-day tasks in your own home? This was one element of the design aspiration for the new *Christman Memory Support Center*, a 2-story, 32,000 sf addition and renovation to Spang Crest Manor in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Providing a safe and secure small town, home-like atmosphere for those with memory loss was the charge of architects

Robert Beers and David Beyer throughout the design process.

The *Memory Support Center* consists of 9 private bedrooms and 4 semi-private rooms and also includes a complete dining and kitchen area, a living room with a fireplace, and a courtyard. Meals will be served family-style in the dining area.

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Besides the *Memory Support Center*, the two-level addition incorporates a new entrance with a weather protective covered canopy, physical therapy space, an adult daycare center, a new laundry area, conference rooms and a new kitchen and dining area for the nursing facility. Storage space for residents and utility service is also provided. Renovations to the *existing facility* required updating various office support areas and new mechanical and electrical systems.

To accommodate the new addition, the original Spang Mansion building, that no longer met present day code requirements, was demolished. The demolition and contractor site requirements during construction presented a challenge due to the limited space at 945 Duke Street in Lebanon city. Other project considerations included relocating the main entrance, integrating the new mechanical and electrical systems into the existing without service interruption, and keeping the existing kitchen in the nursing area functional throughout the construction period. Carefully planned phasing of the work met these challenges and kept the project moving on schedule.

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Memory Support with Home in Mind... Spang Crest Manor (Cont'd)

First Floor Plan



The *Memory Support Center* is slated for completion in October of 2006. Benchmark Construction of Brownstown is the General Contractor. Baker, Ingram and Associates, Barton Associates, and Derck & Edson round out the project team. Diversified Design of New Cumberland provided Interior Design Services.

Beers & Hoffman is honored to play a part in providing supportive care to those with dementia, in a familiar home-like environment that can be enjoyed for years to come!

Construction is underway for Phase I of Lebanon Valley Catholic Home's most recent planned development, **Heritage Commons**, which will bring 90 independent living cottages and 120 apartments and assisted living units to Oak Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Architect Robert Beers has been working with the non-profit organization for several years providing Master Planning services. **Heritage Commons** is designed in the spirit of colonial Williamsburg incorporating a keen sense of community style living. Constructed of traditional wood frame, the one and two

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bedroom cottages range in size from 1,100 sf to 1,400 sf, and include a one or two car garage.

Lake Roeder Hillard & Associates is the civil/site engineer for the project and Woodland Contractors is the general contractor.

Senior Living
in Colonial Style



Model Cottage — 2 Bedroom with Den Option

Robert's "RULES OF ORDER"

Celebrating 50 years in architecture!
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Like the timeless parliamentary "Robert's Rules of Order", Robert Beers' lifetime rules were established at a young age and continue to this day. Bob's interest in architecture started in the early 1950's as a high school junior. He attended a career day where a man by the name of John Haughwout from Lewistown was one of the speakers. Haughwout was a well-known and accomplished architect who designed with the flare of Frank Lloyd Wright.



Calvary Church Lancaster, PA with a 2,300 Seat Sanctuary

Fascinated by what he heard that day, Bob introduced himself to Haughwout and spoke of his interest in architecture and drafting. Haughwout invited Bob to visit his office to see what architecture was all about! Before long, Bob was the first student to be chosen for his school's *work co-op* program. It was during this time that Bob

designed a house for the Vo-Tech school and entered it in the Ford Motor Company Industrial Arts Award Program. His efforts earned him a certificate of merit, signed by Henry Ford II!

Upon graduation, in 1956, Bob interviewed with two architectural firms - Buchart Associates in York and Haak & Kaufman, a small firm in Myerstown. He chose the latter, in order to get broader exposure, and started as a young draftsman for \$1/hour! After working with the firm for several years, he returned to study architecture under Haughwout. However, in 1961 when the economy slowed, Bob rejoined Haak & Kaufman in Myerstown. This was the start of a long and successful association. Bob would also soon be serving the Myerstown community as chairman of both the zoning hearing board and the planning commission.

In 1973 Bob became a registered architect and partner in the firm. The name was changed to Haak, Kaufman, Reese & Beers. Tragically, both Monroe Haak and Dale Kaufman passed away two short years later. Bob and Jim Reese continued the partnership for another 9 years until they each founded their own firm in 1982. Since that time, Bob's Lancaster based firm has designed numerous outstanding and award winning buildings. A Lebanon branch office, with architect Bob Hoffman at the helm, was opened in 1996. In 2002 the firm's name was changed to Beers & Hoffman, Ltd. Today the Lancaster and Lebanon offices are one of Central PA's most versatile - designing churches, retirement communities, medical, educational and office facilities of every kind. More than 300 churches have been designed by Bob Beers over the past 50 years!

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ROBERT BEERS' "RULES OF ORDER"

- Trust in God
- Family first
- Be optimistic
- Work hard
- Take a genuine interest in those around you
- Always present your best
- Give back to the community, and then some!
- Attitude is everything
- Laugh everyday
- Every landing is a good landing!

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Bob's own home, which he designed in 1996, dramatically embodies his great love of architecture, and as a result has been featured in many magazines and newspapers. He has been married to Elaine for 50 years, is the father of three children, and has six grandchildren. A warm and outgoing man, Bob also enjoys family-like relationships with his staff just as he does at home. Another of Bob's lifetime interests is his passion for flying, and as a private pilot he has followed in the footsteps of his father.

When asked, "What is the best building you've designed?" Bob's answer is, "the next!" This response reveals a great deal about him; including his optimism, good humor and boundless creativity. Bob is one of those special people combining wonderful talent with the grace and dignity of a gentleman--a gentleman with the highest standards of order. After 50 years, Bob continues to work full time, (and then some!) doing what he loves best! His plane will be circling the field of architecture for years to come!



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