



Expanding life's possibilities.™

For these sisters, the choice was obvious

For Jeanne Overton and Audrey Bedford, the search for a senior living community didn't last very long.

"We were sold when we walked in the door," Jeanne remembers of their introduction to White Horse Village. They didn't bother touring any other locations.

The sisters grew up in nearby Drexel Hill and went to Upper Darby High School.

Audrey enjoyed time in Thailand as a young woman, then got her doctorate and worked in the admissions office at the University of Pennsylvania. Jeanne worked in accounting and retail. Eventually, they both ended up at Hershey's Mill, a large 55-plus community just northwest of White Horse Village, where they shared a home.



It was Hershey's Mill that connected Jeanne and Audrey to White Horse Village. They went out to a farewell dinner with some good friends who were leaving the community to move into White Horse Village. "They're telling us all about this place, and Audrey and I looked at each other and thought, you know what, we've never made any plans (for this kind of transition)," Jeanne says. "Maybe we need to look at that."

Following in the footsteps of their friends—and many others at Hershey's Mill, as quite a few residents there have chosen White Horse Village—the sisters arranged a visit and tour.

"We were so impressed," Jeanne says.

It was very different from other senior living options they had experienced in the past during their mother's illness. "It's so homey. It's so friendly," Jeanne says.

They are pleased with their spacious apartment, which has outdoor patios and is a short walk down the grassy hill to the Clubhouse (if they don't feel like going outside, they can take the elevator). They also like the food—their apartment has a kitchen if they get the urge to cook, but between the dining options on campus and going out to eat, it doesn't get much use.

Audrey mentions the sporting activities as another plus. They both were longtime golfers and like taking part in various athletic competitions on campus. They were on the winning shuffleboard team in the latest tournament, and enjoy bocce as well. Jeanne likes to do a little Wii bowling.

It's easy for people to remember their names, as "Jeanne and Audrey" recalls a certain iconic singing cowboy. The trouble is that while "Gene Autry" may bring their names to mind, people can't always remember which sister is attached to which name.

The sisters emphasize the need for social connections, and with lots going on their calendar is packed. "If you can't find something to do, there's something wrong with you," Jeanne jokes. She's even connected with some former high school classmates here.

"Meeting new friends and having that sociability is very important. And that's what this place has in spades," Jeanne says.