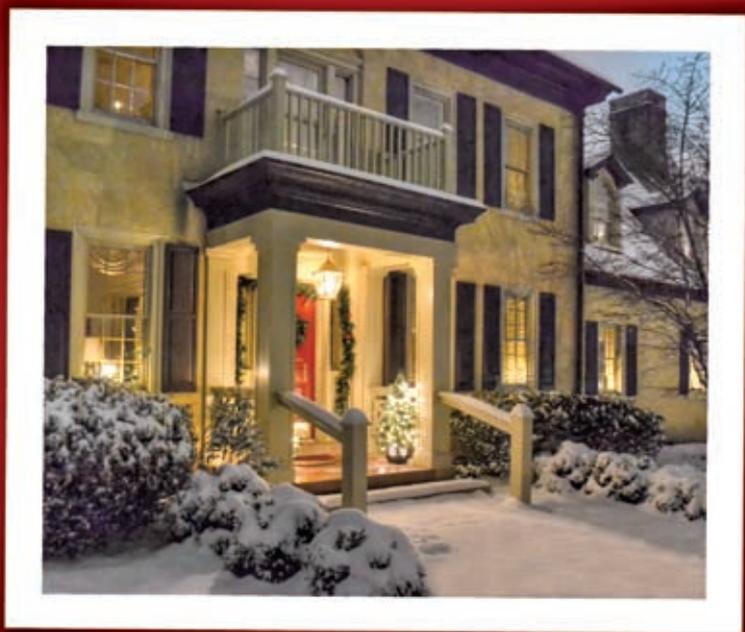


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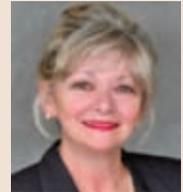
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It was my worst Christmas ever about 12 years ago. I was suddenly single again. My kids were scattered across the country. My younger daughter would be deployed for eight months to a Marine base in 'the sandbox' leaving a



soldiers in combat uniforms arrived. Due to a delayed flight, they missed their connecting flights and they were hungry; and they missed their last pay so they had little cash. Our USO dining options then consisted of hot dogs and snack foods. I was about to restart the hot dog grill when I thought that their first meal back on US soil should not be a tube steak. They followed me across the concourse to Lamberti's Restaurant; which was one of the better food options at the airport. I gave my credit card to the hostess with instructions that their money "would not spend."

one-year-old baby behind. My older daughter's husband was General John Abizaid's communications officer and would be flying in and out of Baghdad's Green Zone many times. I was looking forward to Christmas about as much as a trip to the dentist.

Liberty USO is an oasis for traveling soldiers at Philadelphia Airport. At that time, the USO was open only 12 hours daily. It was two days before Christmas and due to a few call outs, I was the only volunteer on duty. A few minutes before the 8pm closing time a dozen

Back at the USO desk, we managed to get 8 of the 12 soldiers on flights to their destinations. By 10pm, all but 4 were gone. I went to settle the tab at the restaurant, and the hostess handed back my card telling me nothing was charged. The soldiers entertained the guests with Iraq money, playing cards, and stories. The guests at the restaurant picked up the tabs for all twelve soldiers.

The remaining four could not get flights until the following afternoon. They said they would roll out their bags and sleep on the concourse floor. That was not an

option to me. On the way to my home I asked when they had their last hot shower; it was almost a year. I decided that rank hath privilege, and as a result, the one female soldier was first to the shower. I thought they would be ready for a good night's sleep in a real bed,

excited looking forward to being home by Christmas. The female soldier especially wanted to surprise her mom by walking into her church where her mother played the organ for Christmas Eve services. This would be a time challenge since she needed several flights

My Worst Best Christmas Ever



but they had other plans. They were happy that their unit suffered no casualties in Iraq, and had hundreds of pictures to share. Finally, at 1am, they were ready to retire. I suggested they sleep late, and in the morning would get a classic Philly breakfast before their flights.

Off to Wawa at 1am I went. Bacon, scrapple, eggs, muffins, orange juice and coffee. I collapsed on my living room couch eager to sleep-in the next morning. At 0630 (6:30am) I was awakened by conversation; they were up! I said "I thought you guys were sleeping in?" They said they did – since they're usually up at 0430. They were just so

to get to her small hometown in North Dakota.

On the way to the airport we all exchanged email addresses and they promised to let me know their progress. On Christmas day, I received emails from all four and a phone call from the female soldier.

They all made it home in time for Christmas; and the content of their emails was exuberance, excitement, appreciation, and total joy – complete with heartwarming photos. It made my day and it made my year. It was my best Christmas ever!

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For Pat Owens sports are, and have always been, a big part of his life. He is the son of the late Paul Owens (“The Pope”) who was the General Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.



Pat was born in Buffalo, New York. His biological father, who had cerebral palsy, saved his life when he was two years old by throwing him out a third-floor window of a burning building to be caught by fire fighters. Sadly, his father died in the fire. His family was poor and his mother had a difficult time raising five small children alone. Consequently, Pat spent a few years living in an orphanage until at the age of seven he and his brother were adopted by Paul Owens and his wife Marcelle. In the meantime,

his biological sister had been looking for her brothers, and fortunately she found them. Pat was reunited with his biological mother, who was quite ill, just three days before she passed. He also met another sister and two brothers at that time. Because he was adopted, Pat had always wondered where he came from. With information provided to him by his sister, he found out that he was of Norwegian and Irish descent. Through Ancestry.com he traced his

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Mary Kay Hagerty

Norwegian roots back to the 1600s. He had always been drawn to the Norway exhibit at Epcot Center in Disneyworld, and now he knew why.

After he and his brother were adopted, the Owens family settled in California where his Dad managed Minor League baseball’s Bakersfield Bears. Eventually, they moved to New Jersey where Pat, who is 6’7”, played high school basketball and baseball. He was recruited by West Chester University to pitch for the baseball team. He also played for the basketball team but had to drop out due to injuries. He majored in psychology and history. After graduation, he played in the West Chester Adult

League; and says he would still play baseball if he could.

After graduating from college, Pat worked as a guidance counselor in New Jersey – a job he loved. As his wife Karen pointed out, “The kids loved him and gravitated to him.” Through his job he visited many colleges every summer. He was “wined and dined” by the schools, proclaiming himself “America’s Guest”. He didn’t tell the kids where to go, but simply told students and parents about the various schools; and left the

I asked Pat what it was like being the son of “The Pope”. He explained that it was lots of fun growing up around baseball. Paul Owens, a man who came from modest beginnings, was not in it for the money. He simply loved baseball; a feeling that he passed on to his son. Nicknamed “The Pope” because he resembled Pope Paul VI, Paul Owens, a World War II veteran, was born in Salamanca, New York and attended St. Bonaventure University where he

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Meet Pat Owens

choice up to them. He later worked in the College Admissions Office at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island; recruiting students for the Architecture, Marine Biology, and Six-Year Law programs.

Meeting his wife Karen was serendipitous. Pat, who was a single dad, met Karen through friends 16 years ago. Karen attended Moore College of Art and Design in Center City and worked in Philadelphia as a graphic designer for W.B. Saunders. Her co-worker Rita had left the firm for 17 years to have a family. During a brief period when she returned to work, she introduced Karen to her husband’s best friend who happened to be Pat; the rest is history.

also played baseball. His professional baseball career began at the relatively



advanced age of 27. He went to watch the Olean Oilers, a Minor League team

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in upstate New York, paying the 75 cent admission fee. Upon entering, he was approached by the Oilers' manager who knew Paul from his baseball days at St. Bonaventure. He asked Paul if he could fill in for the first baseman, who had been injured. Thus was the beginning of Paul Owens' professional baseball career. The Olean Community Baseball Club wrote him a check for 75 cents to refund his admission ticket; which Pat has framed and hanging in his den with a plaque stating "Paul Owens ... the only player in the history of the game who paid to play his first game." As first baseman he had a .400 batting average. In 1955, Paul Owens was named Olean's player manager; and the following year they became a Phillies' affiliate. In 1958, he managed Class C Bakersfield of the California League. Pat said that his Dad's passion was working with the young players in the Minor League; but it was not a glamorous life for them, traveling and being away from their families. Pat recalls as a young boy hanging around the ballpark and helping with batting practice. He shagged batting practice homeruns. Equipped with a roll of dimes, he compensated other kids who out-raced him for baseballs.

After becoming a scout and director of the Phillies Farm System, Paul Owens was named the Phillies' General Manager in 1972. He fired the manager and

assumed his job to get a closer look at the last-place Phillies' on-field struggles. He returned to the front office and turned the Phillies into pennant contenders within three seasons.



Pat remembers being at the 1980 World Series in the family booth. He'll never forget the thrill of witnessing Tug McGraw throw the last strike of the final game, and celebrating in the clubhouse with the team. His dad managed the 1984 National League All Star team in San Francisco where he met Don Drysdale, Tommy LaSorda, George and Ken Brett, and sportscaster Harry Kalas.

Paul Owens remained with the Phillies as a senior advisor until his death, in 2003, at the age of 79. He designed the Paul Owens Complex at the Phillies spring training camp in Clearwater, Florida; which Pat and Karen visit every year. The family sports tradition has been carried on by Pat's children. His sons Geoff and Kevin, two years apart in age, are both 6'11". His older son Geoff graduated from the University

of Pennsylvania where he played basketball. After graduation, he played in the Euroleague (France) where Pat was able to watch him play. Geoff played briefly with the Cleveland Cavaliers; signing at the same time as Lebron James with whom he had played in a summer league, and who Pat describes

NBA Development League; and were known as "The Bruise Brothers". Both sons married college basketball players, one of whom was the all-time leading scorer in Ivy League and Big-5 history for both men and women! Pat's daugh-

Up Close with Pat

How long have you lived at Hershey's Mill? 3 1/2 years. Favorite place to travel? Skaneateles; in the Finger Lakes of New York. In what activities are you involved at Hershey's Mill? I enjoy playing golf; it is fun to challenge myself. Karen is head of the decorating committee for Kennett Village, and also paints scenery and backdrops for the HM Players. How did you come to Hershey's Mill? Karen's mom, who is in her 90s, lives in Berwyn; and there is other family in the area that we want to be close to. As a West Chester University graduate, Pat is familiar with this area. We looked at other places, but when we saw Hershey's Mill we loved it and decided to move here. Favorite local restaurants? The Marshalton Inn and Four Dogs Tavern.



ter Paulette also follows in her dad's footsteps as a guidance counselor. Paul Owens was very proud of his grandchildren and loved to go to their games; especially when Geoff played basketball at the Palestra.

Pat remained involved in sports for many years, coaching high school basketball, soccer, and softball; and refereeing soccer for 25 years. From his many years of coaching and being a guidance counselor, Pat feels that sports are a great outlet for kids and that they should try several different sports – not specializing too young.

It was wonderful to meet Pat and as a "great guy". Kevin graduated from Monmouth College and played in Australia. His sons were the only two brothers who ever played on the same team (The Roanoke Dazzle) in the

his lovely wife Karen. Pat has passed his dad's love of sports on to his children and grandchildren. Hopefully the Owens' sports dynasty will live on for a long time.

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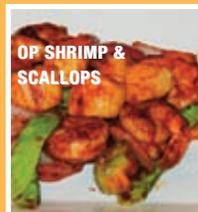
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Gay Barry | Quaker

Bienvenuti – welcome to Laguna Miramare in West Chester. According to one of the owners, Carolyn Lewis, it is true Mediterranean food – both pasta and seafood. Carolyn was born in Trieste, Italy, which is bordered by Slovenia. Hence the indigenous food is influenced by several cultures. Trieste is located on the northern most part of the Adriatic, with the city of Trieste at the head of the Gulf of Trieste. Since the 10-9th century BC, it has been inhabited and ruled by a multitude of governments and countries – until it was stabilized after World War II.

owner with Carolyn Lewis. The staff is small, so Carolyn is very much involved with serving patrons as well as preparing food tableside. It was entrancing to watch her prepare a whole fish; believe me, she can filet.

There is a very large mural of Miramare Castle in Trieste at the back of the restaurant – quite stunning. I really could not keep my eyes off it. The castle was built by Maximilian I, the Holy Roman

Laguna Miramare

In 1947 it was declared an independent state; then in 1975 it became a part of Italy.

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Emperor in the 15th century. Other appropriate art grace the walls as well. Laguna Miramare is located in the former Butterfish restaurant.

There are a number of starters from which to select. If you like Caesar salad, you may enjoy watching their version

be made table side (prepared for two). Others include octopus Laguna, fried calamari, steamed clams, artichokes, shrimp cocktail, and strawberry basil salad. Each is prepared with tasty ingredients to enhance flavor.

For an Italian restaurant, there are a number of fish dishes. As mentioned,

Trieste is located at the head waters of the Adriatic, so fish is a major part of the diet. Carolyn buys fish fresh every

I have no doubt that you will find one of your favorites among the pasta entrées; such as crabmeat *ravioloni* with lobster sauce; polenta *trevisana*, soppressata and Gruyère cheese (gluten free); chicken *cannelloni*; and spaghetti with baby shrimp (gluten free spaghetti).

There are also classic Italian favorites served with pasta; veal *saltimbocca*,



Photos courtesy of Laguna Miramare



day from the South Street Market, so there are days that items on the menu may be missing if they are not up to standards. Patrons can enjoy blackened tuna; grilled salmon filet with orange glaze; swordfish *Livornese*; jumbo lump crab cake that is baked and served over capellini; *scarpina* (sea bass, crab meat and asparagus orzotto); and others.

Side orders include parmesan asparagus, sautéed spinach, gorgonzola polenta, and pasta with tomato and butter. Any of these along with a salad could make a delicious light meal.

Pasta dishes are prepared in the true Northern Italian style. Light on the tomatoes with cream serving as the replacement. We had the rigatoni Bolognese, which was delicious; made with meat sauce, tomato cream and parmesan. *Yum!*

veal Milanese, chicken *fiorentina*, and chicken parmesan.

Several desserts are offered – that is, if you have room. Bananas Foster for two (prepared tableside), warm apple strudel, and gelato for example.

Carolyn also conducts cooking schools. If you love Limoncello, this is one of the dishes you will learn to prepare – as well as Tiramisu, pasta Chianti, and salad sauces. You can even select a dish you wish to learn.

Laguna Miramare is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 5pm to 10pm. Happily, it is a BYOB. *Bellissimo!*



Miramare is a combination of two words, *mira* (to gaze or to contemplate), and *mare* (the sea). Hence it means *seaview*. Laguna is a Spanish word for lagoon. I find the name of the restaurant to be lyrical.

The chef, Marco Gola, is Italian and has worked with food for 50 years. He is co-

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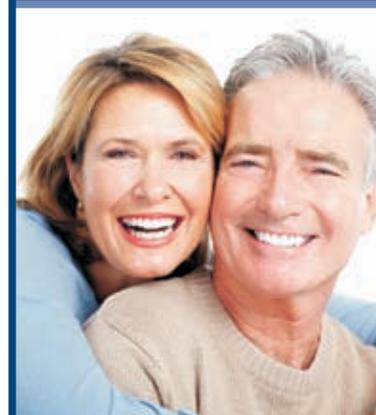
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Teresa Redcay | Club Manager

The Club is a great way to celebrate the Holidays! There are many holiday happenings here in the "Mill" and the Golf Club is a wonderful place to use for your celebrations.

During December, the Club offers three Sunday Brunches; these take place on December 6, 13 and 20. Though open to all, many villages take advantage of this to hold their annual holiday party and celebrate the season with neighbors.



Celebrating the Holidays at the Club

On Saturday, December 5, we have the annual Brunch with Santa event; a wonderful way to start your family holiday celebration by bringing the grandkids to have brunch with Santa and his elf.

The Holiday Dinner Buffet is to be held on Thursday, December 17. This is an ideal way to start your holiday festivities with friends and family. The monthly Steak Night held on Thursday, December 3 is also a great way to celebrate.

Then there's New Year's Eve Dinner & Dancing. The party is highlighted by a special dinner selection by Chef Steve, and great music for dancing and celebration by Howard the DJ.

As you can see, there are plenty of ways to celebrate the Holidays at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club. If not a member,

Photo by James Faunce of Oakmont

Golf Tip

This month, I will suggest that maybe, just maybe, it is actually the arrow and not the Indian. If you feel that could be the case, we'd love to help you get the right equipment here at the Hershey's Mill Golf Shop. We carry most major equipment manufacturers, as well as many popular clothing lines; includ-

ing items for the non-golfer. I'd also like to remind residents (and golf members) our policy on equipment pricing. We try to match, or beat, the lowest advertised price of any major retailer. If you have any questions, please come in and see our pros.

Matt Harvey, PGA

December Club Activities

- December 3 Steak House Night
- December 5 Brunch with Santa
- December 6, 13, 20 Sunday Brunch
- December 17 Holiday Dinner Buffet
- December 31 New Year's Eve Dinner & Dancing



contact Scott Martin at the Club for an introductory tour.

Also keep in mind that even though the Club is closed during January, as a member you can enjoy dinner at a number of other private clubs in the

area. You merely call to find what their reciprocal policy is, enjoy your dinner, and sign your check back to HMGC.

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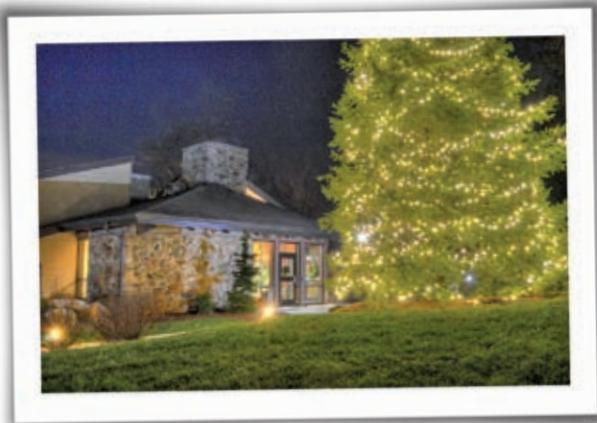


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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Patricia Thomas | Eaton

The Hershey's Mill Auxiliary of Paoli Hospital invites you to join its members on **Wednesday, December 2** at **7:30pm** for this annual ceremony in front of the HM Community Center. As the lights sparkle on the beautiful evergreen tree, the Covenant Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble will lead us in carol singing. The celebration will continue inside with more music and refreshments. We hope you will support Paoli Hospital and honor your loved ones by purchasing a light. In return, you will receive a star with the name of the person to be honored on it, which will be hung on a tree in the Community Center to be viewed throughout the holiday season. Lights are available



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HM SINGERS 2015 HOLIDAY CONCERT

Bonalyn Mosteller | Inverness

Ready to get into the holiday spirit? Allow the Hershey's Mill Singers to jump start your



holiday season by attending one of our two 2015 holiday concerts on either **Friday, December 4** at **7:30pm** or **Saturday, December 5** at **2pm**. Both concerts take place at **Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church**.



for a \$10 donation by calling Ann Harper at . They may also be purchased that evening. All

Don't miss this special program of holiday selections; which includes traditional Christmas songs as well as some you may not have heard before. Our resident men's quintet, The Millers, will again be with us. We will also feature solos and other instrumentals, as



hard to believe but it is that happy time of year already. As an aside, most of us would probably rather see lights glistening than the fluffy white stuff! But the magic of the holidays will abound in Sullivan House on **Sunday, December 6** from **1pm to 4pm**.

Come to enjoy the many, many festive decorations of Sullivan House; including our three spectacularly decorated holiday

Events pictured were selected from previous celebrations. Won't you join in the festivities and fun this year?

well as a carol sing-along! The concert is free but donations are appreciated to help us defray costs. The church has a huge sanctuary, so we will have plenty of seats for everyone. The parking lot can also easily accommodate all cars.

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SULLIVAN HOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Gay Barry | Quaker

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening, in the lane, snow is glistening; what a beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, walking in a Winter Wonderland." It's



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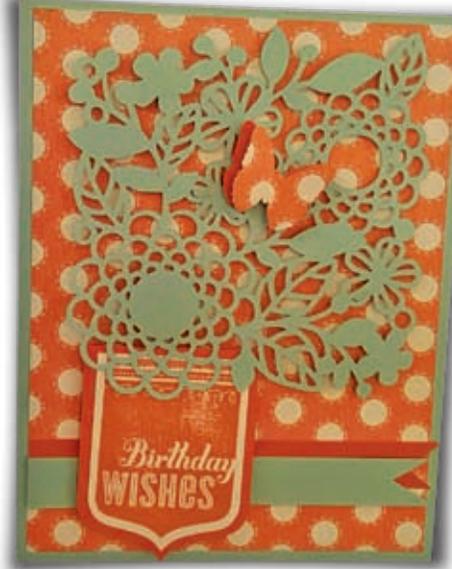
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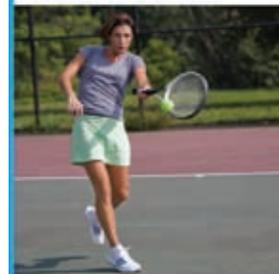


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Webb - "Band of Brothers" Concert - Part 2 The concert features 1950's rock 'n roll and rockabilly, and classic rock from the '60s and '70s.	10:15 am	4:15 pm	7:15 pm	12:15 am
Holiday Customs and Decorations - Part 1 <i>With Demi Neilson</i> Watch and learn about different customs and decorating designs for this holiday season from Sheila Kanter and Hope Hoffman.	10:30 am	4:30 pm	7:30 pm	12:30 am
Holiday Customs and Decorations - Part 2 <i>With Demi Neilson</i> More ideas on decorating for the holidays. Try making your own version of what is shown.	10:45 am	4:45 pm	7:45 pm	12:45 am

Movies Noon and 8:30pm	December 1-7 The Scarlet and the Black (PG-13) <i>Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer</i> The true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty's efforts to save Allied POWs and downed Allied Airmen as the Nazis invade Rome. [Run time 2h 23m]		
	December 8-15 Harold and Maude (PG) <i>Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon</i> Death obsessed 19 year old falls in love with an eccentric free spirit sixty years his senior. [Run time 1h 31m]		

Bulletin Board	1:00am-10:00am	11:00am-Noon	Following the movie until 4:00pm
	5:00pm-7:00pm	8:00pm-8:30pm	Following the movie until Midnight

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"Model A" Ford Truck Scratch Built - Part 1 <i>With Don Evons</i> Don discusses with Ben Giralico the process and shows pictures of building his "Model A" Ford truck from scratch, starting with a rusty chassis and using mostly original parts.	10:00 am	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	12 am
"Model A" Ford Truck Scratch Built - Part 2 <i>With Don Evons</i> Don and Ben continue their discussion of putting together the truck. You won't be able to wait to see this great finished truck!	10:15 am	4:15 pm	7:15 pm	12:15 am
Travels with Kay, Unveiling Iran - Part 1 <i>With Kay Ricker</i> Can you visit Iran? Jane Kline did. Kay interviews Jane about her recent vacation group trip to see many beautiful sites in Iran.	10:30 am	4:30 pm	7:30 pm	12:30 am
Travels with Kay, Unveiling Iran - Part 2 <i>With Kay Ricker</i> Kay continues her discussion with Jane Kline about the beautiful architecture in Iran, and her group's interaction with the people.	10:45 am	4:45 pm	7:45 pm	12:45 am

Movies Noon and 8:30pm	December 16-23 Milk Money (PG-13) <i>Melanie Griffith and Ed Harris</i> A boy and his pals pool their money and head to the big city, aiming to get a close-up look at a hooker. [Run time 1h 48m]		
	December 24-31 In Her Shoes (PG-13) <i>Cameron Diaz and Shirley MacLaine</i> Flirty, flaky, party girl Maggie and plain, dependable lawyer Rose are sisters and bitter rivals who seem to have nothing in common but size 8 1/2 feet and some family secrets. [Run time 2h 10m]		

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APPLE MAC CONNECTION

Carol Campanelli | Ulster

There will **not** be a Newer Users Group meeting at the Community Center on December 26. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 23**.

Mark your calendars for the first Main Line Macintosh Users Group meeting to be held in the HM Community Center. Because of renovations going on at Good Samaritan Church in Paoli, the main Mac group, which meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, will be changing its venue for the next several months; and will meet here in the Mill on **January 9** and **February 13**. There is no charge and all are welcome. The main presentations for the 10:30am segments have not yet been announced, but the three special interest groups (SIGs) (which meet from 9:05am to 10:05am) will meet on the main floor and upstairs in the Ardmore and Malvern rooms. The usual meeting schedule is:

- 9:05am to 10:05am. Three SIGs convene in separate rooms.
- Newer Users. Covers the most basic questions about Mac/iDevices and how to use them.
- Multimedia. Discussion of using Mac/iDevices for photo, video, audio, and print media.

- Mac OS and iOS. Beyond the basics discussion of Apples current operating systems, using your Macs and iDevices, and various applications. Includes a Q&A period.
- 10:05am to 10:15am. Break.
- 10:15am to 10:30am. Club welcome and business.
- 10:30am to 11:50am. Main presentation (by a member or guest speaker).
- 11:50am to noon. Raffle and silent auctions.



BILLIARDS

Joe Silio | Eaton

Join us for "Billiards for Beginners" to learn the basics in a casual and social atmosphere. Meets in the Community Center's Billiards

Room at **1pm on Friday, December 4, 11 and 18**. This is an opportunity to pass an afternoon with friends and learn something new. For more information, please call me at

BOOK CLUB

Anne McAssey | Merrifield
Audene Paulson | Eaton

For Whom the Bell Tolls
by Ernest Hemingway

The story of Robert Jordan, an American fighting with anti-fascist guerillas

in the mountains of Spain. It tells of loyalty and courage, love and defeat, and the tragic death of an ideal. One of the best war novels of all time. Join us to discuss this classic at **2pm on Thursday, December 10**, at Sullivan House.

BOOK CLUB (BABY BOOMERS)

Mary Kay Hagerty | Heatherton

Baby Boomers Book Club members met author Lisa Scottoline, and her daughter Francesca Serritella, at her annual Book Club Party on October 3rd.

(From left) Edie Egan, Francesca Serritella, Christy Herschel, Diana Smyrl, Maggie Weaver, Lisa Scottoline, Susan Johnson, Agnes O'Leary, and Barbara Vogelweid.



COMPUTER CLUB

Don Trauger | Kennett

You are invited to join us at the PC Computer Club meeting on **Tuesday, December 8** at **7pm** in the Ardmore Room of the Community Center. There is a new topic discussed each month as well as a question and answer segment. Bring your questions and we will do our best to get you answers.

REMEDIES FOR WELLNESS

Anita Weeks | Kennett

Nineteen remedies are given so residents can gain control of their health. In my opinion, doctors fix problems but the cause stays unless the mind of the

patient takes care to do the diagnosis and find a remedy to heal themselves. I believe that my course enables anyone to heal stress symptoms and start wellness habits.

This month we are learning meditation and ways to combat "chattering of the mind." Following that are remedies that I believe provide prevention of disease and immunity from infection. Call me at for more information.

TREDYFFRIN #3 QUESTERS

Edna Reese | Brighton

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek (Muscogee) Indians and not a body of water? Join our Questers in private homes in Hershey's Mill to experience history in a fun and social environment.

We meet at **10am** on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month and have interesting speakers throughout the year who keep us well informed on antiques, preservation and education. We also visit historic landmarks periodically. Won't you join us? Please contact me at for more information.

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HM LIBRARY NEWS

Donna Spoto | Ulster

The Library Board wishes all our library volunteers and HM residents a wonderful holiday season.

As the holidays approach and many residents prepare to leave for warmer climates, remember that our library has books for sale throughout the year. Many have been weeded from our shelves to make room for new acquisitions. You might purchase one from our cart for your trip. The library board has some suggestions for your reading pleasure. These suggestions are on the shelf to your left as you enter the library. CD's and books on tape are also available for your trip.

If you are a resident, or know a resident, that would like books brought to their home, please contact Becky Bell at _____ for more information.

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NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Peggy McReynolds | Yardley Librarian

Alphabetical by Author

Brady, John – *Frank & Ava*

Brooks, David – *Road to Character*

Brooks, Geraldine – *Secret Chord*

Brunkhorst, Alex – *Gilded Life of Matilda Duplaine*

Clark, Clare – *We That Are Left*

Connolly, John – *Song of Shadows*

Cullen, Lynn – *Twain's End*

Dodd, Christina – *Obsession Falls*

Doerr, Anthony – *All The Light We Cannot See*

Ferguson, Niall – *Kissinger*

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Flynn, Vince – *Survivor*

Francis, Felix – *Front Runner*

Gilbert, Elizabeth – *Big Magic*

House, Henna – *Nomi Eve*

James, Peter – *You Are Dead*

Karon, Jan – *Come Rain or Come Shine*

Kennedy, Patrick J. – *Common Struggle*

Larson, Kate Clifford – *Rosemary*

Longworth, M. L. – *Mystery of the Lost Cezanne*

Mayor, Archer – *Company She Kept*

Mills, Kyle – *Patriot Attack*

Moyes, Jojo – *After You*

O'Reilly, Bill – *Killing Reagan*

Patterson, James – *Murder House*

Rosenberg, Alex – *Girl From Krakow*

Slaughter, Karen – *Pretty Girls*

Taylor, Patrick – *Irish Doctor In Love and At Sea*

Theroux, Paul – *Deep South*

Trigiani, Adriana – *All the Stars in the Heavens*

Ward, Sarah – *In Bitter Chill*

Wink, Jay – *1994*

The old man was peering intently at the shelves. "I'll have to admit that he's a very competent scholar." "Isn't he just a librarian?" Garion asked, "somebody who looks after books?" "That's where all the rest of scholarship starts, Garion. All the books in the world won't help you if they're just piled up in a heap."

– David Eddings

Don Trauger | Kennett

When you purchase a new Windows 10 computer, or chose to upgrade your Windows 7 or 8 computer, you may want to personalize it. This is something to consider after you have configured more important things like your email and the homepage of your browser.

The Lock screen can display either Windows Spotlight, a Picture, or a Slide Show. It's a screen that will pop up before the login screen. Windows Spotlight allows you to provide feedback about the screen. I saw no effect with the Windows Spotlight setting. Click "on" for fun facts, tips, and tricks; although I have seen little if any noti-



Personalizing your computer is easy. Click the white icon in the lower left corner of the screen, then click Settings just above it. When the Settings window opens, click Personalization. When it opens, you can select a background picture from either Microsoft's selections or a picture of yours from the Pictures folder. Below, under Choose a fit, "Fill" is probably your best choice.

Next, click Colors. I suggest that you turn off "Show color on Start, Taskbar, and Action Center". The other 2 selections should be turned on.

fications. Under "Choose an app for detailed status" and "Choose Apps to show quick status" you will supposedly place icons for your selected apps on the Lock screen when you boot. I found that this did not work; it looks like Microsoft has some work to do on the above. Scrolling down, you will see "Screen timeout settings" and "Screen saver settings". Click "Screen timeout settings" and choose 5 minutes for battery operation and 10 minutes when plugged in. A screen saver setting should not be used for

modern computers. I see no purpose to the Lock screen. You can turn it off by going into the Control Panel, click Power Options, click "Choose what the power button does", then click "Change settings that are currently unavailable". Scroll down and uncheck Lock, then click Save changes.

One last tweak is to bypass the need to log in to your computer. You created a login when you created a Microsoft account. It serves no security purpose other than to keep other family members from using your computer without your knowledge.

Personalize a Windows 10 PC

Click Themes, then Theme settings, and choose one of the Windows default themes; or stay with the existing theme shown in the My Themes space. I suggest that you avoid all the High Contrast Themes.

Click Start, and I recommend the following to be turned on: "Occasionally show suggestions in Start", "Show most used apps", "Show recently added apps", and "Show recently opened items in jump lists on Start or the Taskbar". I recommend "Use Start full screen" be turned off.

The last of these items to personalize is to click "Choose which folders appear on Start". These are folders you may frequently use, and they can be made accessible in the Start Menu. Recommendations are File Explorer (file manager program), Settings, Documents, Downloads, Pictures, Music, and possibly others of your choice.

To eliminate the need to log in, right click the white icon in the lower left corner of the screen, then click Run. Type "netplwiz" (no quotes). Uncheck "Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer". Click Apply, then fill in your password in both fields. Click OK, then click OK again.



The PC Club is open to all regardless of experience. If you have questions, join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm, upstairs in the Community Center. We'll cover Windows 10 Personalization at our December 15 meeting.

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Charlie Gentile | Yardley
HMSG President

Christmas is upon us, and the question that always comes up is "what do I get the person who has everything?" Especially since when we want or need something, we usually buy it! Well, HMSG friends, read on for ideas.

My first suggestion is to get serious and join the association of your sport – it's a great way to show support. Four that make sense for HMSG members are:

United States Tennis Association: Membership is \$44 per year. Play at your best in local leagues and matches. Rank yourself, and play everywhere and anywhere with those



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- Pickleball (indoor)** - Open play at ACAC, YMCA, Concord, Garnet Valley (www.gherkins.org), and United Sports in Downingtown. Call venues for days and times.
- Skiing (as soon as there's snow)** - Thursdays at "Blue". Depart at 7:30am and be back by 5pm. Free for those age 70+! Contact Don Evons for more information.

at a similar level. Receive *Tennis* magazine every month. Get discounted priority seating at events, save on US Open merchandise, attend sports

camp and resorts, and travel to the great world tournaments. *What a deal.*

United States Pickleball Association: Membership is \$25 per year. Benefits include up-to-date rules, a list of sanctioned tournaments, USAPA T-shirt, medical insurance option, partner search, monthly newsletter, and more.

American Platform Tennis Association: This non-profit organization governs the sport for its 13,500 members. They sponsor 180 tournaments; including 26 National Championships. Members receive official rules and etiquette, as well as *Platform Tennis Magazine*.

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United States Bocce Federation: This non-profit organization was founded in 1977 to promote the sport and lobby for inclusion as an Olympic sport. It sponsors local tournaments, as well as clinics for beginners of all ages.

A few other suggestions for Christmas gifts you might consider are:

- **Paddle Gloves.** These special gloves give you a secure grip and keep your hands warm.
- **New paddle or racquet.** The *Guide and Digest* Classifieds section is a great place to start your search.
- **New tennis racquet strings.** If you are thinking "my strings last forever" or "the last time I had my racquet restrung was years ago" your play is probably negatively affected! My rule



Gift Ideas for HMSG Members

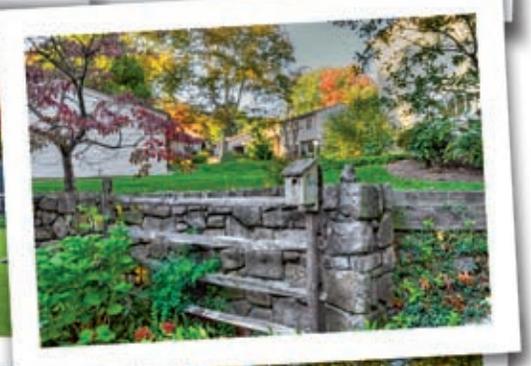
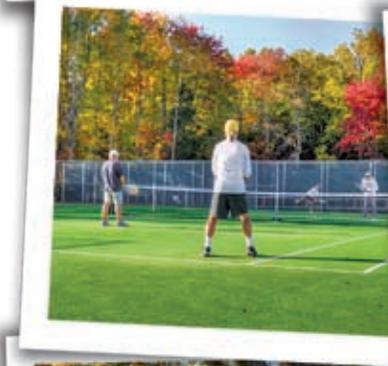
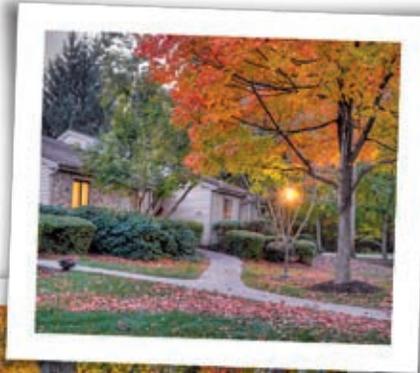
- **Trip to Family Circle.** The best women in the world are there in Charleston, South Carolina; and the city is outstanding. This is the stepping stone for the season, and you can meet and socialize with the ladies.
- **Trip to U.S. Open.** New York City is as close as it gets to us, and this is the last of the grand slam events. Sometimes Hershey's Mill has a bus trip there; if not, there are many other local clubs that usually do.

- **Subscription to a sports magazine.**
 - **Book(s).** A suggestion is *The Inner Game of Tennis* by W. Timothy Gallwey. This has been, and still is, the undisputed bible of mental tennis since 1974. Topics include: use of the mind/body connection to trust yourself on the court; find relaxed concentration so you can play your best; focus to overcome nervousness and self-doubt; and practice "smart" then use it in a match. It's all there.
- Email me questions and/or ideas about HMSG at
- If you would like to receive up-to-date information about all that is going on within the HMSG, email Don Evons at don@hersheymill.org to be added to our email distribution.
- **Join a fitness club.** Some even have specials around this time. We expect to survey five local fitness clubs in the January 2016 *Guide and Digest*.
 - **A week at tennis camp.** There are camps at several local colleges such as Swarthmore.
 - **Trip to Wimbledon.** London is a wonderful place to visit, with lots to do besides the tennis.
 - **Trip to Indian Wells.** The desert in winter is spectacular, and best players in the world are all there.

Hershey's Mill Community-TV

As a chilly wind whistles through the branches, and the last stubborn leaves head toward the ground, we take a look back at the beauty that was autumn in Hershey's Mill. The colors also remind us it's time to wish our friends, neighbors, and community a joyous and safe holiday season. We look forward to beginning a new year; with a special thanks to the HMC-TV volunteers who make the *Guide and Digest* possible

(see the Publisher section), and to all HM residents who contribute throughout the year – we couldn't do it without you. Now on to the beauty of winter!



Joe Kennedy | Princeton

For the many soldiers of the Continental Army encamped at Valley Forge, the Christmas of 1777 was hardly festive.

On December 19, General George Washington had led a defeated army of 11,000 men into winter quarters. Only 8,200 of the men were fit for duty. The weather was abnormally cold, and there was already heavy snow. The army was short of food and medi-



cal supplies, and the men were poorly clad and shod for winter

weather. Because of these conditions, Washington feared a possible mutiny within the army. He appealed to the Congress for needed supplies.

“I do not know from what causes this alarming deficiency or rather total failure of supplies arises,” wrote Washington, as quoted in Benson Bobrick’s *Angel in the Whirl-*

wind (1977), “but unless more vigorous exertions take place immediately, the army must dissolve.”

At the time, according to historian Bobrick, relations between Washington and Congress



force the British out of Philadelphia, Washington was once again defeated at Germantown. After this defeat, Wash-

were strained. After Washington’s defeat at Brandywine in September, the Congress was forced to flee Philadelphia to York, Pennsylvania. Then in October, in an effort to

ington moved his army to Whitemarsh where he tried in vain to draw the British into an open battle. This was the road that led the army to Valley Forge.

Valley Forge, then a small agricultural community, is about 22 miles northwest of Philadelphia on the banks of the Schuylkill. When the troops arrived, there was neither shelter nor defensive fortifications. The soldiers

Christmas at Valley Forge

would have to build both in winter conditions, and to establish a system for finding

and distributing adequate supplies of food and water.

“We arrived at Valley Forge in the dark; there was not water to be found and I was perishing with thirst,” writes Joseph Plumb Martin in his book *Private Yankee Doodle: Being a Narrative of Some of the Adventures ... of a Revolutionary Soldier* (1830). “Fatigue and thirst joined with hunger almost made me desperate.”



The British had burned the local sawmill, so there was no timber for building. With axes, the soldiers stripped the wooded areas of logs; and then they built huts, using mud or clay to fill the cracks. These shelters were 16 feet long, 14 feet wide and about 6 feet high. Each had tiered bunks, a smoky fireplace, and straw on the earthen floor. Washington and senior officers fared much better in stone farm houses with sound fireplaces.

Two days before Christmas, according to historian Robert Leckie’s

book *George Washington’s War* (1992), soldiers and officers were reduced to eating fire cakes and water. A fire cake was made of a flour paste cooked on hot stones. In theory, a soldier’s daily rations – as fixed by Congress – “included a pound and a half of bread, a pound of meat or fish, a gill of whiskey or spirits with an occasional half pint

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of peas or beans,” notes historian Noel F. Busch in his book *Winter Quarters: George Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge* (1974). Yet on Christmas Day at Valley Forge, Army “foragers were only able to find just enough mutton and rum to go round in small quantities.”

The food shortage would continue through February 1778. Inside the soldiers’ huts, there were chants of rebellion: “No pay! No clothes! No provisions! No rum!” Roughly 2,500 soldiers would die. About 1,000 would desert. Yet the Army endured.



Even Washington had to persevere through a conspiracy in the Congress to replace him as leader of the Army. Still, the hard-core veterans of the Continental Army remained personally loyal to Washington, who had their unflinching trust.

There was no major fighting at Valley Forge, just some small unit skirmishes on the fringes. Nearly all deaths were from hunger or illness. By early spring, the food supply had improved; and new tactical training was instituted.

And in June 1778, Washington led a stronger, better-trained Army with high morale out of Valley Forge to successfully battle against the British Empire.

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RECIPES

It's cookie exchange time – our favorite time of the year! As much as we love snickerdoodle, chocolate chip, and sugar cookies, there is one cookie that never fails to elicit “oohs and aahs” from everyone; and bellies are equally impressed. The Macaron is nothing like the chewy, coconut Macaroon (although we love those too). This is a simple cookie, but does require precision to master; and skill with a piping bag helps (but a moistened fingertip can help with roughness). Once you have the basics down, variations abound. If you want advice on a flavor, we love to taste test!

French Macarons

The basic, and very delicious, version. See variations for flavors and fillings as pictured. Makes about 35. Temperature is important, so an oven thermometer is strongly recommended.

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- ¾ cup almond flour
- 2 large egg whites (room temperature)
- ⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¼ cup superfine sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. Sift confectioners' sugar and almond flour into a bowl, and whisk until combined. With a mixer, whisk egg white on medium speed until foamy, then add cream of tartar and whisk until soft peaks form. Reduce speed and add superfine sugar, then increase to high and whisk until stiff peaks form. Sift flour mixture over whites and fold gently until batter is smooth and shiny. Using a pastry bag (with a ½" round tip), pipe ¾" rounds 1" apart on parchment-lined baking sheets; do not form peaks. Tap sheets firmly on counter to dislodge any trapped air underneath rounds, and let sit for 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 325°F, and bake one sheet at a time, rotating halfway through, until crisp and firm (~10 minutes). Between sheets, increase oven to 375°F for 5 minutes, then repeat above. Let cool on sheet for 2-3 minutes, then transfer macarons to a rack. Sandwich macarons with filling of your choice.



Variations pictured above:

Chocolate/Peanut: Substitute 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder for ¼ cup almond flour. Fill with a mixture of honey, peanut butter, cocoa powder and milk; or chocolate ganache.

Raspberry: Add 1 tablespoon seedless raspberry jam and 2 drops red gel coloring. Fill with seedless raspberry jam.

Vanilla/Coconut: Add ½ teaspoon vanilla extract. Fill with buttercream frosting mixed with finely ground coconut.



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