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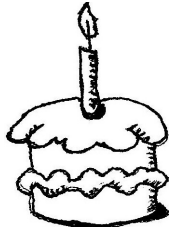
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Celebrate



CELEBRATE is the word that comes to mind as we prepare this **First Anniversary** issue! We are pleased the newsletter has grown in many ways. The content and variety have increased, the number of people who stepped forward with contributions or suggestions has been gratifying, and most of all our newsletter staff has increased. Our associate editors, **Carol** and **Jim Ellis**, have been major contributors from the start. **Becky** and **Bob Bell** have joined as feature editors, and **Wilbur Amand** has shared his expertise on pet care. Thank you all!



In addition to our usual features, we have special photo coverage of village events and include fascinating interviews with Dave Cordivari and Cliff Long.

Speaking of celebration, the Ladies Luncheon was a great event enthusiastically enjoyed by the many attendees. The Holiday party was another joyful opportunity to enjoy village sociability.

We send Best Wishes and Good Cheer for the coming year.

Barbara and George Colby

From the Village President

Thank you for your interest, questions, and involvement in the affairs of Inverness Village throughout 2010. To have the pulse of the community makes decision making much easier for the entire council.

The implementation of Option "A" for the Hershey's Mill Community Center (AKA- Winfield Hall) is moving forward with a committee of 8 citizens of the overall community meeting to determine the direction and speed for repairs. **Jack Gaskill** of 768 Inverness Dr. is one of the committee members who will be preparing the projects and recommendations to be voted on by the 23 sitting Village Presidents. The first vote will take place on January 6, 2011, to approve the architect and the engineer unanimously agreed to by the committee to oversee the project. More on this in the April newsletter.

PHONES MAY NOT BE TURNED OFF FOR ANY REASON IN INVERNESS VILLAGE. The hard wired phone in each house is the fire and panic alarm connection for guardhouse notification in case of these emergencies. During the recent alarm inspection, several of these situations were discovered.

President's letter continued on page 2
with important information

On December 7th approximately 45 village residents braved the cold to enjoy a lively social hour prior to the formal meeting which convened at 7:30. Following the Treasurer's report **Boyd Mackleer** acknowledged the passing of several villagers during this fall. He then commented briefly on the budget for the coming year, a copy of which had been mailed to each home.

Jeff Bevan, our managing agent, discussed issues raised during the recent alarm system test (see comment on phones in the President's letter.)

During the Open Forum, Boyd noted that we continue to build up our reserve fund to reduce the impact of future maintenance. **Larry Higgins** pointed out that exterior painting will likely be required within the next few years.

Boyd acknowledged the efforts of committee chairs who are resigning and thanked them for their service. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



The Village Council (left to right)
Front: **Barbara Atmore, Janet Emanuel**
Back: **Tom Delaney, Boyd Mackleer, Larry Higgins.**

President's Letter continued

Page 11 Section 5 of the Rules and Regulations states: "DOMESTIC PETS MUST BE ON A HAND-HELD LEASH AT ALL TIMES WHEN OUTSIDE THE HOUSE. RESIDENTS AND/OR THEIR GUESTS MAY NOT TIE A DOG OUTSIDE ON A LEASH OR CHAIN. ALL SOLID WASTE MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY AND DISPOSED OF IN A SEALED SUITABLE CONTAINER IN THE PET OWNER'S DESIGNATED WASTE CONTAINER.

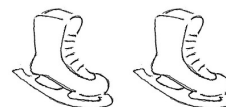
Please adhere to these regulations at all times for the comfort, health and safety of all members of the Inverness community and our guests.

Maynard Krug has decided to pass the baton of Architectural Chairperson to **Jack Gaskill** effective January 1, 2011. Maynard has been a diligent watchful eye for maintaining village standards since moving into the community in 1998. This president and council salute him on a job well done.

Joanne O'Connor capped her stint as Social Committee Chairperson with a wonderful Holiday party in December and is being replaced by a three person team consisting of **Marge Brolly** (#777), **Carol Ellis** (#697), and **Judy Klanderma** (#773). Thank you Joanne for your fine leadership.

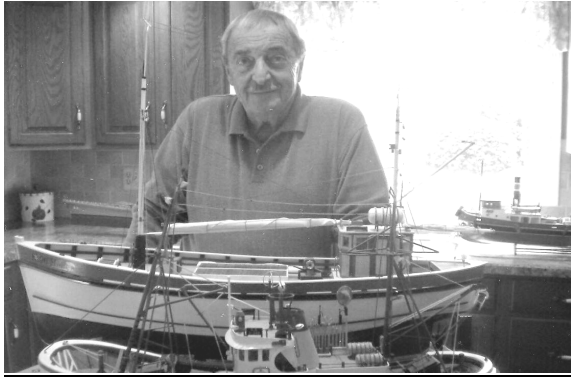
Everyone have a great winter! Be safe and enjoy life whether here in the Mill or some sunny climate elsewhere.

BOYD MACKLEER (#698)



FEATURED CRAFTSMAN

David Cordivari



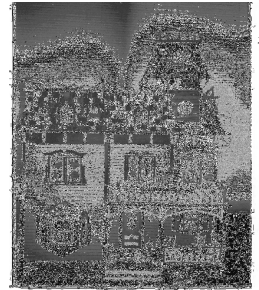
David and his wife, Rita, moved to our village (#776) from Philadelphia 23 years ago. David shared a story that his interest in model building began when he was a young boy building balsa wood airplanes. David retired as a Police Captain following a 37-year career in law enforcement for the City of Philadelphia.

David is shown here with two fishing boat models constructed from kits which he orders from a Florida company. Although he works from kits, he explained that "they only contain a lot of wood," and it is up to the builder to supply the paint and make the number of intricate pieces to complete the models which range in size from 24 inches to approximately 4 feet.

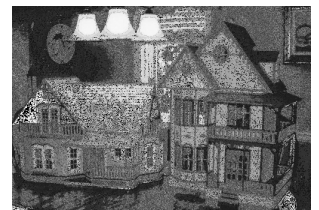


David tells a wonderful story of building his first dollhouse 20 years ago as a 40th birthday surprise for his eldest daughter. He worked for two months completing this detailed dollhouse

shown here and says proudly "that it was built with all of his heart." He has built approximately 20 dollhouses and says that he sometimes works 2-4 hours a day and several weeks to complete one "house." He starts with a kit purchased from a supplier in Georgia and, on occasion, from A.C. Moore. The houses are built as a contractor would, from the ground up. The color schemes are the choice of the builder as is the extent of interior detail and finish, i.e., wallpaper, trim, and floor coverings, etc.; all are part of the builder's responsibility to provide.



Over the years, in addition to having presented a dollhouse to each of his five grandnieces, he has donated houses to the Convent at Immaculata University, St. Edmund's School for Children, and S.S. Peter and Paul Catholic School as a gesture to aid their respective fund raising events. In the past he has displayed examples of his dollhouses and boats at Hobbytown, USA in West Chester.



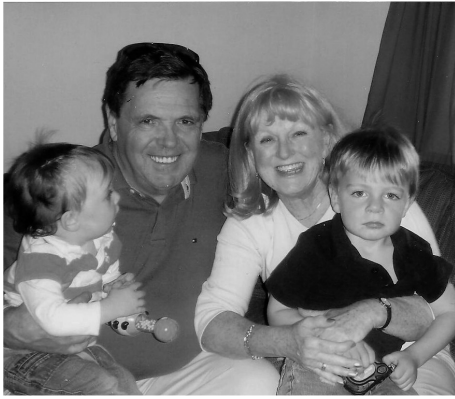
David currently concentrates his time, interest and energy on building and personalizing his dollhouses and boats and in his words, "passionately doing what he enjoys."



Becky Bell

Photos: **Bob Bell & David Cordivari**

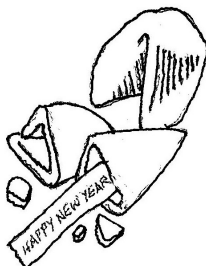
Getting To Know You



Originally from West Chester, **Jim and Ronnie Backes (#748)** moved to Florida for fifteen years and then returned to Devonshire Village, where they lived for the past two years. In November, they joined us here in Inverness.

The Backes have just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the Bahamas. They have seven children and fifteen grandchildren. They share their home with Joey, a Shih Tzu, and Quincey, a Cockapoo. Jim is a pianist on the recreation staff at Wellington Senior Center, and Ronnie is a RN clinical manager with Bayada Nurses Home-care.

Ronnie loves reading, being outside, walking, crossword puzzles, and sewing. They "like the open spaces and sense of 'country living' in the middle of everything we need" in Hershey's Mill. Jim enjoys movies, sports, and politics. They both enjoy music.

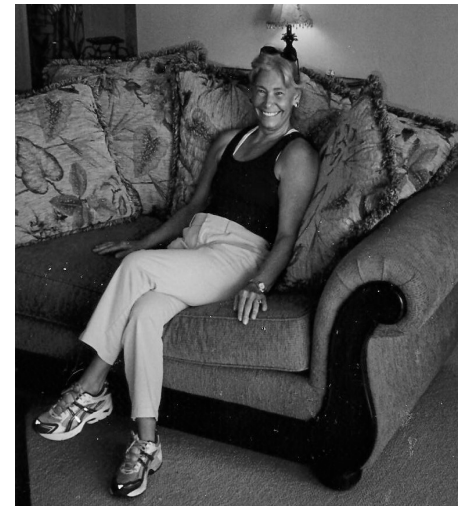


Getting To Know You

Nanette (Nan) Ianelli (#780)

has moved to Hershey's Mill from Bucks County to be near her two sons and new granddaughter.

Nan says she is now "a Mom-Mom and I'm thrilled to have a granddaughter."



Nan is retired after working in a number of positions over the years. She decided to move to Hershey's Mill because she wanted a smaller house in a private and safe community. She says that she's very happy with the choice she made.

Being one of six children, Nan has found her family expanding over the years. She now has 12 nieces and nephews, who are a big part of her life. She also enjoys water aerobics, yoga, walking, and reading. She is looking forward to participating in activities at Hershey's Mill.

(Both bios by **Carol Ellis**)

Directory Update

Nanette (Nan) Ianelli (#780)
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Jim and Ronnie Backes (#748)
610-696-1474

LADIES LUNCHEON

The Inverness Ladies's Luncheon was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on a mild and sunny November 13th. The 15th annual luncheon, hosted by **Rita Cordivari**, **Doris Harry** and **Trudi Roderick**, started at 12 o'clock with a social time, followed by the luncheon at 12:30. The 47 guests were seated at tables of eight decorated with seasonal dried flower arrangements made by Trudi Roderick.

The luncheon began with mushroom soup accompanied by rolls and butter. The entree selections were cobb salad, marina melts, or the duo wrap platter of roast beef and turkey. Dessert was a luscious chocolate mousse with raspberry sauce and a pirouette, followed by coffee and tea.

Doris Harry welcomed everyone and introduced the new residents in Inverness. She then asked the original residents to stand. Eight original Inverness residents were recognized. Doris then thanked her fellow hostesses for their contributions: Trudi for the centerpieces, Rita for the reservations and nametags, and **Roz Baker** for the invitations.

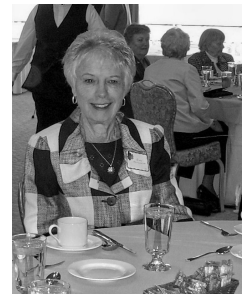
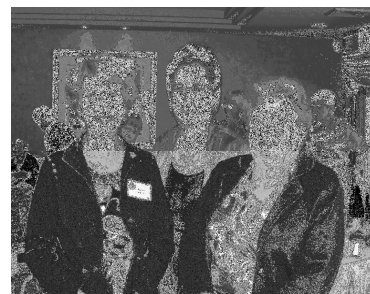
The 50-50 was announced and six cash awards given. A final award was the beautiful centerpiece from each table. Winners were those who had stickers on the bottoms of their cups. **Alma Delaney** reminded everyone of the tree lighting to be held at Winfield Hall, and Doris ended the luncheon with a joke - her trademark.

As they left the luncheon, the Inverness ladies complimented the hostesses over and over and said they look forward to the luncheon each year.

Carol Ellis

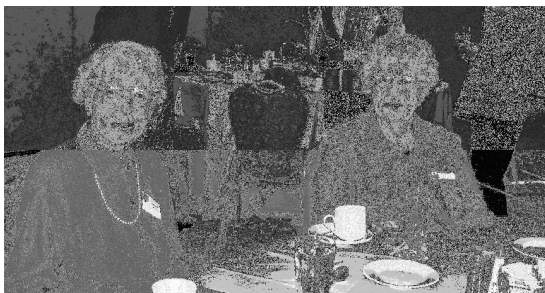


Doris Harry, center, with committee members Roz Baker, left, and Rita Cordivari, right. Other photos of the event follow.



(Photos continued on next page)

Photos: **George Colby**



Around The Village

We have received word that **Trudi Roderick's** (#701) daughter contributed the scarecrow decorations which greeted one and all for the fall/Halloween season. Many thanks to her for bringing the Spirits to our village.

We also learned that **Judy Mackleer** (#698) has become a Greatgrandmother! Lilah Grace was born September 23 at 7 lb. 6 oz.

The daughter of **Bob Forrest** (#758) has e-mailed us from Middlebury Vermont where she lives to say that he has relocated to an apartment at The Lodge at Otter Creek in Middlebury, Vermont, where he enjoys the facility's excursions and events. Allyson writes that Bob wants us to know that he and Jean loved everything about living here and cherished their many friendships within the Inverness "family."

In Memoriam

John H. "Jack" Voigt

October 11, 2010

Patricia "Pat" Dawson

November 13, 2010

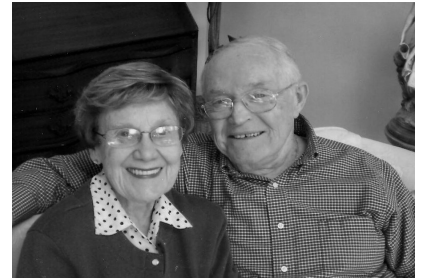
Robert "Bob" Galbusera Jr.

November 14, 2010

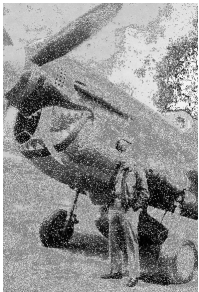
Frank Roia

November 28, 2010

Clifford R. Long and his wife, **Shirley**, have lived in our village (#702) since 2003. We wish to share his service experiences as a Flying Tiger during World War II.



Born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Cliff always wanted to be a pilot and flew in his first plane during his pilot training program in Florida. He took a test for the United States Army Air Corp Aviation Cadet Program in 1942 and was accepted at the age of 17, although he was not called to active duty until after his 18th birthday in March 1943. Cliff trained as a single engine pilot and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He received combat training in the P-47 Thunderbolt (carrying 8 50-caliber machine guns) and he was also selected to fly the P-40 Warhawk fighter. The P-40 is recognized by the red mouth, flashing teeth and eye of the tiger shark painted on the nose of this fighter plane.



After completing advanced flight school in Florida in 1944, Lt. Cliff Long reported to Landi Field, Karachi, India, and was assigned to the Fourteenth Air Force, Flying Tigers, under the command of Major General Claire L. Chennault. Their mission was to support the Chinese and American troops in reopening the Burma Road. Supply to China was non-existent at that time due to the blockage of the Burma Road and all seaports by the Japanese. History refers to this mission as the "Salween River" campaign. As a young pilot, Lt. Long flew 104 combat missions, both in the P-40 Warhawk and P-51 Mustang while he was stationed at Yunnanyi and at Paoshan. He talked about the additional stress during this time as he flew as many as four missions on some days.

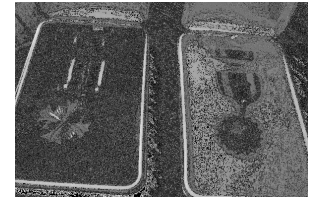
Cliff (see photo) is seen wearing his helmet with a shattered right goggle lens – a result of being targeted by two Japanese fighters during a "dog fight" (an aerial battle between fighter planes) south of Tenchung. His plane was hit by a "solid burst of gunfire" and was rolling out of control, Lt. Long decided that bailing out was more dangerous than choosing to crash land the plane at 180 MPH. He was able to walk away from the crash site but the P-40 was totally destroyed. Cliff said that this photo should be named "THAT CLOSE."



Cliff recalls, with vivid detail, his experiences in dive bombing, low level bombing, and strafing missions in support of ground troops along the Burma Road. He was one of the youngest pilots (age 19) in the 25th Fighter Squadron, yet he served as a Flight Leader for approximately half of the 104 combat missions. The Flying Tigers were successful in their mission to push the Japanese out of China and to reopen the Burma Road; this allowed for overland transport of supplies again to China. (The photo shows Cliff's plane in a rocket attack on a Japanese headquarters.

Cliff was awarded multiple medals of honor following World War II including: the

Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the China War Memorial Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three battle stars. He explained that the Oak Leaf Cluster shown on the medal ribbon indicates a second medal awarded.



Cliff returned to Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1945 and remained in the active reserves; he returned to classes and received his high school diploma before attending Pennsylvania State College. Going to classes now was certainly different than flying combat missions in China! As a reserve pilot, Cliff flew on required weekends and was "separated from military duty" after 15 years (combined active and reserve duty). Cliff joined Gulf Oil Corporation, worked in Maryland and Pennsylvania in management, and retired after 35 years with Gulf Oil. Cliff remains a member of the Fourteenth Air Force Association, Flying Tigers, and he tells of his involvement through the years as an active participant in travels, meetings, and as President for a two-year term from 2000-2002.

In 1994, the Fourteenth Air Force veterans and their wives were invited guests of the Chinese Air Force at Taiwan; Cliff and Shirley were part of this group, attending a banquet held in their honor. The Chinese Air Force bestowed gifts to the veterans and their wives on behalf of Madam Chang Kai-Shek.

Cliff and Shirley had a memorable time in 2004 when they were invited with a group of 10 pilots (and their wives) to the People's Republic of China to attend a symposium in Kunming, Yunnan Province. After the symposium, Cliff and Shirley were part of a separate travel group by choice, including a female government official from China, to visit the combat areas and cities to recreate the history of 60 years past. Cliff shared a story of meeting a Chinese man who had helped seven US flyers (who bailed out of their planes along the Burma Road) to "friendly territory"; this man told of being tortured later by the Japanese for helping the American pilots.

Long recalled that the post-World War II regime in China was not as accepting of the United States as compared to present day People's Republic of China. However, the US military veterans and their wives were always greeted with graciousness, friendliness, and kindness throughout their travels in China in 2004 and 2005. The Longs received beautiful gifts, including Chinese Medals, during these visits.



Cliff is quite generous to take us down memory lane with his war accounts on Chinese soil during this difficult period of history. On Veteran's Day 2010 we were privileged to be with Cliff as he shared his combat experiences as a Flying Tiger in World War II.

by **Becky Bell** with photos by **Bob Bell**

The Longs tell a wonderful story of applying for their marriage license in 1945 after Cliff came home from the service at age 20; after bravely serving his country, this young soldier was required to have his mother (and Shirley's mother) witness their license application. Long was old enough to serve his country honorably but not old enough yet to obtain a marriage license!

At the request of the Editors, I am going to digress from my usual column topics, and address the issue of red fox that many of you have experienced lately. But before I address specifics of our situation, I would like to review a bit of red fox biology which is taken from the Wildlife Series produced by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) are members of the same family (Canidae) as our dogs, coyote, and wolf. The red fox is found throughout Pennsylvania (and there is a robust, healthy population in Chester County.) These are intelligent animals with extremely sharp senses of sight, smell and hearing. The average red fox weighs 8-12 pounds but look heavier than these weights due to their full, thick fur. They are mainly nocturnal, but if disturbed may be seen at almost any time.

Foxes are "opportunists" when it comes to their feeding habits; however, they prefer mice, voles, squirrels, rabbits, woodchucks, game birds, bird eggs, fruits, insects, and grasses. One note of concern is that they will also take domestic cats, but rarely dogs, except perhaps for the very, very small breeds.

Males are called "dog" foxes and females "vixens". You may often hear the fox barking at night, making their presence known to members of the opposite sex. Breeding usually takes place in February. Litters of 4-10 are born in dens after a 51-day gestation period. Fox pups, who weigh about eight ounces at birth, leave the den area in mid-July or August and often are seen foraging with their parents for another month until the family disbands. A life span of 10 - 12 years is possible.

Fox populations are affected by the availability of food, habitat suitability, coyote predation, and hunting and trapping pressures. Hershey's Mill has adequate food and very suitable habitat; hence we have a healthy red fox population. Bruce Foracre, our resident naturalist and a member of the Hershey's Mill Landscape Division, told me that we have 3 to 4 breeding pair of red fox in Hershey's Mill with at least one breeding pair in Inverness Village, thus it is not surprising that we see them fairly frequently. Bruce also told me that to his knowledge there have been no reports of any human or dog attacks by red fox here in the Mill. It is comforting to know that more and more people are accepting predators as valuable members of our natural world. Foxes are no exception. Their presence adds to our wildlife diversity, one of the beauties of Hershey's Mill.

I think that most people are afraid that the fox might have rabies and attack them or their pet. The red fox population at Hershey's Mill appears to be very robust and healthy with full luxurious fur. Last year we did experience an outbreak of mange (scabies) in the fox population. Most of these affected animals did not survive. And while rabies must always be of some concern with wildlife, the incidence of wildlife rabies (mostly raccoons) in Pennsylvania is on the decline and to my knowledge no fox with rabies has been identified in our area.

Now, with the above said, what should we do/not do if encountering red fox on our walks. First, DON'T PANIC and DON'T RUN or cause your dog to run as this may only entice a chase. DO continue on your way, being aware of the location of the fox. DON'T confront, corner, or chase the fox as this might invite an adverse event. Remember that most animals have a flight or fight distance. Given the opportunity, most wild animals will go away; however, if we cross the line into the fight distance, we might invite an attack. DO keep your pets (dog and cat) on a leash and under your supervision at all times when out of doors. DON'T put your pet out unattended on your patio or tied outside unsupervised. DO NOT feed the fox outside your home as this may lead to dependence on the food and keep the fox closer to your residence than you want. And finally NEVER approach a fox, or any other wild animal. Leave them alone and they will leave you alone.

Wishing you all a very **Happy Holiday Season** and **all the best for the New Year.**

TERRIFIC HOLIDAY PARTY

Festive! Delicious Food! Fancy Ladies! are all great descriptions of the wonderful holiday gathering at the Community Center. 65 villagers attended and certainly displayed their pleasure in being with each other. Our newest residents were there and warmly greeted.

Jim Ellis was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 drawing and **Laura Proctor** won the gift certificate to the lovely General Warren Inne. There were many others who were winners of the colorful poinsettia table centerpieces.

Judy Klanderman, incoming co-chair of the social committee, presented

Joanne O'Connor with a thank-you gift for her six years of service. Joanne stated her great appreciation to her committee members who have given significant time and energy to these memorable events.



Many thanks to all the workers! Stay tuned for an exciting new year.

Barbara Colby



Social Committee members: From left above: Joanne O Connor, outgoing Chair, Joan Jackson, Secretary, Elizabeth Mc Ardle Treasurer.

Photos: **Jim Ellis**

Letter To The Editor

I, along with **Patty Teets**, have inherited the task of providing decorations for the village. I wish to thank **Bruce Erb**, who helped decorate the light poles as he has done for many years, and **Sam Malandra** for his many hours of work on the Christmas display at the front entrance. New residents **Bob** and **Becky Bell** also gave a hand, as did **Jim McArdle**. We are indebted to **Betty Smith** for the use of her garage over many years for storage of the decorations.

We were allocated some funds to enhance the entrance and place wreaths on the garages in the Inverness main drive from the entrance. Needless to say, purchasing supplies involves time and travel.

When I moved here, I was a middle aged "chicken." Now I am fast becoming an "old hen." I need a committee of volunteers of "roosters" who are able to help with the holiday décor for the coming year 2011.

Trudi Roderick (#701)
Chair, Decorations Committee

To The Residents of Inverness

Thank you for the beautiful yellow mums.

Also Thank you for the many friendly hello's.

Nanette F. Ianelli (#780)
10-18-2010

Village Communications

An Inverness e-mail list has been compiled, and **Theresa Marran (#741)** has generously volunteered to manage it.

The intent is to use this means of communication for both items of immediate interest (deaths, reminders of village events, etc), and for dissemination of reports generated by the Master Association and other HM committees.

Like other villages, e-mail is being used since distribution of paper copies is costly and not practical due to the volume of material. Reports are usually available in the HM Library.

Please share time - critical information with neighbors who do not have e-mail access.

VILLAGE LAMPLIGHTERS

These are the contacts to report village lights that are out.

- 692-704 **SAM MALANDRA**
- 705-714 **AL NICHOLS**
- 715-738 **STEVE KALUCKI**
- 739-753 **MAYNARD KRUG**
- 754-771 **BUD WHITMAN /**
 BILL HENDERSON
- 772-781 **CARL TEETS**
- 782-788 **JOE PROCTOR**

Inverness Social Committee

It with great appreciation for excellent and long-standing service that the village social committee acknowledges the resignation of chairwoman **Joanne O'Connor**. Joanne has served for over five years and has directed many highly successful and memorable events. Joanne wishes to express deep appreciation for the great cooperation she received from the many committee members. We thank her for her accomplishments, and trust she will continue to share her expertise with those who follow.

The social committee will now be led by **Judy Klanderman, Marge Brolly** and **Carol Ellis**. They demonstrated enthusiasm and leadership as conceivers and executors of the fall ice cream social. We are fortunate they will lead us in great future events, and trust all village residents will support them whenever possible.

ARTS & CRAFTS

We are continuing our feature on village artists and craftspeople. While we have identified several accomplished painters, we would also like to know of neighbors who work in other crafts, such as quilting, collage, sculpture, knitting, ceramics, beading, etc.

Please help us out by letting us know of individuals we could feature in the future.

Village Council Members

President	Boyd Mackleer	#698
Secretary	Barbara Atmore	#710
Treasurer	Tom Delaney	#767
Maintenance	Larry Higgins	#759
At Large	Janet Emanuel	#704

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