The Inverness "I"

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From The Editor

These are challenging times. So many of our ordinary routines of life have been thrown into total turmoil. What are you doing to prove your mettle? Occasionally we are reading suggestions for occupying one's leisure in-home time. It is well worth paying attention to as it is a multi-faceted opportunity.

Maybe one does not watch the home cooking television programs but there is always something new to learn. For those who enjoy travel and may have had to cancel travel plans, a visit to the Google Arts and Culture site opens up a bird's eye view of a whole new world. The site offers tours of Queen Elizabeth's palaces and of art in Venice as well as Venice itself, etc., etc.

Some local venues are offering the opportunity of in-home services via the internet. The YMCA has a video where you can do your exercises remotely. Surrey Home Services has sent an e-mail where you can click on and tour Gardens of the World.

TED talks have been in existence for several years. They list offerings from experts who give detailed information on dedicated topics. The variety and depth are quite refreshing.

Last, but not least, I recall Terry Marran and Mary Lou Perry on returning from their trips to Italy describing somewhat wistfully the custom of La Passeggiata. Between 5pm and 8pm, the residents would stroll and meet and greet their neighbors. Many Inverness residents are already strolling. Join in!

Just imagine, when this is over, we all may walk out the door as changed people enriched in many different ways and appreciative, to some degree, of the "gift of time."

Barbara Colby

From The Village President

It was announced at the December 2019, Village Meeting that all garages in the Village would be overhauled. This work will include siding repairs, trim replacement, new trash doors, new lighting, installation of gutters on the front of the garages, painting, and new garage doors equipped with electric eyes as required by East Goshen Township for safety requirements. The electric eyes are necessary if the house is sold in order to get a certificate of occupancy for the new owners.

The rotted wood is being replaced with hardie board which contains concrete and has a 50-year life. The first two garages to be completed were #735 and #736. Please look at these to understand the complexity of the project. Also, at *Inverness "I"* deadline, the garages at #705 through #714 are close to completion. The wood rot discovered as all of these units were being worked on was worse than first thought.

The condition of the wood siding on the homes is also a problem not readily visible to the naked eye. Water has gotten behind the wood siding and rotted it underneath. This has become even more evident from the work that has been done on the garages to date. If the house siding is not repaired soon, there will be larger issues to deal with in the future.

Inverness was completed in 1985. Other Hershey's Mill villages have already upgraded their siding or are in the process of doing so. Inverness needs to update now, not only to prevent future problems, but to maintain our good standing in the real estate market.

The other villages have financed their upgrades by either immediate assessment to their residents, or by a long-term loan to be paid off over a number of years.

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From The Village President (Cont'd)

The Council has spoken with Janet Burgess of CSK regarding the best way for Inverness to finance an upgrade such as this. Rather than an immediate assessment, which would be paid for entirely by the current residents, it is suggested that a better choice is to take out a long term loan. The benefit of this for those who may move within the next 10 years is that they only pay while they are living here, not like a one-time assessment.

The Council is having discussions with BB&T Bank and Mutual of Omaha Bank, among others, as to loan particulars.

The plan was/is to have all data available to discuss at the annual spring meeting scheduled for May 12, 2020, at 7 PM, in the Community Center. This meeting is still on the schedule, but is subject to change due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

As of Saturday, March 28, 2020, here is an update on the progress of the garage overhaul. The installation of new garage doors has been very successful. All garages except #737, #779 through #788, and #692 through #699 have had a new garage door installed by Nask Door Inc. of West Chester.

This leaves 19 garage doors still to be installed. Hopefully these will be completed soon. There is a possibility that work must stop due to state edicts regarding the coronavirus.

The refurbishing of the actual garages include #735, #736 and #705 through #712 which will be finished hopefully in the near future. Again, this is dependent on state regulations.

The Master Association Board of Hershey's Mill met on Thursday, March 26, 2020, by using the Zoom conference method. Highlights of items discussed were the following: the work on the Community Center elevator was shut down by the state on Friday, March 20, due to coronavirus edicts; and on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board approved a proposal not to exceed \$10,000 to accomplish repairs to various sections of the walking trails

around the community. The MA also affirmed their previously discussed action to approve, on an emergency basis, the ordering of an 82-foot section of 36-inch high density polyethylene pipe to be sliplined into existing failing 48-inch corrugated metal pipe to avoid the kind of road service failure experienced in 2019 on Chandler Drive, just below Mill Road, near Robynwood.

Boyd Mackleer

Mulch Truck Accident in Inverness

On Thursday, March 12, at about 5:15 PM, a mulch delivery truck overturned while in the process of dumping the mulch. This occurred near Ed and Eileen Isselmann's house (715). Eileen immediately called 911 to request assistance. Mike Neale of HM Landscape climbed onto the cab of the overturned truck in an attempt to free the driver. Mike was able to talk to the driver, but it would take the emergency responders over an hour to free the man.

Fifteen or more emergency vehicles arrived, including firefighters, police, ambulances and EMTs. Inverness Drive was blocked for some time while the rescue mission proceeded. After the crews were finally able to get the cab open to free the driver, he was taken to a nearby trauma center. The driver suffered several cracked ribs. We are thankful that he was not more seriously injured.

The truck was lying on its side and mulch was spilled across the roadway. The truck was removed by 9:30 PM. The mulch cleanup continued in the morning and the entire area was cleaned up and power washed.

Many thanks to Eileen and Ed who helped with the details of this report.

Mary Lou Perry





Getting to Know You



Inverness
warmly welcomes Jean
Norsworthy
(#700), who
moved to us
from her home
in Chadds Ford.
It was a pleasure to meet
Jean and learn
more about her.

Jean grew up in Clifton Heights with her parents and three siblings. Upon the tragic death of her mother when Jean was 10, she and her older brother assumed more responsibilities. This did not, however, keep her from being very active in school: sports, clubs and organizations, and the National Honor Society.

She joined the work force following graduation, accepting employment with "Ma Bell." While working there, she attended St. Joseph's University. Jean went on to work at two high profile brokerage firms before being recruited by a private international real estate and investment firm. She attained her real estate license, and her interests focused on the financial and legal aspects of commercial real estate.

Travel has been an exciting part of Jean's life. She has traveled throughout the US and to the islands, but especially liked Italy and Paris.

As you can tell from her photo, Jean is fond of horses. Jean came to us from a 3+ acre property in Chadds Ford where she housed horses, cats and ponies. She brought one cat with her and has since adopted another cat. Her love of animals is apparent even in her volunteer work. She fosters kittens waiting for adoption and mans the adoption center.

Family is extremely important to Jean. She treasures the many adventures and milestones she has shared with her sister, Joyce, and her family.

Life has been good to Jean and she is grateful...

Pat Aubry

Village Election Meeting

The Inverness Village meeting for the election of council members will take place on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 PM, in the Community Center. This year, three members will be elected for a two-year term.

Prior to the meeting, CSK, the managing agent, will send a notice telling which incumbents are standing for reelection, and giving instructions for anyone else interested in running. The turn-around time for providing the paperwork is relatively short, so think about whether you wish to pursue this opportunity or not. No nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

George Colby

Wine and Cheese Social

The Social Committee will host a wine and cheese event on Friday, June 5, from 5 to 7 pm, at the Community Center. The fall party was well received, and a repeat wine and cheese event was asked for.

There will be several varieties of wine and an extensive selection of cheeses accompanied by crackers, grapes, olives, etc. The Committee is hoping for good weather, so that the party can be on the patio as well as inside the Community Center. Flyers will be distributed three weeks before the party. Save the date.

Social Committee Changes Leadership

The Social Committee will be chaired by Eileen Isselmann, Theresa Carrone, and B.J. Rodgers. Former chairs, Marge Brolly and Carol Ellis, will remain on the committee as well as former treasurer Alma Delaney. Barbara Colby, Dorrie Ritchie, and Amory Stedman will be retiring from the committee. The Social Committee is looking for additional members to join in planning events for the Village.

Scout - The Escape Artist by Carol Ellis

"Is that a cat?" "What kind of dog is that?" "You really are walking a cat!" All of these and many more questions and comments have been elicited by Scout, our 16 lb., gray and black tiger cat, as he is on his daily walkabout with us.

I have loved many cats and dogs over the years, and each one has been unique. However, Scout is certainly different. He was different from our first meeting. We were walking through Petco when we passed cages holding a variety of cats for adoption. We intended to look straight ahead and ignore their meows. However, Scout had another thought in mind. He reached out of his cage and snagged my husband, Jim, on the sleeve. When Jim tried to release Scout's paw, Scout held on. And as they say, the rest is history.



Scout as a kitten

A few months after Scout's arrival, we began to look for a home in Hershey's Mill. We knew that we needed a cat-friendly home with some outside access, although Habi, our calico cat, and Scout would be indoor cats. So, we selected 697 Inverness with its large deck, high off the ground. We fenced the lower end of the deck and were content knowing the cats could enjoy the outdoors from the deck. In the meantime, I trained Scout to a harness and leash so he could go for a walk every day. He took to it quickly.



Wandering on the roof



On leash

Soon after we moved in, Scout disappeared about 9 o'clock at night. We searched the house and walked the golf course until we heard him crying. He was on the deck at 699, next to Maryjane Hahn's house (the owner at that time). Her light was on, so we introduced ourselves and asked if she had a ladder. She led us to her garage and gave us a ladder to rescue him. We later learned that he could jump to our roof from the deck railing and run from 697 to 700. Over the years, whenever he could escape to the deck unattended, he would jump to the roof and run up and down the rooftops, enjoying his freedom and the view.

Scout soon became a fixture in the Village, whether escaping to the roofs or taking his daily walk. Even though he was on a harness and extension leash, Scout managed to walk under cars and bushes, greet

the neighborhood dogs, and even climb trees. His walk always included a visit to his cat friend at Maryjane Hahn's house. Harriet, then Aspen, would wait by the door for Scout to arrive each day. They would sometimes hiss, other times just stare at each other. Today, he no longer jumps to the roof nor visits 700, but he still goes to the door around 3 o'clock for his daily walk, and in winter he can be seen in a variety of colorful coats.



Scout today

Scout is an affectionate cat who regularly bathes his cat friend, Missy, and cuddles with us. More dog than cat, he has certainly been unique and has enriched our lives in so many ways all these years.

Ladies Luncheon

February 19, twenty-six Inverness ladies gathered at Tonino's Restaurant on Lancaster Avenue to enjoy lunch and conversation together. Having the luncheon on Wednesday enabled some of the group to join us who had previously not been able to come on Mondays.

The food was delicious and plenty. One of our guests ordered two slices of what she thought was a regular sized pizza. Imagine her surprise when the "mega" slices were served; each needing it's own plate the slices were so large! It was wonderful to see each other and "catch up." We hope more of us will gather at the next luncheon.

Pat Aubry



Janet Emanuel, Marge Brolly, Karen Hammock



Eileen Isselmann, Pat Aubry, Dodie Galbusera



Dorrie Ritchie, Nancy Schwab, Barbara Atmore



Jean Norsworthy, Barbara Poole



Jean's sister Joyce, Kay Flynn



BJ Rodgers, Carol Ellis



Pat Phillips, Shirley Joyce



Terry Marran, Marlene Vergillo, Tre Carrone



Barbara Colby, Sue Kelleher



Alma Delaney, Joanne O'Connor, Mary Schreiner





Photography by Carol Ellis

Dave Cordivari - A "Model" Citizen

One of the many things that confirmed for us that we had made the right choice when we moved into Inverness Village four years ago was our next door neighbors, Dave and Rita Cordivari. A very interesting story Dave and Rita shared with us in the past is that their first date was December 7, 1941. They were at a movie when the lights came on, and the manager announced that the Japanese had just attacked Pearl Harbor. Unfortunately, Rita passed away a few years ago, but we continue to enjoy the pleasure of Dave's company.

I visited with Dave recently to discuss his hobby of model building. First, a little background information. Dave and Rita moved to Hershey's Mill 37 years ago, and they are the original owners of their home here in

the staff of four different Police Commissioners. He retired as a Captain. Some of his notable assignments included providing security for such celebrities as Grace Kelly,

Inverness. Dave spent a 37-year career with the Philadelphia Police Department, having served on

Frank Sinatra, and the Beatles.

Dave started building models when he was about 12 years old. His original interest was in radio-controlled airplanes. From there he moved on to planes and boats.

At one point, he built a small-scale replica of the destroyer his friend had served on in WWII, along with the German submarine the destroyer pursued. Dave's basement houses an armada of all types of ships and boats, along with a fleet of aircraft. A typical project takes anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks to complete.

Other projects that Dave has created include dollhouses. He made his first one

for his daughter's 40th birthday. Since then he has made 25 additional houses. A number of them have been donated to fund raisers for

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, IHM sisters at Camilla Hall, and the American Cancer Society. When Dave's grandson was younger, Dave made three sets of golf clubs for him.

A few years ago, Dave invited our grandson over to look at his work, and Brayden was pleasantly surprised when Dave told him to pick what he wanted to take home. Talk about a kid in a candy store!

Dave continues to build models, and continues to be a wonderful neighbor.

Jim Aubry









Movie Reviews and the Loss of a Hollywood Legend Philip Banks

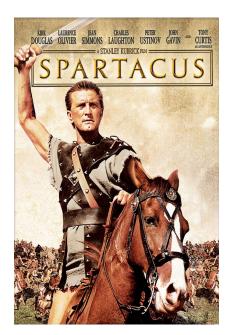
To use a cliché, there is good news and there is very sad news in the movies this year. Kirk Douglas died having lived much longer than people can imagine. His career spanned more than sixty years. His roles were usually hard edged, complicated characters. Douglas achieved every father's dream in that his son Michael followed in his footsteps and became a major star; however, his other son Eric died very young from a combination of alcohol and drugs.

Douglas played everything from Van Gogh to Spartacus and was genuinely the last of the superstars of the twentieth century. His politics were of the Roosevelt liberal era. In later years he spent a great deal



Kirk Douglas portraying Vincent van Gogh

of time in charitable works and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a Kennedy Center Award and a Jefferson Award, together with three Academy Award nominations and an honorary Academy Award for Lifetime Achievement.



Renee Zellweger won the Oscar for her superb portrayal of Judy Garland. It was her second Oscar; the first Oscar was for her role in *Cold Mountain*. Zellweger now moves into the rare category of actresses who have won multiple Oscars.

Bong Joon Ho's movie *Parasite*, from South Korea, won the Oscar for Best Picture. This was the first time a foreign movie has won since the establishment of the awards in 1929. *Parasite*, following last year's Best Picture award, *Green Book*, is considered somewhat of a late awakening of political cor-



rectness in Hollywood. I had never heard of Bong Joon Ho, which illustrates how out of touch I have become.



The movie 1917 is another story about the tragedy that was World War I, in which 888,000 young Englishmen, Scots, Irish, and other members of the British Commonwealth died fighting Kaiser Bill's Huns.

Laura Dern won Best Supporting Actress for *Marriage Story*.

Ms. Dern was a favorite for the award. She seems to be very popular among the movie establishment and also comes from an acting family: Bruce Dern and Diane Ladd.

Inverness Homes

In the past several months (prior to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic) there has been an upswing in the turnover of homes here in Inverness Village as part of the regular life cycle of an adult community. We welcome the new residents moving in and the refreshing energy and spirit they bring to our community.

Even though a higher-than-average number of Inverness homes have been on the market. most houses have sold rather quickly, one even on its first day on the market! A home in Inverness which is priced right is an attractive buy in Hershey's Mill. We have beautiful trees and landscaping, a nice selection of homes with some situated on the golf course, many with finished basements which add to the living size of the home, and a variety of inviting screenedin porches, sunrooms, decks and patios at the backs of the houses. The wood replacement and new garage door installation, currently underway, will make our Village more attractive visually from the street. Thank you, Tim Filler (#736), for your time and dedication to this much-needed project!

There were several developers for Hershey's Mill. The developer for Inverness was Wooldridge Construction, with building beginning in 1985. There are 97 houses in our

Village, with five different types of models, either two- or three-bedroom. All have garages and basements (21 are walkout basements). Some of the finished walkout basements provide additional bedrooms on the lower level.

There is a map of our Village which shows the model name and basement type of each unit. This map can be found on the Hershey's Mill resident website: hersheysmill.org. From the main page go to the "Villages" tab and then click on Inverness. There you will see a link to the map.

The coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on the real estate market across the country, and Hershey's Mill is no exception. We currently have an unusually low number of homes on the market. As of this writing in late March, there are 16 houses listed for sale in Hershey's Mill. Nine of the 16 have a sale pending, which brings the number down to 7 (assuming those 9 sales go through). Two of the listings are in Inverness, and both have a sale pending.

It is expected that the real estate market will be slow in the near term, but it is anticipated that it will rebound once the coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

Mary Lou Perry

Summary of Inverness House Models

(does not include basement areas)

<u>Unit Name</u>	# of Units	Approx. Square Footage	# of Bedrooms (Main Level)
Bradford	7	1,600	3
Donegal	36	1,315	2
Goshen	19	1,460	2
Marlborough	14	2,170	3
Thornbury	21	1,516	2

Inverness Men's Luncheon Ed Isselmann

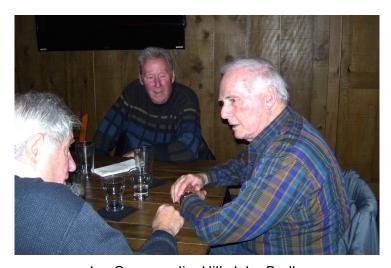
The date was Wednesday, March 11, and the place was "The Office" located on Route 29 next to P.J. Whelihan's. About 15 men from Inverness met there for the "Winter" lunch. (More had scheduled but needed to cancel for various reasons.) We had a private room on the second floor with our own waitress, Jenny.

The orders were quickly placed, and conversations varied throughout the two tables. Topics from the coronavirus to the new garage doors were major discussions, but other points of interest were also mentioned. One of our newest neighbors, Roger Schreiner (701 Inverness) was one of the attendees and provided lots of background on himself and his wife, Mary, as well as being eager to meet many residents and become more familiar with Hershey's Mill in general and Inverness specifically.

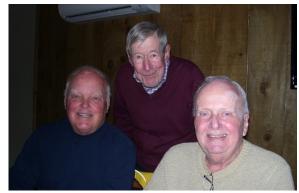
The food was served quickly, pleasantly and to great reviews. All said they would definitely return. The next lunch should be in late May or June and we are always looking for NEW FACES and NEW PLACES. Let me know if you are interested in attending and have not in the past. "There is always room at 'Our Table.'



Boyd Mackleer, Bill Henderson, Bob Cella, Tom Flynn



Joe Carrone, Jim Hill, John Brolly



Tim Filler, George Colby, Paul Kincade



Joe Carrone, Jim Aubry



Roger Schreiner, Ed Isselmann

The Health Benefits of Poetry Carol Ellis

We enjoy the beauty and the messages of poetry, but who knew that poetry had medicinal benefits? *The Wall Street Journal* recently published an article on the benefits of reading and responding to poetry. The article reported that "Poetry may not be common in the medical setting. But more hospitals and medical schools are turning to the power of the written word, and poetry in particular, to help patients process their conditions and heal." So, as you enjoy the following poem, with its unusual punctuation, you just may improve your health.

Spring is like a perhaps hand
(which comes carefully
out of Nowhere) arranging
a window, into which people look (while
people stare
arranging and changing placing
carefully there a strange
thing and a known thing here) and

Changing everything carefully

spring is like a perhaps
Hand in a window
(carefully to
and fro moving New and
Old things, while
people stare carefully
moving a perhaps
fraction of flower here placing
an inch of air there) and



without breaking anything.

E. E. Cummings

A Touch of Humor

Courtesy of Jim Ellis

For my 75th birthday my son gave me a beautiful purse and filled it with 75 one-dollar bills. The next day I went shopping and pulled out my fat wad of singles.

The cashier's eyes bugged out of her head. "are you a cocktail waitress?" she asked.

"No", I replied, counting out my money, "An exotic dancer."

I was presiding over a wedding when the best man asked if I wouldn't mind keeping an eye on the gift table. "There are a few people here the newlyweds don't trust around all that money," he confided.

"Then why on earth were they invited?" I asked. Looking at me as if I was nuts, he said, "They're family!"

"What should I do?" yelled a panicked client to the receptionist at the veterinarian's office. "My dog just ate two bags of unpopped popcorn!"

Not alarmed, the receptionist replied coolly, "Well, the first thing I would do is keep him out of the sun."



Life is too short to drink the house wine.

I recently ran into the woman who used to clean our house, and was surprised to hear that she was still at it despite here advanced age. "How do you manage it?" I asked.

She explained her secret. "I just keep clients who can't see the dirt any better than I can."

Connectedness

(A personal essay)

We live in interesting times. If you believe, as I do, that each day is an opportunity to learn from whatever we observe, hear, read, or come in contact with, you should keep an open mind to accepting new input.

Every day is precious. We should remain alert to each opportunity to encounter something new. No two days are exactly the same, no matter what we may think. To ignore what is going on in our neighborhood, our country or our world is to pass up a chance to exercise our gray matter and analyze what it means to us and more importantly to all those following us.

The future is not preordained. It is shaped by those who think about the world they want to pass along to following generations, and encourage moves in that direction. Play your part by thinking about where we are, where we would like things to go, and how we can try, even if only in our own small way, to bring that about.

The present world situation has pointed out how connected we are to others, either locally or on a worldwide basis. The days of the pioneers, striking out on their own to uninhabited territory, are long gone. We live in a society with other people, and have suddenly become very aware of how connected everything is.

Consider food, for example. It was always on the shelf in the local market for us to pick out. Seldom did we think about the supply chain, the growers, the truckers, the distributors, or the shelf stockers until one or more of them are not available to service us. Then we suddenly realize our lives are connected to a great number of people we do not even know, and probably will never know.

On a larger scale, we have seen how events that occur in one country can affect most every other country no matter what efforts are expended toward isolation. Right now we are concerned about a virus spread, but once this threat is dispelled, we will be back to worrying about immigration, temperature change, or further wars. We live in a very connected world, thanks to trade, tourism, and universal communications.

The inventions of the internet and wireless communications have had two major effects: they have made it possible for people around the world to know and see what is going on elsewhere, and they have made English the nearly universal language. This allows a greater connectedness than would have been possible without them.

From here on out, the problems of the world will be just that, not limited to problems of a single country. The age when a nation could close its borders and live on its own is long past.

Whether addressing enough food for an everexpanding world population (especially important in the face of ever-reducing amount of arable land), preventing further rise in ocean levels (which threaten many island countries).

reduction of poverty levels in impoverished areas, elimination of wars, or many other pressing issues, it is essential that countries learn how to work together. No one can do it alone, it is essential that all work together.



I believe we must have a foreign policy that recognizes the interconnectedness of our world, and works with others on world problems. It is our only world. We must take care of it by working together.

George Colby

Please Note:

Events listed below may be canceled due to coronavirus restrictions.

Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Inverness Open Meeting (Election Meeting)
Tuesday, May 12
Social, 7 PM; Meeting 7:30 PM
Community Center

Hershey's Mill Sports Group (HMSG) Expo Friday, May 22, 3-5 PM Community Center Saturday, May 23, 9:30 AM Sports Area See HM May Guide and Digest for details

Memorial Day Events by Sports Area Monday, May 25, 8:30 AM - Noon Sports, Snacks and Socializing \$5.00 donation

Inverness Wine and Cheese Social Friday, June 5 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Community Center

Local Area Events of Interest

Chester County Concert Band Sunday, May 3, 3:00 PM Fugett Middle School

West Chester Area Community Chorus Concert Saturday, May 9, 7:00 PM East High School

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www.hersheysmill.org

Go to the "Villages" tab and click on "Inverness" Scroll down and you will see a link to previous issues of the newsletter.

The online newsletter is in full color.

Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

Mary and Roger Schreiner - # 701 Cell Phone (Mary): Cell Phone (Roger):

Email (Mary): maryschr9er@gmail.com Email (Roger): rogerschreiner1@gmail.com

Please contact Mary Lou Perry if you have any changes to your Inverness directory listing.

(perrym517@gmail.com).

In Memoriam

Doris Harry (Formerly #714) March 21, 2020

Our sincere condolences to her daughters, Roz & Becky, and their families.

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