

The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

As this is being written, I find myself reflecting on the year 2016 and also projecting ahead to the year 2017. I guess one might call it "taking stock."

Village-wise we have seen quite a few new residents arrive and can anticipate more in 2017 since there are units in transition. It is always exciting to welcome new people and help them assimilate and participate in the Hershey's Mill lifestyle.



Speaking of exciting, the holiday decorations this season are lovely and especially beautiful if one sees them lighted in the evening. We have Dave and Roz Baker (779) to thank along with their helpers Shirley Joyce, Pat Aubry and Jini Pettijohn

The extremely successful 2016 social season, culminating in the Holiday Gala, left residents already anticipating the next Village gathering. Thank you to a very hard-working Social Committee.

Oh, yes! - the *Inverness "I"* keeps evolving with new associates on board and even more creativity! Way to go.

Speaking of bridging between the old and new year, in this issue, George has written a commentary on looking ahead into the future and how we, as good citizens, must participate more than just going to the voting booth on election day.

We are all interested in a quality of life both at village level and national and international level. Let's all participate in making 2017 a year that makes a BIG difference.

Barbara Colby

From The Village President

YOU MISSED A GREAT PARTY on December 3, 2016. The Inverness Christmas/Holiday party was attended by almost 70 villagers and featured a great dinner plus a six-piece band. The festivities were the result of hard work by the Social Committee co-chaired by Marge Brolly (777) and Carol Ellis (697.) Recent resident Sam Malandra was a welcome guest selling 50-50 raffle tickets accompanied by Joe Carrone (749.) Thanks to all others who contributed their time and energy to a wonderfully successful evening.

To all intrepid Inverness walkers on Chandler Drive, safety will soon be here. The walking path is under construction from the East Gate to the "Welcome to Inverness" sign on the Route 352 side of Chandler Drive. However, nothing is ever perfect. The project will result in the removing of many trees to enable the path to be completed. The plan includes the planting of new trees between the path and Route 352. Also included is a turn around at the East Gate which should be completed by the beginning of 2017. This safety pattern should help to alleviate turn around safety issues for drivers entering the East Gate without a gate entry device. The project will be completed in the Spring of 2017. The funding of these projects will be with Vision Quest funds meaning NO INCREASE IN MASTER ASSOCIATION FEES.

The pool house/recreational center project continues with very few, if any, glitches. The goal is to complete the project in time for the swim season but will probably be completed some time in February again with NO INCREASE IN MASTER ASSOCIATION FEES.

The Richard Egan Corporation will be finished with a wood replacement project for the entire Village. Please contact Hershey's Mill

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From The Village President (Continued)

Management to report any areas missed. They will be fixed in the spring of 2017. The contact phone number is 484 882-8373. Fax number: 610 933-4002. It is important to communicate with the management company regarding areas needing repair.

2017 is here with a new financial obligation for each home. The new HOA fee is \$1468.00 per quarter payable by the 10th of JANUARY, APRIL, JULY and OCTOBER. For those who are late by postmark, a fine will be attached. PLEASE GET YOUR ACCOUNT UP TO DATE for past due balances included by January 10th.

After a brief negotiation, the Hershey's Mill Golf Course has agreed to trim trees along the 14th hole of the golf course alongside homes at 708 and 707. During the winter the 14th hole will be reconfigured and a continuous cart path will be added.

All residents should be in possession of coupon books for HOA fees for 2017. Included are two stickers to be placed on your phones regarding calling 911 in time of EXTREME emergency. PLEASE CALL 911 FIRST AND CALL SECURITY second.

FINALLY consider volunteering for work on a committee within the village when you receive a new up-to-date RULES AND REGULATIONS. CONTACT THE CHAIRPERSON LISTED or call Boyd Mackleer.

Boyd Mackleer



Comments on Village Life

Your editors have received a communique from a resident noting that inappropriate materials are often found in the recycle bin in the area. Items such as an old pillow, a pocket-book, dead potted plants, and strips of carpeting have been seen, and these should be in the trash, not the recycle bin

Past problems may have been due to the fact that for a while the recycle bins were not identified. However, those doors now have a triangle recycle symbol, so there should be no confusion as to the correct places for recyclables and trash.

We plan to publish a list of appropriate recyclables in a future issue. In the meantime, please note that plastic bags do not belong in the regular recycle bin, as they can clog the mechanisms used. Plastic bags should be returned to a grocery store bin provided for that purpose.

George Colby

EXTRA HANDS



Several Inverness neighbors have offered to be an extra pair of hands for small household tasks (like replacing a bulb in a ceiling fixture, hanging a picture, etc.), non-technical tasks that don't require carpentry or plumbing experience.

Rather than risk a fall, it's much better to ask someone for help. Feel free to call on these people, who will be happy to oblige:

- Pat and/or Jim Aubry
- Bob and/or Becky Bell
- Terry Marran
- Helen O'Grady
- Mary Lou Perry

This list of Extra Hands will surely grow, but for starters, keep this handy.

Terry Marran

Inverness Chili Supper

The Inverness Chili Supper, hosted by the Inverness social committee, was held on October 13. Forty-four neighbors enjoyed a delicious, fun meal in a beautiful seasonally-decorated room with lovely autumn-inspired centerpieces. There were four types of chili made by the committee; three mild beef, one spicy beef, one white chicken chili and one red chicken chili.

Condiments such as cheddar cheese, sour cream, onions, hot sauce, chili powder and, of course, scoops, made it possible for everyone to tailor-make their chili to their own taste. We had home-made cornbread, crusty bread and two wonderful salads also made by committee

members. Home-made lemon bars as well as mini-carrot cupcakes, Italian assorted cookies and mixed-fruit mini cakes were enjoyed by all.

Events like this would not be possible without the wonderful group of women on the Social Committee which is chaired by Carol Ellis and Marge Brolly. Other members include Barbara Colby, Eileen Isselmann, Kathy Threlkeld, Teresa Carrone, Pat Aubry, Dorrie Ritchie, Betty Jane Rodgers, Amory Stedman, Alma Delaney, Judy Klanderman and Brooke Hamilton. **Brooke Hamilton** was the chair for this very enjoyable event. Thanks Brooke! And thank you, Joe Carrone and Jim Aubry, for running the successful 50/50 raffle.



The Committee during preparation in the afternoon.

L to R: Eileen Isselmann, Marge Brolly, Kathy Threlkeld, Judy Klanderman, Dorrie Ritchie, Theresa Carrone, Betty Jane Rodgers, Brooke Hamilton, Carol Ellis, Amory Stedman, Pat Aubry.



Joe Carrone (L) and Jim Aubry (R) selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle



John McNabb, Judy Nestel, Elva Andrews



Scott & Drinda Burkhart



Jane & Chuck Auer, Bill Griffin



Marlene Vergillo, Mary Lou Perry, Cheryl & Bob Shelderfer, Lydia Voigt

Photography by Mary Lou Perry and Phil Hamilton

Getting to Know You



Our new neighbor interviews frequently begin with the question "What brought you to Hershey's Mill?" Our new residents, **Drinda and Scott Burkhart (#692)** who moved from Reading, PA, after residing there for 38 years, answered, "We decided to sell our large family home and move closer to a family member."

Drinda grew up in Harrisburg and became a medical technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Reading. Drinda's career blossomed, and she advanced from working in the laboratory to marketing hospital services throughout the area.

Following college, Scott was drafted into the army and served in Germany as a nuclear weapons specialist. Upon release from the service, Scott also became employed in the lab at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he met Drinda and they immediately bonded. He subsequently decided to turn to teaching science and did so as a middle school teacher, and later served as an assistant principal.

Scott and Drinda have embraced the easier lifestyle of one-floor living, no leaf raking and watching the snow fly with no shoveling. Scott has already gotten involved in tennis at the Mill. They value the fact that they are far closer to their daughter and son-in-law, both doctors, and their active young granddaughters.

This introduction cannot be closed without disclosing that the Burkharts have two beautiful Siamese cats!

Barbara Colby

Getting to Know You



Fascinating! That is an accurate description of the story of our new residents **Giuseppe G. and Katharina (Kathy) Pietra (#757)**. They moved from Lugano-Castagnola, Switzerland, to be closer to their family. One son lives in Paoli and the other in Arlington, VA.

Giuseppe is a Professor Emeritus of Pathology of the University of Pennsylvania. He was director of the Anatomic Pathology Division at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania with special interest in Pulmonary Diseases.

They lived in Bryn Mawr for 19 years until his retirement in 1996 at which time they moved to Switzerland. Katharina is from Switzerland and still has family there, so family and the beauty of the country called. They certainly took advantage of this. They did some serious hiking in the Alps and enjoyed extensive travel from there. A few places of note were Syria, Libya and Iran!

Kathy has always been involved in volunteer work for the benefit of the Hospital of U. of Penn Abrahamson Committee as well as The Philadelphia Antiques Show. In Lugano, she volunteered for the Civic Hospital.

In the meantime, they enjoy seeing their children and six grandchildren more often and living in the natural beauty of Hershey's Mill.

Barbara Colby





Winter Survival Guide

When the temperature drops and snowflakes fall, we tend to put on an extra sweater and settle in at home. However, January and February can seem to last forever, and we often begin to search for ways to combat cabin fever. This survival guide contains suggestions from Inverness residents who regularly spend the winter months here and who have found ways to enjoy these chilly months.

Exercising can be difficult in the winter unless one joins a gym, such as the YMCA, Planet Fitness, ACAC, or others. However, walking can be enjoyed at the Exton Mall or around Hershey's Mill. Merely window shopping at the mall can be a good exercise when walking with a friend.

A walk around the large pond can be educational, too, if you bring binoculars and a birding guide. There are many species of birds which visit the pond and identifying them can be fun as well as a challenge. Nature lovers can also enjoy placing a bird feeder near a window, watching the visitors, then identifying them and sharing sightings with neighbors. Keeping a journal of sightings each year brings an anticipation of the winter visitors.



Brighten the house by letting more light in and using brighter lightbulbs or an additional lamp. More light can chase the winter blues away. Buying a plant or fresh flowers for the house and placing them where they can be seen regularly can lift the spirits. Start bulbs in a pebble container and enjoy their fragrance when they bloom. Or visit Longwood gardens for a glimpse of spring to come. Put out a puzzle to be worked on as one passes by and play music on the radio, c.d. player, or record player, selecting cheerful tunes that make you smile.

While the weather agrees, trips to an art museum (the Brandywine, Delaware, or Philadelphia) will provide visual and mental stimulation. Taking a course at Immaculata in the Life-Long Learning program or attending a program at West Chester University can also be stimulating.

See an afternoon movie with friends and go to dinner afterward or go to lunch at a new restaurant, trying a different menu.

Visiting Barnes and Noble and browsing or sitting with a cup of coffee or tea can be fun as well as grocery shopping at Wegman's and having lunch in the Pub. Checking out books, dvds or language tapes at the Hershey's Mill library or the Chester County Library in Exton can provide hours of entertainment.

When the weather keeps us inside, we are fortunate to have good neighbors nearby, so invite your neighbors in for tea, or have a potluck lunch or supper. Host a movie night, inviting neighbors to watch a dvd and discuss it over refreshments. Hold a game night with board games or card games. Why not try a new recipe or make soup or cookies and share with neighbors?

To activate one's creative side, try painting or sketching indoors or by looking out the window. Photographing nature moments around Hershey's Mill can result in some beautiful photographs. Creating a scrapbook will bring back memories and become a valued gift to a family member. Model building can be fun and so can coloring the new grown-up coloring books. The woodshop offers opportunities to put woodworking skills to use.

Inverness ladies might enjoy a spa day or simply treat themselves to a manicure, pedicure, or massage. Go with a friend to double the fun. The more adventuress might try a new hairdo. This is the time to pamper yourself.

And what about those New Year's resolutions? Why not tackle that household chore that has been put off for months? A feeling of satisfaction comes when a chore is completed. Also, what about the cards or letters you meant to send. It might be just the time to write to a distant friend or surprise a grandchild with a card.

When we list them, we find that we have many activities that will make the winter months fly by. Through it all, though, we should be grateful that we are warm and well cared for in Inverness Village. So, settle in and anticipate the excitement of January and February.

Carol Ellis

Inverness Ladies Luncheon

The annual Ladies Luncheon was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on October 29th, and it certainly lived up to its reputation as being a major highlight of the social season of Inverness Village. The luncheon offerings were updated and were well received.

It was a wonderful opportunity for residents to circulate and there were many who sat at tables with ladies with whom they were less familiar. It is always rewarding to listen to new conversations as invariably a common thread is discovered. Also, it is an easy way to make new friends with people living close to you.

New residents were introduced and welcomed. And **Doris Harry**, the original chairwoman of these events, did not disappoint the audience, and told a wonderfully humorous joke, which is her tradition!

Roz Baker was the new chair for the luncheon and she was ably assisted by **Shirley Joyce**, **Terry Marran**, **Dorrie Ritchie** and **Jini Pettijohn**

Thank you Roz for chairing the event, and thank you also to the many women who support this event by attending. See you next year!

Barbara Colby

Photography by Brooke Hamilton



Barbara Atmore, Theresa Carrone, Marge Brolly



Amory Stedman, Iris Fairbairn, Becky Green



Theresa DeCosta, Jean Dimeo



Betty Jane Rodgers, Mary Lou Perry, Lydia Voigt, Dorrie Ritchie



Joanne O'Connor, Eileen Gradwell, Alma Delaney, Barbara Poole



Ginny Kettering, Betty Ann McArdle

Inverness Ladies Luncheon (Continued)



Doris Harry telling a joke. It's her annual tradition!



Roz Baker, Doris' daughter, is the new chair for the Luncheon.



Kathy Threlkeld, Barbara Gorham, Jane Auer, Judy Nestel



Ronnie Backes, Judy Pedrick



Jini Pettijohn, Dorrie Ritchie, Shirley Joyce, Roz Baker, Terry Marran



Pat Aubry, Judy Klanderman

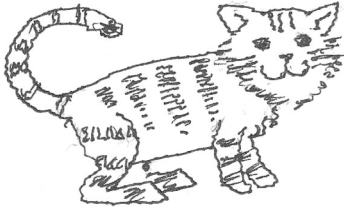


Janet Emanuel, Ann Latoff, Ronnie Backes, Rosemary Bozeman



Sue Kelleher, Winnie Spoons, Tina Scaperotto, Mary Renshaw

PETS RULE
(It's all about Cats!!)
WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD



Cats are among the most common pets in America today (just behind fresh water fish), with nearly 86 million cats in U.S. households. Venerated in ancient Egypt, the cat is commonly believed to have been domesticated there. The Cat Fanciers Association recognizes

41 pedigreed breeds of domesticated cats. Among the more popular are the Siamese, Persian, Maine Coon, Ragdoll, Bengal, Himalayan, American Shorthair, Manx, Russian blue, and Sphynx. Despite the large number of cats as household pets, nearly 45 percent fail to receive adequate veterinary care.

The key to a healthy pet is preventative medical care. One key component to a healthy pet is a robust immunization program. For the cat this includes vaccination for rabies, panleukopenia (or feline distemper), feline leukemia, feline infectious peritonitis, and respiratory viruses. In addition, there should be a well rounded parasite control program (including feline heartworm prevention and flea and tick prevention), a dental health program, and proper nutrition.

Just like us, our pets require regular medical attention to treat minor ailments and address more serious chronic debilitating and potentially lethal conditions. Cats are instinctively masters at concealing symptoms of illness. Therefore, it is important to recognize what is normal and what is abnormal for your individual pet. Monitor your cat's weight and dietary intake, watch your cat eat and drink, monitor the litter box closely, notice any changes to your cat's coat, be aware of signs of lameness or reluctance to jump. Among the top cat conditions seen by veterinarians are bladder/urinary tract disease, periodontitis/dental disease, chronic kidney disease, vomiting/upset stomach, hyperthyroid disease, diarrhea/intestinal upset, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, upper respiratory infection, and lymphoma.

While wellness exams are important for any age cat, they are especially important for senior pets. Cats 7 years old or older are considered senior. A comprehensive senior care program helps identify problems early and helps your veterinarian institute appropriate preventative healthcare measures. Among the common health problems that senior cats face are: arthritis (up to 90 percent of cats 10 years or older show some radiographic signs of arthritis), cancer (30 percent of cats over age 10 will be diagnosed with some form of cancer), cognitive dysfunction/feline senility, failing vision, hearing loss, and heart disease and hypertension which occasionally lead to strokes in cats.

Senior testing that helps early detection of the above conditions may include the following: a physical exam, a complete blood count and blood chemistry tests, a urinalysis, a thyroid screen, glaucoma testing and a retinal examination, radiographs, and testing for feline leukemia and feline deficiency viruses.



So, keep your cat well nourished (avoiding overweight and obesity), exercised, and mentally stimulated, and you should enjoy your pet for many years. When in doubt, consult your veterinarian.



Wilbur Amand

Inverness Holiday Gala

The annual Holiday Gala, on December 3, was a delightful evening to welcome the forthcoming holidays. Approximately 70 guests enjoyed appetizers followed by a buffet dinner of chicken marsala, ham with pineapple sauce, green beans almondine, roasted sweet and white potatoes, and caesar salad. A dessert table followed with Italian holiday cookies, macaroons, chocolate petit fours, mini red

velvet cupcakes, cream puffs, chocolate eclairs, and Sam Malandra's famous pizzelles. Bill Dibiase's group serenaded the diners and provided a lovely concert at the end of the evening. A fifty-fifty was held and the table centerpieces of poinsettias were given as door prizes. The Social Committee organized the Gala with Eileen Isselmann and Theresa Carrone as chairwomen of the party.

The friendly and welcoming spirit of our Inverness residents was delightful to watch throughout the evening.

Carol Ellis

Photography by Mary Lou Perry



Theresa Carrone and Shirley Joyce greeted us as we arrived.



Lydia Voigt and Joanne O'Connor. We love your sweater and Christmas spirit, Joanne!



New residents Paul and JoAnn Kincade attended the party two days before actually moving in. What a great way to meet your neighbors!



New residents Kathy and Giuseppe Pietra socialize with Marlene Vergillo and Bonalyn Mosteller



Joe and Tina Scaperotto, Tom Delaney, Bill Griffin, Ed Isselmann and Dodie Galbusera

Inverness Holiday Gala (Continued)



Phil and Brooke Hamilton with Eileen Isselmann



Seated L to R: Ginny Kettenring, Jim and Betty Ann McArdle
Standing: Marnie Roia, Dave Dorsey



Seated L to R: Maryjane Hahn, Kathy Threlkeld, Elsa Andrews, Barbara Goman.
Standing: John McNabb and Judy Nestel



Jane and Chuck Auer



Bill Dibiasi's band provided entertainment for the evening.



Lydia Voigt and Bill Griffin – dancing the night away!

After The Holidays, Keep Paying Attention to Washington

We are all relieved that the most unusual presidential election is over, and we are now in that brief respite until the transfer of power takes place. Soon defeated incumbents will give up their office space, and the newly elected will replace them. If history is any guide, those defeated will probably not leave DC, but rather will become lobbyists, using their acquired knowledge and contacts to influence legislation for pay. There are now over 10,000 officially registered lobbyists in Washington, and Reuters estimates that the total number of individuals involved in influencing legislation may be seven times that number!

In the early years of our country, being a member of Congress was a public service, performed for the good of the nation, and often at a lifestyle or financial sacrifice. It was not long before it evolved into being a career, and given the access to inside information, a potentially lucrative one. Consequently, today members of Congress have one primary objective in life, namely to preserve their seats. This is generally thought to require very large sums of money, and lobbyists represent, either directly or indirectly, a conduit to the sources. Which gives them considerable influence. With all this pressure on members of Congress, one wonders who is paying attention to the interests of the general public.



**LET YOUR VOICE
BE HEARD!**

Regardless of whom you voted for in the recent election, it is likely that those chosen to represent you will not always, or not often, vote in line with your desires. It is important to realize that while lobbyists represent campaign funds, they do not necessarily represent votes. Incumbents want to get reelected, so always have an eye open to the mood of the voters. When a law or proposal appears in Congress that you do not support, it is important that your voice be heard. Don't take a defeatist attitude; speak up, and encourage others to do likewise. Many voices can shape policy. Do your part.

Perhaps the most effective place to campaign for your views is with the Senate. That body will be about evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, so small movements can make a difference. Register your preferences. A phone call to Washington can get your voice heard and recorded, even if you only speak with a staffer. Washington does listen to voters.

Our Senators are Bob Casey (202) 224-6324 and Pat Toomey (202) 224-4254.

Don't be shy, let your voice be heard.

George Colby

**"Ask not what your country can do for you;
ask what you can do for your country."**

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

This is the 35th American President's most famous quote and likely the most famous political quote in history. Spoken during his inaugural address on January 20, 1961, the words were a call to Americans to get involved with the inner workings of our country, to accept responsibility and make our country a better place to live.

Professional Theater Comes to West Chester!



Wow, are we lucky to live in West Chester, as the cultural offerings here continue to grow. On December 31, 2016, we gained a professional theater with

the gala opening of **The Knauer Theater for the Performing Arts**. The theater is located in the former West Chester National Guard Armory at 226 North High Street in West Chester. The Armory was built in 1916 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been vacant since 2013.

Uptown! Entertainment Alliance is the group of West Chester residents who have worked tirelessly since 2010 to make this happen. Uptown! promotes cultural, economic and civic life experience through live theater, music and dance; these cultural events now have a home at the **Knauer Theater**, which will have over 300 seats. The first main-stage performance of the theater is **Spamalot** opening on March 31, 2017.

Spamalot will be produced by **The Resident Theater Company (RTC)**, a professional company that produces musicals and plays using a blend of local, Philly and NY actors and designers. RTC's artistic director, Kristin McLaughlin-Mitchell, has 20 years of professional theater experience in NY and moved to West Chester a few years ago. RTC has been producing smaller events for the past year, and **Spamalot** will be their first big show here in West Chester.

For information on **Spamalot** and other events at the theater, visit: uptownwestchester.org

Mary Lou Perry

Other Local Area Events of Interest

Curtis Symphony Orchestra
Immaculata University
Saturday, February 4, 7:30 PM



Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

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Paul & JoAnn Kincade - #711
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Giuseppe & Kathy Pietra - #757
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The Inverness directory is maintained by Mary Lou Perry. If you have any changes to your listing, please contact her at:

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Phillips (#769)
November 7, 2016

John Trickett (#756)
December 27, 2016

Our sincere condolences to their families.

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