
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

There is something about the winter months after the holidays. A noticeable change of pace occurs when life seems to slow down and stress diminishes. Soon we realize there are fewer lights on at night in the houses near us as neighbors depart for southern climes. The streets are less busy and quiet. This peaceful, quieter time allows us to reset and to appreciate our winter days.

Even the world around us changes. The poet Emily Dickinson wrote, "There is a certain slant of light on winter afternoons." On our dreariest winter days, we can enjoy the shafts of light that penetrate the gray clouds and the brilliant winter sunsets, which cover the sky with colorful streaks of gold, blue, red and pink. We can thrill at the beauty of the first snowfall as it covers streets and houses, surrounding us with a pleasant stillness.

The famous Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley advised readers to "hunker down" and allow themselves to enjoy the warmth and comfort inside their homes during the bitter winter months. In his poem "Winter Fancies," Whitcomb wrote, "Winter without / And warmth within / The winds may shout/ And the storm begin / The snows may pack/ At the window-pane / And the skies grow black / And the sun remain hidden away / the live-long day / But here - in here is the warmth of May!"

James Whitcomb Riley would be proud of us when we sit with a cup of tea, feet propped up, occasionally glancing out the window. He would say, "It's time for making soup and baking bread, for writing a letter, for calling an old friend, and for simply comforting ourselves."

And so we wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you will follow the poet's advice and enjoy a warm, peaceful, and cozy winter.



Carol Ellis

From The Village President

To all members of the Social Committee, a big thank you for another wonderful holiday party. The food and fellowship were enjoyed by all attendees on December 9th in the Community Center. The food was excellent and the community singing was enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank you to Rosalind Baker and her committee for the beautiful holiday decorations at the front entrance, and to David Baker for his assistance with the decorations as well as his work with the alarms.

As of December 15, the count for new alarm installations has reached 54 homes. It is imperative that all homes have the new alarms installed in the next two months. You will receive a phone call from Matt Ratliff of West Chester Security from the following phone number: 610-399-7986 to make an appointment. It is required that the installer enter the home to do the work and have access to all bedrooms to install the new wireless smoke alarms. The Verizon FiOS home installations will begin with a test of the security system.

Items covered at the annual budget meeting on December 7, 2017 included the following:

1. The walking path is now finished from Inverness Village to Zephyr Glen Court. Next step will be to finish the fence along Route 352.
2. The Rec Center at the pool is essentially finished with the kind and unsolicited offer of audiovisual equipment, as well as the purchase and installation of desired window covering for the Cove, by HMCTV-20 Board.
3. The next major project will be an expansion of the wood shop. The project is headed up by the wood shop chairman Fred Auger and Master Association liaison George Earle (President of Yardley Village.)

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From The Village President (cont'd from pg. 1)

- 4. As of December 1st, 130 homes have been sold throughout Hershey's Mill.
- 5. Walkways are all finished for the year of 2017. Please report any problems with standing water or ice on sidewalks to CSK Management or call 484-356-3006 with a specific report.

As winter enters its cold and stormy season, please be alert for your neighbors especially if they live alone.

Verizon FiOS is on schedule and working in the 2nd phase of their process.

Boyd Mackleer

Village Meeting Recap

Boyd Mackleer, Village president, opened the meeting promptly with Council members **Wilbur Amand**, **Barbara Atmore**, **Janet Emanuel** in attendance along with **Janet Burgess**, representing the Management Company. Boyd's call for recognition of new residents was answered by **Jim and Marge Hill**, the new owners of #748.

Boyd described activities undertaken by the HM Master Association. The new walking path is now extended all the way to the Golf Club and connects with existing paths. He described the expansion being planned for the Wood Shop.

With respect to Inverness Village, it was noted that a number of homes have not yet been updated with the new alarm systems. It was stressed that getting this done prior to the new Verizon FiOS hookup is critical.

Council Member reports included comments by Janet Emanuel on the issues involved in installing propane tanks, and Wilbur Amand said that the council will look into the issue of protection against termites. In response to an inquiry about chipmunk control, it was noted that chipmunks are classified as wildlife, which makes this a more difficult problem.



Village Meeting Recap (cont'd)

Under committee reports, **Pat Aubry** encouraged all to attend the Holiday Gala. **Judy Amand** recommended that residents report desired landscape work to her committee next spring prior to their annual walk-around assessment of the Village, which she schedules for early May. In response to a question, she noted that residents are not free to do their own tree or bush trimming, but should make requests to the committee.

Boyd then presented the cost comparisons between the present Comcast contract and the new Verizon coverage. The bottom line is that overall out-of-pocket costs will be significantly lower. The new budget was briefly reviewed and questions answered. As the treasurer was not available, Boyd noted that the finances are in good shape.

A request was made for additional recycling bins near #728, and for replacement of the lamp-post near #707. Boyd ended the meeting by reviewing the units needing new alarm systems and saying the Council will follow up by contacting residents.

George Colby

Inverness Maintenance Update

Dave Baker, Maintenance Chairperson, is responsible for all garage and public area lighting in Inverness Village. He is currently inspecting and replacing light bulbs to ensure uniformity of lighting throughout the village. If a light bulb is not working, please call him and he will replace it.



Verizon FiOS Information

To keep up to date on the preparation for the switch from Comcast to Verizon, visit the HM website: hersheysmill.org

Check the website weekly as updates are added on a regular basis.

Getting to Know You

A big welcome to our new neighbors **Bev and Tim Filler (#736)**, who recently moved here from Malvern. The Fillers were looking to downsize, and chose Hershey's Mill for the lifestyle we have, with golf as a big plus for Tim. They are



happy to be here and love the people they have met so far.

Bev worked for 23 years in the front office of the Great Valley School Dis-

trict. This position afforded her the opportunity to have summers and holidays off while the children were young. Six years ago, Bev began working in Customer Service at Wegman's in KOP, and continues to be employed there.

Tim entered the Navy after high school and did two tours of duty in Vietnam. He later went into the building industry, housing development, and real estate. Tim still works full time for a company in Wilmington, DE, where he manages business development projects.

Bev and Tim have three children and two grandchildren. Their oldest son lives in San Diego, their daughter lives close by in West Chester, and their other son and his family live near Annapolis, MD. The Fillers enjoy their family, and especially love spending time with their two young grandsons ages 4 and 6.

In addition to golf, Tim enjoys hunting and fishing, and is sometimes involved in flipping houses. As a builder he is well qualified in that area! Bev enjoys walking and reading, and after attending the Inverness bocce event, she is most interested in pursuing that activity next year.

Please give a warm welcome to the Fillers, who despite their busy schedules seem to be able to find time to participate in Inverness activities.

Mary Lou Perry

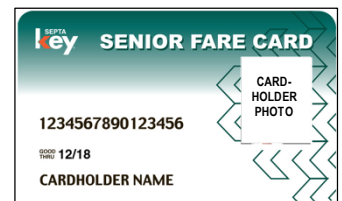
SEPTA Key Senior Card

In early December I registered for my SEPTA Key Senior Card. The new card is a contactless chip card which will make travel on transit routes self-serve. Everyone who rides SEPTA will transition to the new SEPTA Key Fare program, including Senior Citizens.

From the SEPTA website: Seniors age 65 and older travel FREE on ALL SEPTA Transit routes (bus, trolley, trackless trolley, and Market Frankford, Broad Street, and Norristown High Speed Lines) with a SEPTA Key Senior Card. Payment of applicable fare when riding Regional Rail will still apply (\$1.00 for destinations in PA, 50% of Weekday Fare for stations in NJ/DE) when you present a SEPTA Key Senior Card.

During the phase-in of the **SEPTA Key Card**, seniors can continue using their current PA Senior Citizen Transit ID, valid PA Driver License or PA Non-Driver Identification Card. In the future, SEPTA plans to install card readers at Regional Rail stops. Riders will simply tap their Senior Key Card to get on a train. At that time, it is expected that the \$1.00 fee will be dropped for seniors using the SEPTA Key Card.

SEPTA is still in the transition phase, and encourages all senior citizens who have not yet done so to register for their Senior Key Card now. To obtain your Senior Key Card, call State Representative Carolyn Comitta's office to schedule an appointment (610-696-4990). The application must be done in person as this is a photo card. The office is located at 21 West Washington Street, Suite A, West Chester, PA, and is in the Washington Square Apartments building (which has a large, free parking lot). When you enter the building, Rep. Comitta's office is immediately to your left.



For SEPTA Key Senior ID Card FAQs, go to:
<http://www.septa.org/key/senior-id-faq.html>

Mary Lou Perry

Chili and Soup Supper a Great Success!

The annual Inverness Chili Supper was enhanced this year by the addition of three soups: chicken tortellini, minestrone, and vegetable beef. The soups were accompanied by four kinds of chili, salad, cornbread and crusty bread, tortilla scoops, and desserts.

This Chili and Soup Supper had the highest attendance of all previous suppers with over 62 attending. Eileen Isselmann and Marilyn Foley were the chairwomen and were aided by the

members of the Social Committee, who provided the soups and chilis, as well as the accompaniments.

Joe Carrone and Jim Aubry held the 50/50 drawing and made several awards, while Marilyn Foley presented the chrysanthemum door prizes. Guests enjoyed connecting after the summer and stayed until closing.

Carol Ellis

Photography by Phil Hamilton



Marilyn Foley presents the door prizes, assisted by Joe and Theresa Carrone



Committee members, L to R: Carol Ellis, Alma Delaney, Marilyn Foley, Eileen Isselmann, Pat Aubry, Theresa Carrone, Kathy Threlkeld, Marge Brolly, Barbara Colby



The 62 residents who attended enjoyed the delicious chili and soup, and had a great time chatting with one another. The Inverness events are a wonderful way to form new friendships.

Dear Gramps,

We have always had one pet in our home. Why does this next generation feel they must have multiple pets?

Signed: One Pet Lovers

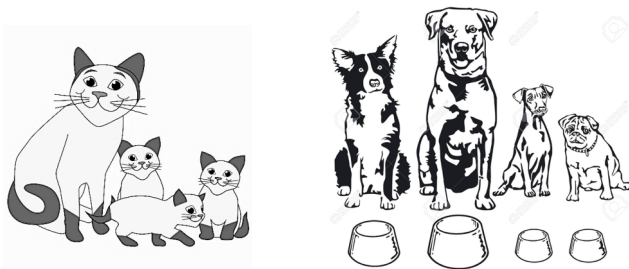
Dear One Pet Lovers,

Pets have the capacity to be non-judgmental "friends," to be warm and fuzzy, to be playful, to be nurturing and to always be EXCITED to see you return home.

On the other hand, Facebook, Computers, Smart Phones, iPads, Twittering and/or Tweeting could care less.

Maybe this is simply the next generation's way of balancing out their EMOTIONAL NEEDS!

GRAMPS



Dear Gramps,

Why does this generation overload their children with material things, including toys, electronics, etc.?

Signed: Material Overdose Questioners

Dear Material Overdose Questioners,

GOD FORBID that they encourage or even allow their children to solve their own problems or, in general, to go to bed at night unhappy! Also, they often do not want to go through the trials or difficulties that we may have had to endure with our children, and it simply may just seem to feel better giving their kids something to appease them or to make them happy at the moment.

And then, like us, this generation has their times when they are tired, worn out or frustrated, and it certainly may seem the easiest WAY OUT to give the kids something to keep them occupied; which is a behavior that we or our parents may not have been financially or realistically able to do.

And, of course, the media, the advertisers and the current CULTURE are definitely not helping the concern that you raise!

GRAMPS

Halloween Visitors



Marge Brolly and Shirley Joyce enjoy some Halloween mischief.

Halloween Witchery



Alma Delaney sporting a Halloween Hat.

Ladies Luncheon - October 28

The Inverness Ladies' Luncheon, which was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club, once again proved itself to be a highlight among the many social gatherings of the Village. It traditionally is held in late fall. The day was beautiful, and the Club, both inside and out, was festively decorated as were the dining tables. The ladies were most attractive as well and certainly proved how well acquainted we are with each other. They gathered early and stayed late, which indicated that conversation seemed equally important as the delicious Club food.

Many thanks to Roz Baker and her committee of Shirley Joyce, Terry Marran, Jini Pettijohn and Dorrie Ritchie. Also thanks to Doris Harry, the original founder of the event, who spoke of its over 25-year tradition. How fortunate we Inverness residents are.

Barbara Colby
Photography by George Colby



Judy Klanderman, Barbara Colby, Alma Delaney,
Pat Aubry



Dorrie Ritchie, Roz Baker, Jini Pettijohn,
Shirley Joyce, Terry Marran, Doris Harry (front)



Eileen Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera,
Bev Filler, Marilyn Foley



Sue Kelleher, Tre Carrone



Judy Amand, Becky Green



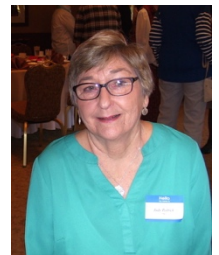
Marlene Vergillo, Barbara Gorham



Nancy Schwab, Carol Ellis



Janet Emanuel



Judy Pedrick



Joanne O'Connor, Betty Ann McArdle



Lydia Voigt, Winnie Spoons, Mary Renshaw



Barbara Poole, Maryjane Hahn

Observations on How The World Works

The Big Get Bigger - Should We Care?

We seem to be seeing an acceleration of the rate at which big companies get even bigger. This happens primarily through acquisitions and mergers. I suggest that there are several reasons for this.

For one thing, growth of revenue requires an expanding product line. It is expensive to develop and get a new product to market, and that involves risk relative to market acceptance. Large companies minimize the risk by letting small start-ups develop and show market acceptance of new products, and then simply purchase the start-up.

Another factor that encourages the acquisition and/or merger with a rival is the availability of cheap money. Companies can readily borrow money to fund the acquisition, with the very real expectation that the outcome will lead to a big net profit, even considering loan payments.

Should we care? If you are a stockholder in a large company, either directly or indirectly (i.e., through a fund) and only look at this from a financial point of view, then you are content. If, however, you look at this from either the point of view of national well-being or of those less well off, then you should regret this trend.

Consolidation is everywhere we look, in manufacturing, in health insurance, in drug companies. It leads to reduced competition, which in turn leads to higher prices, and frequently to reduced customer service.

The ultimate aim of consolidation is the establishment of a monopoly in the field. It has long been recognized that monopolies are not in the long-term interest of our citizens. Unfortunately, that is where we are headed. Recent administrations have done little to reduce monopolization of industries and services, and this seems unlikely to change anytime soon.

Generosity or Self Promotion?

Round-the-clock TV and web news sources keep us up to date on all the latest disasters throughout the world. The good news is that such sources and social media often work together to encourage help where and when it is needed. The better news is that people do respond. It is heartwarming to see the extent that many will go to help in times of great need.

What is interesting is that such generosity frequently comes anonymously from people of ordinary means interested only in helping. While recognizing that there are many wealthy who contribute toward the betterment of society, there are also those whose spending is used to advertise their wealth and whatever giving is done is used in a way to advertise their name.

Those of means should be aware that wealth can corrupt, becoming an addiction to the acquisition of ever more assets. A side effect of the addiction is a desire to impress others with how great your acquisitions have been.

As a society we have a skewed values system in which wealth is too often held up as a more admirable quality than contributions to the quality of life. When CEOs are paid exorbitant amounts and social workers are paid poorly, surely something is out of line.

Let us place emphasis on contributions to society, not on riches. We should commend those who generously help others.

George Colby



Inverness Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, November 15th was the date of the most recent lunch for the "Men of Inverness." Twenty-two (22) gentlemen gathered at McKenzie's Brew House in Malvern for a good meal and great company. I understand that this was not the first time this type of lunch has happened at Inverness, but it has been a number of years since the last one.

After ordering from a varied menu, the conversations got down to different topics which ranged from pipelines to politics and sports and military service. Of course, there were a few times the guys walked down "memory lane" and reminisced about old neighborhoods and how things have changed.

There were at least two things everyone agreed on. We are lucky to be living where we do, and

we need to meet again for lunch. On that note, we will try to have another lunch sometime in February. Once the holidays have passed, an email will go out with the specifics.

If you know of anyone who does not have email access or does not frequent it, and would be interested in getting upcoming information regarding the next Inverness Men's Lunch, please contact Ed Isselmann at:

ejisselmann@gmail.com

Looking forward to another men's lunch in February!

Ed Isselmann

Photography by George Colby



Ron Pedrick, Chuck Auer, Bill Griffin



Dick Schwab



Bill Henderson, Tom Delaney



John Brolly, John Klanderman, Jim Aubry



Joe Carrone, Chuck Atmore



Wilbur Amand, Jim McArdle



Joe Scaperotto, Victor DeCosta, Phil Banks



Boyd Mackleer



Ed Isselmann, Tom Flynn

Inverness Holiday Gala

In spite of the cold and snow, about 60 of our Inverness friends gathered on December 9th at the Community Center for the annual Christmas Gala. The Social Committee had set the mood for this evening with a beautifully decorated dining room. After appetizers, Colonial Meat Market presented a delicious meal of chicken marsala, ham and all the fixings, followed by a delightful and delicious array of desserts.

Unfortunately, the piano player and singer were unable to come because of the weather, but that didn't dampen our fun. Songbooks were distributed and **Phil Hamilton** graciously led us in singing some Christmas carols. The crowd really got into "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Each table stood and sang a different verse of this carol, and continued this during the refrain as their table's number was mentioned. Who knew we had such talented singers in Inverness?! A group led us in "Feliz Navidad" and we ended the sing along with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

As you can tell by the pictures, a good time was had by all. We are truly lucky to live in such a fun loving community! Many thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work in preparing for the evening.

Co-chairs Pat Aubry and Theresa Carrone
Photography by Mary Lou Perry



Mary Lou Perry purchases 50-50 tickets from Joe Carrone (left) and Jim Aubry



Marge Brolly (left) joins Co-chairs Theresa Carrone (center) and Pat Aubry (right)



Joe Scaperotto



Ed Isselmann

A number of monetary prizes were awarded for the 50-50, and there were also drawings for the beautiful poinsettias that adorned the tables. Here are some of the happy prize winners!



Bev Filler



Marilyn Foley

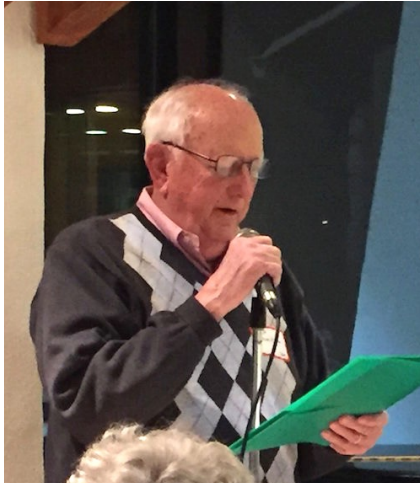


Judy Mackleer



Barbara Atmore

Holiday Gala (cont'd)



Above, Phil Hamilton leads everyone in a sing-along of holiday songs. In the adjacent photo, many others joined Phil to sing "Feliz Navidad." To the right, Brooke Hamilton hands out song-books to Bill Griffin and Joanne O'Connor.



L to R: Marilyn Foley, Ed Isselmann, Paul & JoAnn Kincade, Lydia Voigt



L to R: Kay & Tom Flynn, Alma & Tom Delaney, Dodie Galbusera



Colonial Meat Market Caterers



Friends and neighbors enjoying the festivities

Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Look for future notices for an Inverness Ladies' Luncheon and Men's Luncheon in February

Local Area Events of Interest

*West Chester Area Community Chorus
Sunday, January 28, 3:00 PM
East High School*

Kudos to the Decorating Crew

We salute this team headed by **Roz and Dave Baker**, for the attractive décor this Christmas season. Other contributors to enlivening both entrances to our village were **Pat and Jim Aubry, Richard Hammock, Judy Nestel, and Jini Pettijohn**. On behalf of all our residents, we thank them for their efforts, and thank the Bakers for providing storage space.

Barbara Colby



An Appreciated Effort

Each fall it is important to move the bench from the Inverness Drive entrance circle to storage out of the weather. As it is rather heavy, this is a non-trivial effort. We are fortunate to have had the efforts of **Sean and Timothy Carney**, the Brolly's grandsons, to accomplish this task. It is a job for real men, and we thank them for helping us out. Thanks also to **Dorrie Ritchie** who provides storage space in her garage.

George Colby

Past issues of *The Inverness "I"* can be accessed from the Hershey's Mill website:

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.

Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

Bruce & Bernadette Connus - #747
Email: brucejconnus@gmail.com

Jim & Marge Hill - #748
Email: margehill_2000@yahoo.com
jrhill_2001@yahoo.com

The Inverness directory is maintained by Mary Lou Perry. If you have any changes to your listing, please contact her at:

perrym517@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Rita Cordivari (#776)

October 18, 2017

Our sincere condolences to Dave and his family.

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