
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editor

I sincerely believe in the coming year we should work to put tumultuous times behind us, and reflect instead on how much we value our life here in Inverness Village. Hershey's Mill is an exceptional place to live, and our corner of it is the best of the best.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the addition to the newsletter staff of **Pat and Jim Aubry**. While they have been contributing for some time, we wanted to more fully integrate them into our team. We will benefit from their fresh ideas as part of our editorial board. We look forward to more varied and stimulating issues as we all go forward together.

Herein you will find profiles of several new residents and descriptions of Village committees. We are pleased to have informative commentaries on two very different travel experiences, along with comments on involvement in home schooling and books we have read.

Those new to our village should know we encourage submission of material, either as articles or as Letters To The Editor, which can be a means of expressing observations and opinions on things underway in our village or in Hershey's Mill overall. We have only a few restrictions: we do not publish partisan political material or obituaries. Please feel free to write at any time. Deadline for a quarterly issue is the 10th of the previous month.

As we look forward to 2021 let us be reminded that we live in a great village in a vast and wealthy country, enjoy its beautiful environment and have the very best neighbors. Let us celebrate our good fortune and move forward together and work to keep Inverness a wonderful place to live.

George Colby

From Inverness Council Vice President Guest Columnist

Let me start off by hoping that all Inverness residents have had a blessed and joyous season. During these very trying times we are experiencing, it is especially important to stop and realize the blessings each of us has. We live in one of the best areas of the country and in one of the most beautiful communities within that area. We also have one of the friendliest and open villages within Hershey. We may not have everything, but everything we have is good!

In addition, I want to reflect over the last eight months I have been on council. Thank you for your trust in electing me. It has been truly a learning experience and continues to be. I am grateful for those who came before us and built a good foundation for Inverness. There have been many volunteers in the past who have worked on various committees to get us to where we are today. Speaking of the present... we are coming to the end of our garage refurbishing project and have received many favorable comments regarding their appearance.

We are, however, a thirty-five-year-old community that has multiple areas that need attention. Our roofs are aging. The house siding is showing wear. Some walkways need attention. The roadways need an evaluation. And then there are the unseen and the unknowns, like sewer lines, drainage, etc. Not one of these is a minor issue and requires considerable planning. To that point, the council is approaching these issues with a two-step plan. First of all we need any Inverness residents who have the time and talent to volunteer their expertise in any of these areas, i.e. roofing, construction, paving, financing, planning. Our second step, which we are currently working on, is to research via CSK, as well as other HM villages and/or outside consultants for professional advice. They can advise us on these issues, speak to life

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Message from Marilyn Foley, Council Coordinator

Hard to believe a new year begins. Although the past few months have been extraordinary, we got through them together. Neighbors got to know each other a little better, they helped each other more and took an avid interest in our village. The garage work will end on December 15. Most of the garages are completed and look fresh and new. Any work not finished will be scheduled for completion in the spring of 2021.

In the last "I" I invited residents to take an active role and volunteer on a committee or a special project. I am happy to report that **Carl Griffin** has agreed to chair the maintenance committee, along with committee members **JoAnn Kincade** and **Richard Hammock**. Their main objective is to make sure the residents' requested repairs on the work log will occur more efficiently. Once CSK receives the request and it is entered on the work log, Carl will inspect, assess, then prioritize the work. After the work is completed, Carl or another member will check to insure that the contractor completed the work and the owner is satisfied. We are looking for several more volunteers for the committee. Our goal is to enlist one volunteer for each cul de sac, to do quarterly inspections. We want to eliminate expensive repairs and stay on top of things.

The decorating committee has been busy. The fall décor looked beautiful. **JoAnn Kincade** has volunteered to chair that committee. Christmas elves did a lovely job putting up the new decorations. Please let JoAnn know if you have any interest in working on that committee in the future. New Ideas are always welcome.

Theresa Carrone organized the ladies lunch at the club in November. Even though it was a small group, those who attended enjoyed talking with their neighbors, while enjoying lunch.

If there is any possibility of organizing any holiday events, you will be notified.

Anyone wishing to organize a social experience that fits the new COVID guidelines, PLEASE

From The Village Vice-President (Cont'd)

expectancy, realistic costs, seek and review "Requests For Proposals" (RFPs) and possibly referrals of outside contractors who could complete the specific project. All of these are major issues that will require careful planning. As we have recently done, we anticipate communicating these processes with you, the residents, either by email, zoom meetings or hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, in-person meetings.

Finally, I want to close by thanking many individuals throughout the village who give of their time and talents in many different ways. As volunteers throughout our extended community, as assistants in many of the HM groups and as Inverness committee members. Specifically I would like to thank Boyd Mackleer for his twenty plus years of service to Inverness and his patience with me during my initial months. Also special thanks to Marilyn Foley, Penny Zimmerman and Bob Cella who have spent many selfless hours working on council business.

Always the Best!
Ed Isselmann

Marilyn Foley (Cont'd)

come forward. I know we can get volunteers to assist.

A most sincere thank you to all residents for their interest and positive remarks over the last few months.

2021 will be a very busy and exciting year for Inverness as we continue with our renovations. Before we begin any future projects, much research will be done by the council.

It is my hope that we can create a talent directory. We have many residents with diversified skills. Please consider sharing your specialty. One never knows when a need will arise.

I wish you good health and happiness in the New Year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work for this wonderful community.

Getting to Know You

John and Mary (Tobin) McCarthy (725)

Due to COVID rules, I did not have the opportunity to sit down and interview them as is usually the case. I have always loved that aspect of greeting people as one often finds there is a hobby or some topic that gives a nice "take-away" from the contact.

In this case, John and Tobin filled out a form which revealed something about themselves. Interestingly, they had previously lived in the village of Brighton for four years until two and a half years ago. At that time, John's little brother moved in with them and they decided to find a larger home which they did in Willistown. After two and a half years of missing "the Mill," they decided to move back.

John grew up in Media and Tobin grew up in Newtown Square.

John's career is that he is a warehouse superintendent for a medical supply business in Morgantown. Tobin worked for a chemical company in West Chester and Exton as the Quality Systems Coordinator.

Their hobbies include golf, reading and enjoying outdoor activities. The other occupants of their household are John's little brother Kelly and his cat named Marmalade.

Barbara Colby



Ed Isselmann
and
Dodie Galbusera

Our Inverness
ambassadors for
the Hershey's Mill
Holiday Parade

Getting to Know You



Sometimes it takes a while to connect with people due to COVID restrictions but we finally did and are particularly happy that we did! **Becky Tunnell (788)** moved here from Malvern and when asked what attracted

her to Hershey's Mill, she replied, "Location, Location, Location." When one thinks about it, we realize how many residents have moved here from essentially the next town over!

She grew up on a farm outside Williamsport PA. Becky lived in Michigan for a brief time, graduated from Penn State and also did graduate work there. Her career was teaching mathematics at the middle and high school levels. She taught at Peirce Middle School and Henderson High school and volunteered at East High School.

Becky has two children who live nearby. Her son lives in West Chester and her daughter lives in Phoenixville. She spends some of her time as a cheerleader for her six grandchildren who range in age from 8 to 24.

Gardening, reading and volunteering are some of her interests. Up until a year ago, she volunteered at her church's thrift store and at Gamble Rogers State Park near Palm Coast, Florida, which was her second home at the time.

Presently, Becky's time is well occupied helping out with virtual schooling with her third-grade grandson in Phoenixville.

We look forward to Becky assimilating into Inverness and hopefully volunteering as one way for residents to get to know her and vice versa.

Barbara Colby

Home Schooling Stories

Help in creating an interesting newsletter in this period of relative isolation came from an interview with Becky Tunnell (788) when she spoke of assisting in virtual learning at her third-grade grandson's home in Phoenixville. Having heard of other grandparents who are involved in special ways, it seemed like a good idea to inquire of others' involvements.

We decided to publish a few responses just as the grandparent wrote them. A common thread was how impressed they are with the teachers and the complicated tasks they have had to undertake. It makes for great reading and we thank Becky Tunnell (788), Chris Genter (733) and Marlene Vergillo (758). You certainly are making memories as well as delightful reading for your fellow residents of Inverness.

Barbara Colby

From Christine Genter (733)

I'm trying (trying) to educate my 3-1/2 year old granddaughter. Her parents did not want her to go to school because she had had some health issues in the past. And since her mom and dad are working from home - they did not want her sitting in front of a TV or computer all day.

I was never a teacher - My career was business. It is hard, yet she and I are enjoying it. She tells all she goes to "grandmom school."

Each morning we "go to school" and do numbers and letters for an hour or two. We re-brush our teeth because grandmom has fun toothpaste. Then we have reading time. After that, we take care of house plants (Tuesdays are watering plants day), bake or cook. She is in charge of starting the dishwasher and loves it.



We go to the Exton library every week and check out 3 books. (She is amazed that the librarian can find whatever book she is interested in).

We've gone on school field trips to Linvilla and Springtime Manor.

She was really intrigued by the workers with signs on Greenhill Rd. telling people to 'Stop' or go 'Slow'. So we bought our own Stop signs. And now she can read the word stop, spell it and tell you that Stop signs are red and Octagon shape. One funny thing

she told us - that 'grandmom's stop signs are little'. We didn't understand but then realized that she is correct. Hershey's Mill Stop signs are pretty short.

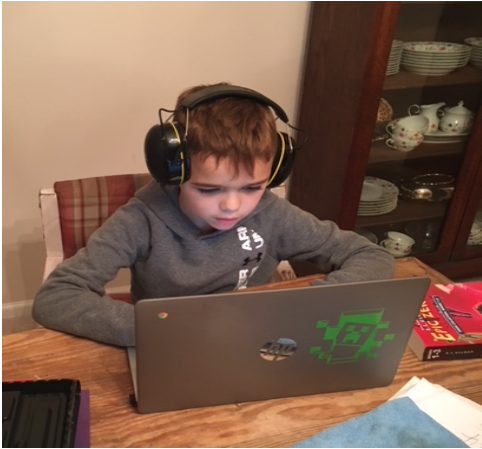
Bottom line, I have a new appreciation for all teachers. It is not easy, I am tired but enjoying every minute of it.

From Becky Tunnell (788)

Personally, I think the teachers are doing a very good job of controlling a classroom of 20 or so screens. She also knows when the kids leave and how long they are gone, who has answered questions, and who needs special one-on-one help while building a community of learners.

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Home Schooling from Becky Tunnell (Cont'd)



Grandson Jackson is in third grade in Phoenixville. Our day starts at 8 am with breakfast and a quick game of Minecraft or Roblox. I'm usually the character with bright pink hair, (it makes seeing where you are on the screen easier). At 8:59 we logon, listen to the announcements, say the pledge of allegiance. The day begins with phonics. They still put diacritical marks over vowels and now there are 1-1-1 words and closed syllables. Next is writing. It's easier to pull your hair out than get a boy to print a short story with sounds, conversational dialogue, and details. We finish that and have a 10-minute break. Individualized reading is next. Stories are interesting and a mix of classical folk stories and current graphic novels. Answering questions and making inferences about the stories takes us to lunch.

After having a quick bite to eat, another game or short walk and we're back for the afternoon session. Jackson is in a math group that is learning multiplication. We have completed facts through the 11's. He thinks the word problems where you are buying 4 items at 6 dollars each and adding 2 items that are 5 dollars each should be done in your head. Many of the multiple step problems using several numbers and operations slow the kids down but not by much. I'm impressed with the variety of ways they solve them. PE is next. It means take the laptop out on the porch for 30 minutes of exercise. I watch after lunch is cleaned up. Back to a traditional short math session with a new topic or review, followed by individual work with math games. 3:15 and the school day ends.

Homework gets finished and uploaded. Snack time for us and reading for him while I start dinner.

From Marlene Vergillo (758)

So nice to hear from you, I miss seeing my Inverness friends. I haven't really been involved in my grandchildren's virtual learning. I have witnessed my granddaughter & grandson in class but not participated in the learning process. Both have adjusted well to virtual but my grandson Ethan, 5th grade, misses his friends. Fortunately he loves computers and is doing well in his studies. Ava has special needs and is in kindergarten. She loves screen-time; so one-on-one's with her Special Ed teacher are working out well. I am amazed at how adaptable my grandchildren are to virtual learning. My son-in law Bryan is working from home due to Covid and my daughter Marci works from home when she can. So both are available to be there for Ethan and support him daily. Ava due to her medical issues has a nurse during the day, when my daughter is at work. The nurse is actively involved in the learning process; as well as Bryan and Marci. I've attached a few photos of their first day of virtual school; fortunately it is working out. I know my Bryan and Marci would love to have their children back in school but are making the best out of the situation. Of course, I'm very proud of all of them.



Getting to Know You



We'd like to welcome **Tom and Margie O'Donnell (739)** to our Inverness community. They come to us from Wayne, PA. Looking for one

level living and an area close to their previous neighborhood, Hershey's Mill fit the bill! They moved into their home with their two cats, Leo and Louie, and are all beginning to settle in.

Margie enjoyed staying home and raising her son, Alex, now 29. As Alex got older, Margie had a very part-time job as an administrator for Main Line Night School. A colleague of Margie's at the school told her about a doctor's office that was looking for an employee. Margie applied and soon joined their staff, where she worked part time until March when she retired.

Tom works for the USEPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in the Food Waste Reduction Program in the area of Sustainable Food Management. Although the office closed as a result of Covid-19, Tom continues to work from home. Tom's work sparked an interest in gardening, and he is eager to find a garden plot in Hershey's Mill.

Tom is an avid runner and was the director of a walk/run program in Valley Forge Park. He became interested in running watching his youngest son, Alex. They began to run together and participated in many half and full marathons, as well as ultramarathons (31 miles). The running "bug" was passed on to Tom's oldest son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter Catherine, 16. They all enjoy running together when he visits them in Charlotte.

If you find yourself in the vicinity of 739, stop by and introduce yourself to Tom and Margie. They are friendly and fun, and we're so happy to have them in our village!

Pat Aubry and Judy Klanderman

Getting to Know You



Jim Seastone, of 783 Inverness, moved into the "Magnificent 7" in the fall of 2020, after his wife of nearly 44 years had died in July, having suffered from an accident for many years. His children asked him to move from Richmond,

VA, to something closer to them (two children in PA and two in NJ). Also 11 grandchildren in the vicinity.

While with his daughter in Media, they visited her neighbor whose mother had lived in Inverness. The house was for sale. Voila! With the help and advice of his children, Jim has had the entire house transformed with new flooring, paint, and hi-hats installed in the living room, dining room, kitchen, both baths and bedrooms. The cove moulding throughout dresses the house up.

Jim worked in Seattle, WA, for Pacific NW Bell. Then Jim and his family moved first to Northern NJ, then transferred to Richmond, VA, where he worked with AT&T for many years. In his second career, he became Director of Administration for a large Catholic Church in Richmond.

In 2011 Jim and his wife, Sharon, moved out of their house and into their RV for five years, traveling the United States. Back in the 80's they went, without children, to St. Maarten's in the Caribbean. They loved the Dutch and French island so much that for 8 or 9 years they went childless and vacationed there, just the two of them.

Besides visiting with 11 grandchildren, Jim likes to read fiction and autobiographies of known people, loves art, and decorates his house with art. He plays a bit of golf and cooking is a hobby he enjoys, from kitchen to grill.

We're so happy to have Jim as a part of our community.

Judy Klanderman

Mary Cairns' Volunteering

Mary Cairns' volunteer activities in India were so compelling and impressive when mentioned in our new resident article for the October "I" that **Carol Ellis** invited her to write an article for this issue. This is a story one would read in a major newspaper and here we are fortunate to have such a fine human being living in our village!

INDIA by Mary Cairns (708)

As a lifelong volunteer, I searched for several years to find a long-term project, wanting to make a difference in the world. With my children married and settled into their lives, I began to research working with girls who were rescued from the child sex slave trade in India. Realizing that education is the answer to most of our world's ills, I decided to find a girls' school to volunteer at long-term. On September 11, 2010, I left the United States to live among the poorest people of the world for 6 months.

Pardada Pardadi Educational Society, located in rural Uttar Pradesh, was founded by the first Indian man to be hired by the DuPont Company in 1963. Upon his retirement in 2000, as CEO of DuPont India, Sam Singh returned to his ancestry village to open a school for girls, in this region where girls had never attended school, and where patriarchy runs high. Villagers were completely resistant to the concept of educating girls, whose purpose in life is to be a servant of the household, and then be married off as a child bride.



School for students Class 6-12



An incentive package was created to encourage parents to send their girls to school. This included providing three meals a day, two uniforms, a pair of shoes, transportation, textbooks, Rs.10 a day for attendance, and free healthcare. If a girl was married off, she could not stay in school and receive the money that she earned. This began to reduce child marriages.

Today, over 1600 girls, ages 4 to 19 attend PPES,

a non-religious, values based education school, whose mission is to educate, empower and employ girls and women. 90% of the 2020 graduates are going on for higher education. 200 women are employed in textile production, making over a million masks during Covid. 5500 women, all illiterate, are members of self-help groups, doing micro banking and receiving health and hygiene education. As the school celebrates 20 years in November, great changes have occurred in this village region, through education and empowering our students and village women.



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Mary Cairns - India (Cont'd)

I've travelled to the school 12 times since 2010, taking thousands of pounds of donated medical, school and hygiene supplies, as well as many volunteers. Though I have initiated many projects and changes, serve on the Board, and worked for two years doing US development work, my focus has been on health and hygiene. Recognizing many dire needs, I taught girls to brush their teeth and wash with soap in 2010. Since then, I raised funds to build a health center for students, employ a full time nurse and doctor, partnered with Vitamin Angels, International Medical Relief (taking medical teams to run med camps), built a medical clinic, immunization program, and sanitary pad project. In March, a mobile medical van was delivered to the school, along with a doctor and nurse, to treat villagers who have no access to the clinic. In May, students and village women began receiving Covid education, thanks to a US volunteer.



Prana Medical Clinic

Mary raised funds to build this in 2016.

Spending time in the girls' homes has allowed me to develop relationships with my 1600 "Indian daughters," perhaps my most valuable contribution. Through WhatsApp, I have stayed in touch with several of them during Covid, which allows me to maintain great gratitude for life here, as I strive to support these girls in this most difficult time there. I look forward to the vaccine, and going back there as soon as I can, where I have a second home, and truly know I am making a real difference in the world.

Inverness Greeter -- Kudos to Mary Lou Perry!

In addition to her contributions as Village Directory publisher and creative layout designer for the Inverness "I", **Mary Lou Perry** has served for several years as the Village Greeter for new residents. She contributed her considerable talents to that volunteer position and created a detailed packet of information for the new residents as well as greeting them early on in their arrival. Mary Lou is an impressive cheerleader for Inverness Village and surely has had a role in the fast turnover of Inverness homes.

Mary Lou has decided to retire from her Greeter responsibilities but will continue to publish the Village directory and be an invaluable Inverness "I" staff member. We are pleased to announce that **Pat Aubry** has taken on the Greeter role. Pat is well positioned to do this, as Pat has been very active in the Social Committee and has participated in many events. **Judy Klanderman** and **Barbara Colby** are assisting Pat in this endeavor. They are busy as there has been a recent turnover of at least six units with more to come! Pat, thank you for volunteering to share your talents.

Barbara Colby

Inverness Architectural Committee

While I have been aware that we have an Architectural Committee since we moved into Inverness back in 2016, we really didn't know much about the work of the committee since we haven't had a need for their guidance. Earlier this year, the chairman, **Wilbur Amand**, invited me to join his group and since then I have been learning more about the committee's work.

Basically, our Architectural Committee works to ensure aesthetic and visual consistency throughout our village. There are any number of changes that would require approval by the committee. The attached photos represent some, but certainly not all, of these changes: handrails, propane tanks, and auxiliary heat/cool units. These are by far not the only areas that should be considered by the committee. Each of us should have a copy of the Village of Inverness Rules and Regulations. Section 5 of this document clearly spells out any change that would need to be reviewed by the committee and the process that needs to be followed to have such changes approved. If you do not have a copy of these Rules and Regulations, please let a Village Council member or CSK Management Company know, and a copy will be sent to you.

Current members of the committee are: Wilbur Amand, Chairman; Jim Aubry, Judy Klanderman, Becky Green, and Barbara Atmore.

Jim Aubry

Examples of work of the Architectural Committee

Location and screening of propane tanks



Handrails



Auxiliary Heating unit placement



A Big Move Here !

In September When I interviewed our new neighbors Barbara and Sam Crispin, I noted in the article that the complications of their move into Inverness was a story for another day. Here is the story as told in Barbara's words. They are survivors!

Pat Aubry

A Bumpy Arrival by Barbara Crispin (#703)

The last of our moving boxes have been recycled and we are settling into the neighborhood. But our arrival was far from the smooth relocation we'd planned way back in December when Sam began his job transition from Wiesbaden Garrison to Philadelphia. The source of the turmoil is what has shaken us all- COVID-19.

The standard relocation process is a straight line of scheduling packers and movers, closing accounts and permissions, returning appliances and keys. We had our relocation binder in good order at six months out. While we were strategizing, the virus was spreading in Italy, in France, then Germany. Army bases across Europe followed the lead of their host nations in closing nonessential businesses and sending students home to Zoom classrooms.

The standard processes for every action changed overnight. Emails and document scans replaced office appointments. Realtors required the potential buyers to use masks and sanitizers. We left our flat for showings and agents requested buyers not touch door knobs or appliances on the first showing. Thankfully the first couple seeing the flat contracted to buy it and our focus shifted to finding our home here. When I arrived in Havertown at our daughter's home in late February the rate of infection in New York and New Jersey was increasing. House hunting was as complicated as what I'd experienced in Germany. Dave and Deb Dorsey did a fantastic job getting me through homes we'd been reviewing online since January. Sam 'walked through' my favorites via FaceTime to ask questions and see things for himself. We decided on 703 and began inspections and negotiations. Wednesday, as I prepared to return to Germany, we worked on the sales contract and started the loan process, the general order came down that on Friday, March 13th, all Department of Defense air travel to and from the US stop. This travel ban meant no relocation moves were permitted before June. We could neither pack our household nor schedule the one-way tickets to Philadelphia. There was nothing in the relocation binder to give guidance.

My direct flight from PHL to FRA Thursday the 12th became a puzzle of increasing urgency: a flight delayed for maintenance, a reassigned gate, a reassigned flight, snaking lines of travelers asking for exceptions with fading hopes, rumors of cancellations and restrictions, a layover in Heathrow, and finally, landing in Frankfurt. It was a relief to get home to Sam in Eltville and begin my first 14-day quarantine of our relocation.

While we revised our timeline; banks, lenders, movers, everyone was impacted by the new restrictions. Delays cropped up everywhere as officials struggled to create new processes to complete paperwork. Our relocation binder took a beating. We scratched out deadlines and focused on details to prevent being the cause of extra delay. When the Eltville settlement was pushed out two weeks because office workers had no access to deed documents, we requested a delay in our Inverness settlement. And all of this was done without knowing when we would be able to leave Germany.

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Barbara Crispin - A Big Move Here (Cont'd)

Easter weekend began our unmoored existence. It seems melodramatic to say this now, but from April 9th until July 23rd all of our belongings were crated and stored without access under the control of the military relocation services. All but the 13 suitcases and duffle bags we'd packed with essentials for our eventual time in our home waiting for our crates to be delivered. Anyone familiar with military moves knows to be prepared for delays in shipments. And our move was no exception. We dragged our suitcases to a furnished apartment in Wiesbaden and tacked an extra 2 weeks to our contract. We worried about settlement dates, arranging power of attorney for a closing without us, and international banking deadlines. Then the ban broke.

Travel exemptions became available. We qualified because we had real estate contracts at each end. With the general's signature on our travel orders, we hauled our bags to the Frankfurt airport, homeward bound.

Our empty home. This is when our pile of luggage paid off. A kitchen duffle, a bedding suitcase, Sam's work office backpack, and our home office satchel. We have many people to thank for their assistance along the way. Without a doubt the most serendipitous piece was the McArdles leaving an unwanted bedroom suite behind. We have slept well from our very first night. And since we had comfy beds, we could go with the flow when our shipment was delayed another 30 days due to the flood of relocations as the travel ban lifted in June.

That relocation binder is a mess of scratched out lines and looping, overlapping arrows connecting details to actions to calendar entries. No matter...the relocation is done, our 14-day quarantines are finished and WE ARE HOME!

60th Wedding Anniversary Party (Covid-style) for Marge and John Brolly

When **Marge and John Brolly** (777) opened their front door on Sunday, November 1, they were shocked to see tents in their parking space and over twenty children and grandchildren standing there beaming and shouting, "Happy Anniversary!" The Brollys were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, which took place on November 5, 1960.

To manage the surprise, a daughter kept the Brollys away from the front of their house while others put up the tents, arranged chairs and tables, and placed trays of specially decorated cookies and other treats. When all was ready, a knock on the door brought John and Marge to the party.



Photo and text by Carol Ellis

Ladies Luncheon

On Saturday afternoon November 14, 11 Inverness ladies ventured out for lunch at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club despite the Covid virus. A good time was had by all, catching up on each other's lives. The lunch was good as usual.

Hopefully our lives will be back to normal next year and more ladies will decide to join us and enjoy the fun.

Thanks to all who attended.

Theresa Carrone



L to R: Lydia Voigt, Cheryl Shelderfer, Marilyn Foley, Judy Mackleer, Dodie Galbusera



L to R: Judy Pedrick, Theresa Carrone, Theresa De Costa, Shirley Joyce.
Missing from photo: Pat Aubry, Joyce Cadwallader

The Decorating Committee

Coordinator of Committee: Marilyn Foley

Chair: JoAnn Kincade

Many Elves:

Marilyn Foley, Becky Green, Chris Genther, Eileen Isselmann, Ozzie Nelson.

Thank you Ozzie for giving us your cart to haul the Decor. A special thanks to our maintenance crew, who by the way took directions beautifully from all the women, Ed Isselmann and Tim Filler!!

We wanted to decorate while the weather was cooperating and also hoped to put smiles on the faces of our Inverness community a little earlier this year.

Judging by the comments we are hearing everyone is pleased. This was our goal. Thank you everyone for your very appreciated comments.

If there is any interest in joining us on this committee or any committee in Inverness, please reach out to any one of our board members. They would be happy to hear from you and steer you in the right direction. It is a great way to meet your neighbors.

Happy New Year!!

JoAnn Kincade and the Decorating Committee



What Are You Reading and What Are You Watching? Carol Ellis

Inverness Village has many avid readers and movie fans whose interests are quite diverse. They read novels, biographies, memoirs, histories, classics and scientific works and enjoy movies and television series. Their recommendations come from books and show that they have enjoyed and believe others would, too.

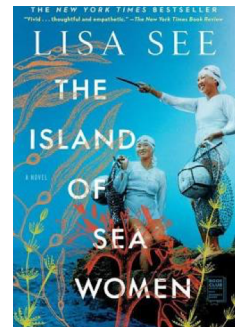
Becky Bell: *Remarkable Creatures*, by Tracy Chevalier, describes a friendship that develops between two fossil hunters in the nineteenth century on the beaches of the English coast. The author gives one the scientific background with this intriguing subject. Netflix: a series....Anne with an "E".....we thought excellent character development and beautiful scenery. Remember Anne of Green Gables?

Lydia Voigt: *Bunny Mellon* by Meryl Gordon is described as the "life of an American style legend" and she was. Mellon was a friend of Jacqueline and John Kennedy, a landscape designer who designed the White House rose garden, was an avid art collector and wife of Paul Mellon, heir to a Pittsburgh banking and steel fortune. The book is a fascinating look into the life of the rich and famous. A second book I found interesting was *All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani, who wrote *The Shoemaker's Wife*. This novel is set in Hollywood during the "golden age" of film making and is a fictionalized account the real-life love affair between actress Loretta Young and Clark Gable. *Claude and Camille*, by Stephanie Cowell, is an historical novel found to be very absorbing and informative about life in nineteenth-century Paris. This romantic novel gives one a look at the life of Claude Monet and his wife, Camille Doncieux, including friendship, love, and the persistent challenges of the artists. Suggestion: follow along with a book of impressionist paintings!



Scott Burkhardt: I finally read *Slaughterhouse 5*, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019. A novel by Kurt Vonnegut dubbed as anti-war, it remains in the top 100 of banned books. It is a science fiction infused story about American prisoners of war in Dresden during the allied bombing of the city. Interesting Yangtze Choo. USA Today says it is "A mesmerizing tale of murder, romance and superstition...so vividly told you can practically smell the oleander blossoms." On Netflix, friends have recommended The Queen's Gambit, which they especially enjoyed. I am presently watching the series *Lucifer* on Netflix.

Ginny Kettenring: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See is an extraordinary story of Young-sook and Mja, two girls who came from very different backgrounds who bond over their love of the sea. These females belong to a diving collective that goes back to the 1930s on a Korean Island, Jeji. They go out in small boats, diving for edible sea creatures that will be sold to local companies. Their culture presents extreme closeness between mothers and daughters as they dive into icy waters regardless of weather. They leave their husbands and babies for sometimes weeks at a time. It is dangerous and it is a life of loss and forgiveness. *The Little Girl Who Fought the Great Depression* by John Kasson describes when banks failed and President Hoover frowned, Gertrude Temple delighted in dressing, doing peroxide hair rinses and tight ringlets for her baby girl, Shirley. Shirley Temple became a bright Hollywood child actress. From age three, she was soon helping the country relax and laugh in movies. *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright is a personal story of remembrance between 1937 and 1948, telling when the Nazis invaded Prague and life was changed.



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What Are You Reading and What Are You Watching? (Cont'd)

Kathy and Giuseppe Pietra: *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, by Thomas Cahill, recounts how Irish monks in medieval Ireland copied Latin manuscripts saving Greek, Latin works that would have been lost since libraries in Europe had been destroyed by the barbaric invasion following the fall of the Roman empire. *Mysteries of the Middle Ages and the Beginning of the Modern World*, by Thomas Cahill, is a fascinating history of the birth and development of culture in Middle Age Europe leading to the Renaissance from the Dark Age. *The Quantum Fuzz the Strange True Makeup of Everything Around Us*, by Michael S. Walker, describes the development of Quantum Mechanics and some of the scientists who contributed to its application. *The Escapist* by Gabriel Filippi shows a great passion for high mountain climbing (8000 m) across the world and regret for the commercial exploitation of Mount Everest by organized outfits with little care for the local population and the danger of the high mountains.

Theresa DeCosta: *28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand is the story of college friends. It's a love story of a young woman who inherited a beach house in Nantucket from her aunt. She had several of her college friends and her brother come each Labor Day weekend, and she fell in love with one of the young men she went to school with. However, he was already involved with his college sweetheart and ended up marrying her but continued to come to the beach house over Labor Day weekend to stay with his lover. *A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham is a very emotional story about a young attorney, Jake Brigance, and his family. Jake was forced to handle a murder case for a young 16-year-old boy whose family was living with a well-respected police officer in this small town. The boy, his mother, and sister were being abused by this man. The head of the police department was not aware of the alcohol problem this officer had and what he was doing after drinking all night, but many of his fellow officers knew but they keep it all to themselves.

Jim Ellis: Netflix has many movies worth watching, in addition to a variety of television series. We have recently enjoyed *The Fishermen's Friends*, a film based on the true story of English fishermen who sang as they worked and perpetuated their traditional songs, leading them to record contracts and acclaim. Some series that are absorbing are *The Designated Survivor* about the U. S. cabinet member who survives the bombing of the Capitol during the State of the Union Address and then must become president, and *The West Wing*, which portrays the presidency during tumultuous times. Our cable On Demand has some excellent films, though often ones that ran in recent years. Some that are worth watching again or for the first time in the free category are *The Martian*, *Joy*, *Tolkien*, *Jo Jo Rabbit*, *Downtown Abbey Movie*, *La La Land*, *Selma*, and *Sully*.



Joanne O'Connor: *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, is the epic story of America's Great migration. Pulitzer Prize winner and an eye-opening epic. David McCullough's *The Pioneers* is a moving saga of the early settlers of the Northwest Territory. Great winter reads!

Shirley Joyce: *Under Currents* by Nora Roberts is an interesting book about a very prominent doctor who is a child abuser as well as abusing his wife. One problem is his wife goes along with it, neglecting the children. A time for healing is a matter of time. This novel is worth reading.

Judy Klanderman: "*American Dirt*," by Jeanine Cummins, is a story of the very "Now" happenings of a woman and her young son's flight from a drug cartel, who is bent on killing her, and her attempt to cross the border into America. The author has given us a believable experience of terror all along the way. Expands my idea of human beings badly in need of sanctuary becoming undocumented migrants. "*Where the Crawdads Sing*," by Delia Owens, I loved!!! A great book of mystery and love. If you love nature, you would enjoy it for a botanist wrote this in the most wonderful way, as seen through the eyes of the Marsh Girl. The prose is wonderful; detailed, beautiful and powerful. You feel like you're right there with the girl, in the marsh, on the beach and every place the author describes.

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September 25, 2020

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December 5, 2020

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