
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

As transplants from New England, we were incentivized to start the *Inverness "I"* as a vehicle to encourage warmth and friendliness in the Village. Now, beginning our thirteenth year of publication, it seems appropriate to recognize and thank our staff members who make it all possible. Give them a shout out whenever you can.

In late 2009 **Carol and Jim Ellis** (697) agreed to join us in launching the newsletter. From the start Carol has been a central member of our team. She suggests topics, generates interesting copy, and solicits inputs from our residents. From the start, Jim created original artwork and continued contributing his entertaining drawings for each issue for seven years. Carol continues to the present time contributing novel content ideas and writing on a variety of subjects. She also edits all submissions for proper grammar and punctuation.

Mary Lou Perry (712), who was the Village greeter at the time, joined our staff in July 2016. She substantially improved the attractiveness of the newsletter, both through design of the layout and the choice of appropriate art. Mary Lou uses her extensive knowledge of the Village to keep us informed and contribute interesting copy. She processes all photography used, and oversees the printing done off-site. In addition, she tracks moves in or out of the village and maintains the Village Directory.

Pat and Jim Aubry (775) joined us in October 2020. Pat is both the current Village Greeter and the facilitator of the Social Committee. She interviews new residents and writes their profiles. Pat also sees that social events are photographed and written up for the newsletter. Jim, who is a member of the architectural committee, encourages the submission of Village Committee reports as well as Men's luncheon reports. He takes on special writing assignments as requested.

Barbara & George Colby

From The Village Vice-President

Saturday evening, December 11th, was the Inverness Holiday Gala at the Community Center. More than sixty residents gathered for a festive meal followed by delicious desserts, happy caroling and neighborly camaraderie. A very special "Thank you" goes out to the Social Committee of Inverness who turned Wooldridge Hall into a beautiful dining room. Special thanks to **Judy Klanderman and Tre Carrone** for chairing this event and helping to make it the joyous event it turned out to be.

Two days prior to that on Thursday, December 9th, the Inverness Village Meeting was held. Again, many residents turned out for this extremely important gathering. These meetings are held at a minimum of two times a year, and the purpose of this one was two-fold. In addition to an update on the Hershey's Mill Master Association by Boyd Mackleer, Rich Hammock presented the budget for 2022. Rich gave a detailed presentation of the Village's income and expenses over the last three years as well as a clear explanation of projected income and expenses for 2022.

The second part of the meeting was a presentation on the siding project. I gave a review of past activities including damage and repairs as well as a timeline that included the Bustamante Engineering Report, the meeting with contractors on site, the creation and delivery of sealed bids, the in-person presentation to council by two of the selected contractors, and finally the selection by council of the preferred product and the contractor to complete the project. At the meeting, Craig Hannum of Marsh Creek Contracting, the preferred contractor chosen by Council, and Jason Moura, VP of Wolf Products, the preferred material chosen by Council, spoke to the attendees. They spoke of their backgrounds, their familiarity with the product, and answered numerous important questions

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from the residents. In addition, the cost and the funding of the project were discussed as well as a "Funding Ballot." Owners had the chance to vote on the suggested funding and thereby decide if the project would go forward in its current form or whether another format would need to be developed. There were many extremely important and informative questions that were asked and answered both at the meeting as well as afterward via emails and personal conversations that were shared among neighbors as well as council members.

Council can at this time, 12/26/21, report the following results for the Siding Proposal Funding vote: out of 97 eligible owners, 84 ballots were received. That is a very impressive 87%. Of those 84 ballots received, 68 were "NO", or 81%. And the remaining 16 ballots or 19% were "YES". Furthermore, there were many various comments, ideas, suggestions, and recommendations that were included with the ballots. These will be taken under advisement by Council in January. Thanks go out to all those who voted.

In conclusion, let me take a moment to hope that each of you were able to enjoy some part of this joyous time of year. Whether that meant getting together with family and/or friends, helping others in some small way, or simply quietly remembering those times in your life that have brought you the joy of the season!

Wishing all a happy, safe and healthy New Year!

**The Editors' View**

We note that the Village Council is composed of intelligent, well-meaning individuals who are devoting untold hours for the common good. We thank them sincerely. We also recognize that they are saddled with plotting a recovery from many years of underperformance in the quality maintenance of our homes.

The siding project proposal with its sizable price tag and its short voting time, has prompted many reservations. Also it has unleashed multiple complaints about other unresolved maintenance issues. Such complainants are concerned that a siding project will eat up all available dollars, and pre-existing issues may not be addressed at all.

Given a thumbs down on the proposal outlined on December 9th, the Village Council is faced with a decision as to how to proceed. Many in the Village appear to believe any plan that is developed should cover multiple needs, not just siding repair/replacement.

To familiarize residents with the content of the Council's siding discussions, a Village meeting can be called soon to review factors involved, approaches proposed by all bidders, associated costs, and basis for selection. This can give residents insight into siding possibilities.

A plan can then be developed, and funding identified, for addressing pre-existing maintenance needs, of which siding is an element. An expanded maintenance committee is no doubt desirable for this purpose. Residents should volunteer to assist in identifying and solving problems. Helping beats complaining.

The Council is facing formidable tasks. We urge meeting minutes with utmost transparency and timeliness so that our neighbors will understand the issues and solutions being discussed. We would ask members to encourage input from residents with concrete suggestions as to how to proceed, and that such input be seriously considered.

George and Barbara Colby

Winter Poem

Elinor Wylie (1885-1928) was born in Somerville, New Jersey, but considered herself a Pennsylvanian. Her grandfather was Governor of Pennsylvania and her father was Solicitor General. In *Velvet Shoes*, Wylie captures the texture of a winter day and the silence of snow.

VELVET SHOES

Let us walk in the white snow
In a soundless space;
With footsteps quiet and slow,
At a tranquil pace,
Under veils of white lace.

I shall go shod in silk,
And you in wool,
White as a white cow's milk,
More beautiful
Than the breast of a gull.

We shall walk through the still town
In a windless peace;
We shall step upon white down,
Upon silver fleece
Upon softer than these.

We shall walk in velvet shoes;
Wherever we go
Silence will fall like dews
On white silence below.
We shall walk in the snow.



Waiting for the parade that got rained out before reaching Inverness were Santa and his Elf and reindeer:

Eileen & Ed Isselmann
(Santa),
Mary Lou Perry
(Elf)
Dodie Galbusera

Decorating Committee Thank You

We wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. My fantastic helpers were **Becky Green, Louise and Dave DeNight**, and **Bruce Yeager**. Many hours were spent and the result is a bright and beautiful display for the entire Village to enjoy.

The new nutcracker and the tree on the upper island were purchased with the prize money from last year's village entrance competition (Inverness won 2nd prize) along with some donations.

If you happen to see Bruce or Dave, please let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. It was really cold and windy while doing the work.

Marilyn Foley



Our Village twins, Roz Baker and Becky Green, won 1st prize for best decorated bicycles in the HM parade.

Wine and Cheese Party

The Wine and Cheese Party, at the Community Center on October 16, brought together approximately 50 Inverness residents for a delightful evening. A large variety of wine and cheese was served with various accompaniments. The tables were decorated with lighted wine bottles, giving the room a festive air. A wine basket, a craft beer basket and the fifty-fifty added fun to the party. Hostesses were **Marge Brolly** and **Carol Ellis**, aided by members of the Social Committee.



Bev and Bob Cella, Pat Aubry



Tina & Joe Scaperotto, Cheryl & Bob Shelderfer, Judy Nestel, Becky Tunnell, Lee Shiffer



Jean Norsworthy, Joyce Cadwallader, Carol Ellis, Judy Pedrick, Tre Carrone



Maureen Cullen, Nancy Schwab, Jeanne & John Sugg, Louise Davidson



Marilyn Foley, Jim Aubry, Penny Zimmerman, Joe Carrone, Tim & Bev Filler, Dodie Galbusera



Judy Klanderman, Brooke & Phil Hamilton, Mary Lou Perry, Shirley Joyce, George & Barbara Colby, Rich & Karen Hammock

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Wine and Cheese Party (Cont'd)

Lydia Voigt, Eileen Isselmann, Mary Flanagan, Ed Isselmann, Marney Roia,
Judy & Boyd Mackleer, BJ Rodgers



John Brolly, Bud Kauffman,
Marge Brolly

Men's Luncheon

On Thursday, October 21, some of us gathered again for an Inverness Men's Luncheon. As with our previous get-together, we met at The Office Bar and Grill in Malvern. Our usual host, **Ed Isselmann**, had been temporarily called out of retirement to help his employer, but things went off without a hitch despite Ed's absence. We were a smaller group than the previous luncheon, but a good time was had by all. **Boyd Mackleer** provided us with an unofficial update on the village siding project, and **John Sugg** spoke about his upcoming Travel Club meeting. The consensus among those of us present was that The Office is a great location—excellent food and service, private room, and individual checks so we should plan future luncheons here. Our next gathering will be held sometime in the January/February timeframe, and again, it will be held at The Office in Malvern.

Jim Aubry



L to R seated: Bill Henderson, Joe Carrone, John Brolly, Jim Hill
L to R standing: Paul Kincade, John Sugg, Tom Delaney, Bob Cella, Jim Aubry,
Jim Seastone, Boyd Mackleer

Inverness Travel Club

Inverness Travel Club Enjoys 1st Meeting

The travel bug first bit me when I was a junior in college. I needed money to pay my college bills, and I was fortunate to land a job with Trans World Airlines (TWA). This was in the '60s and my first flight was on a four-engine prop Lockheed Constellation (Connie). I flew all the way from Nashville, TN, to St. Louis, MO. Not quite an exotic journey, but I was hooked.

***To travel is to live...* Hans Christian Andersen**

Fast forward to the '70s when Jeanne and I moved, with our two young sons, halfway around the world from Tennessee. On extended vacations back to the States we took advantage of the routing and regularly stopped off to visit the Far East or Europe. It was about the same distance either way to Tennessee.

Since 2014 and retirement from our "work jobs," we have been enjoying the "fun job" of helping folks see the world.



John Sugg explains travel club ideas

***Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness...* Mark Twain**

Now we enjoy living in Inverness Village and have noticed that many of our new friends and neighbors love to travel. After discussion with several of our neighbors, the idea of the *Inverness Travel Club (ITC)* has become a reality. A "Selection Committee" made up of Inverness volunteers was formed, and an energetic meeting was held to choose two trips to present to Inverness residents, their friends and family.

The first meeting of the *ITC* was Dec. 3, 2021 and the excitement and interest were evident with 30 in attendance. We enjoyed presentations from *Rocky Mountaineer*, the Canadian Rockies luxury train and *Viking Cruises*, the much awarded worldwide river, ocean and expedition cruise line.



Viking Rep discusses Paris to Swiss Alps
river cruise planned for April 2023

There are two trips planned: The *Rocky Mountaineer* train September 30 - October 8, 2022 and a Paris to the Swiss Alps river cruise April 15 - 26, 2023.

We see this as a service to our community with the benefits of group travel with neighbors, friends and family. We hope you can join us.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover... Mark Twain

John & Jeanne Sugg

Ladies Fall Luncheon

The annual Inverness Ladies Luncheon was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on November 13. Thirty-two ladies attended the luncheon and enjoyed the food and conversation. A good time was had by all, and we will be looking forward to another luncheon next year.

Tre Carrone
Photography by Terry Marran



Lorna Kauffman



Theresa DeCosta



Cheryl Shelderfer - Barbara Atmore



Lydia Voigt



Dodie Galbusera



Mary Flanagan - Susan McCormack



Marilyn Foley - Alma Delaney - Janet Emanuel

Joyce Cadwallader - Debbie
Wallace - Jean Norsworthy

Mary Ann Henderson



BJ Rodgers



Judy Klanderman

Kay Flynn - Tre Carrone - Marge Brolly
Bev CellaDorrie Ritchie - Terry Marran
Marney RoiaShirley Joyce - Carol Ellis
Judy Pedrick

Hershey's Mill Nature Group - come join us!!
Wilbur B. Amand, VMD (President/HMNG)

Have you heard of the newest Master Association Committee? In December 2019, Karl Grentz (HM MA President) met with Christine McCormick (Ashton) and me to discuss the development of a group interested in wildlife, nature and the environment - now known as the Hershey's Mill Nature Group. A core group proceeded to outline the vision and mission of this new Group and developed a set of bylaws that would govern the Group and be administered by a steering committee. These bylaws were approved by the HM MA in March of 2020. From there we were off and running. Membership grew rapidly, and as we enter 2022 we have over 200 members.

Following our mission, to help maintain and enrich the natural open environments of HM and ensure a desirable habitat for a diverse population of native wildlife and plants for the enjoyment of our residents, the Group developed a variety of lectures and events that were felt to be of interest to HM residents. Although we initially envisioned live/in-person lectures and events, the COVID pandemic quickly forced us to alter our initial plans and move into virtual sessions.

To date, a variety of ZOOM lectures have been available to Nature Group members. These have ranged from "The Ecology and Management of the Eastern Bluebird," "Observing the Night Sky at Hershey's Mill," "A (Honey Bee) Hive Tour for Beginners" and "Backyards for Nature." We are planning future programs and events for 2022 and hope that many will be able to be presented in person.

Initially the core group of members had come from the more than 15 bird nest box monitors (did you know that there are over 100 bird nest boxes throughout HM?); however, we have since evolved to include other areas such as a Serpentine Barrens Subcommittee focused on the care and maintenance of the Serpentine Barrens found within the perimeter of HM, and a Pollinator Garden Subcommittee that has focused on native plants and has developed a demonstration garden near the Community Gardens plots. This latter committee is working on an updated list of recommended native plant species that attract/support pollinators and which can be used by HM residents for their own landscaping around their home.

In addition to the above activities, Group members have written on a variety of topics which have appeared in the HM Digest and Spotlights that appear on the HMNG website. One of our newest initiatives is to inventory, map the location, and maintain the more than 20 wood duck boxes found on HM property. Also, we have very recently initiated a discussion with individuals at the Stroud Water Research Center regarding the Ridley Creek Watershed and how we might be able to reduce some of the damage caused by stormwater as it flows through HM.



From the above, I think you can see that the Nature Group has a variety of interests and activities. To continue our success, we need you!! Our mission is to preserve native wildlife and birds and their habitats by promoting appreciation for and stewardship of the local HM natural environment through education and active participation. If you are not yet a member of the Nature Group, please consider joining us. Simply e-mail us at hersheysmillnature@gmail.com and provide your name, village address, e-mail address and phone number. We will be happy to add you to the membership list. This will ensure that you receive notice of upcoming events. For additional information, go to the HM website (hersheysmill.org) and when on the home page, click on 'Activities' and then on HMNG (Hershey's Mill Nature Group).

Maintenance Committee Report

Siding repair has been delayed until after the decisions have been made about the siding project. The biggest news was the uncovering of underground drain pipes at 741. This did not come as a surprise as it has been speculated to be contributing to some of the basement issues that we have seen. In addition, improvements have been made in going to 6" wide gutters and larger downspouts.

Happy Holidays!

Carl Griffin
Maintenance Chair



Landscaping Committee Report

The Landscaping Committee shares the good news that we have scratched many tasks off the to-do spreadsheet in 2021. Committee block captains walked through their areas and submitted lists of priority work to be done. With thanks to AC Tree Experts and Braulio's landscaping division, we completed work left undone for some time. Pruning and trimming occurred on each street in the Village. And we have a good idea of where we will start in the spring. A mulched slope was returned to turf after tree removal; and, we expect several other mulched beds will become turf prior to our spring mulch delivery. On the flip side, we are studying the use of small, tidy rain gardens in a few areas where storm runoff creates erosion problems in yards.

January is the perfect month to consider joining the Landscaping Committee while the year's plan is being discussed. We welcome anyone interested in making our village a more beautiful place to call home.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Crispin
Landscaping Chair



The destructive combination of eroded foundation grading and elevated planted areas in front of roof drip zones is causing wet basements for some villagers. 772, 773 and 776 had trees removed to allow regrading now and appropriate replanting in early spring. BS Landscaping contract.



A trick of photography: the dead pine (705) blends into the ornamental cherry in the foreground. The pine was an easy removal for AC Tree Experts.



Marge and John Brolly (777) celebrate the removal of a declining oak that had dropped dead limbs on their awning and roof. Arader Tree Service contract.

Holiday Gala

On Saturday night, December 11, over 60 Inverness friends and neighbors gathered for our traditional Holiday Gala. Covid prevented us from getting together last year, so everyone was relieved and pleased to be able to get together again.

The evening began with an hour of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and socializing. Following this, dinner catered by Luigi and Giovanni's was served. We dined on salad, pasta, roast beef, lemon chicken, mixed vegetables, and rolls. Dinner was followed by a tasty variety of desserts. Our 50/50 drawing was very successful, providing \$140 for the social committee coffers, and sending seven guests home with \$20 each.

As with our last Holiday Gala, entertainment was provided by Dale McCauley, pianist extraordinaire. Dale provided background music while we dined, and after dinner he led us in a Christmas carol sing-along. The highlight of this activity was the performance by "Dodie and the Dodettes." They were quickly signed up to perform at next year's party! As in the past, we ended the sing-along with a rousing version of *The 12 Days of Christmas*. When we were all "sung out," Dale provided music for dancing.

What a wonderful evening it was - - good food, good entertainment, and good friends! Congratulations to the social committee for the planning and work that went into putting this event together. We are all looking forward to next year's Gala.

Judy Klanderman and Theresa Carrone



Phil Hamilton, Nan Iannelli, Brooke Hamilton, Judy (friend of Nan's), Barbara Atmore, John & Jeanne Sugg, Chuck Atmore



Ginny Kettenring, Bruce Yeager, Joanne O'Connor, Sandy Yeager, Jim Seastone, Nancy Schwab, Karen (Jim's daughter)



John & Marge Brolly, Judy Klanderman, Marney Roia, BJ Rodgers, Mary Flanagan, Susan McCormack



Tre & Joe Carrone, Dan & Denise DeLia (seated), Pat & Jim Aubry (standing), Terry Marran, Judy Pedrick

Holiday Gala (Cont'd)



Joyce Cadwallader, Jean Norsworthy,
Penny Zimmerman, Cheryl & Bob Shelderfer,
Tina & Joe Scaperotto



Seated: Sam & Barbara Crispin, Kay Flynn
Standing: Mary Ann Henderson, Bev & Bob Cella,
Bill Henderson, Pat Phillips



Ed & Eileen Isselmann, Marilyn Foley,
Dodie Galbusera, Lydia Voigt, Mary Lou Perry,
Bev & Tim Filler



Seated: Pat Tunnell, Becky Tunnell, Gale Markey,
Mary Schreiner. Standing: Barbara & George Colby,
Debbie Wallace, Roger Schreiner



Phil Hamilton (2017)

Right: 2021
"Dodie and the Dodettes"
lead us in singing
*"It's the Most Wonderful Time
of the Year"*

*Jim Seastone, Joanne O'Connor,
John Sugg, Dodie Galbusera,
with Dale McCauley on the piano*



**Left: Flashback to December 2017
and the birth of an Inverness tradition.**

*The piano player was unable to come
that year because of a snowstorm, but
that didn't dampen our fun.*

Phil Hamilton (719) stepped up to lead
us in singing Christmas carols, and many
others joined Phil as back-up singers.
The crowd really got into "The Twelve
Days of Christmas" with each table spon-
taneously standing to sing and act out
their "day." Thus was born the Inverness
tradition of ending our sing-along with
"The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Just Thinking

I wish to recommend an interesting experiment take time out to look for the bright side. Start by recognizing that these are the good times for pessimists. Anyone reading the newspaper, listening to the news, or noticing the masks on many faces can find cause to feel things are going downhill faster than a teen on a snowboard. It is easy to feel depressed; the problem is that it's not at all satisfying. And the worst part is that it can creep up on you without your even realizing it. You just lose enthusiasm for life, and fall into an unexciting subsistence. Life is dull and so is your outlook.

I come with good news! There is a bright side! One needs only to know history to see this too will pass. Consider the facts; night will turn into day, the sun will rise, light will shine. We will have a nice place to live, neighbors to greet, and opportunities to pursue. The Village is fortunate to have an influx of new residents who bring fresh and vibrant ideas on how to further increase our enjoyment of living here. Let us look forward to greater enrichment.

History shows that tough times come and go, whether they be caused by diseases, unexpected expenses, or warring political parties. No matter how it seems at present, thanks to a basic humanity, we will in time all work together for the common good. It may take a while, but a realization that better times come from unity than from separation will prevail. Be hopeful!

Better is coming. Stay tuned for the timeline. In the meantime, smile! It's good for your health and ours too.

George Colby

Inverness Directory

An updated directory is being distributed with this issue of the *Inverness "I"*. If you have any changes to your listing, contact Mary Lou Perry.

HM Singers Shine

Having had the opportunity to attend the concert on December 4th we wish to congratulate the chorus on a most welcome experience.



The music was wonderful, and we particularly thank these Inverness residents who participated: **Louise DeNight**, soloist, **Joanne O'Connor**, and **John Sugg**. Thank you all.

Thank you!

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of **Terry Marran** who conscientiously updates the index of previous issues of the "I" which are posted on the Hershey's Mill website.

The Editors

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.

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