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Spring Forward !

From The Editors

The days are getting longer, the temperatures are rising, and we look forward to a great year for Inverness Village. We note with appreciation all the efforts by the Distribution Committee to get the issue to your door. Their names are highlighted on page 9.

A major upcoming event will be the Village meeting in **June**. We strongly encourage everyone to attend, and, when feasible, to offer rides to neighbors who might need them. The meeting is preceded by a pleasant social hour with special desserts.

The success of a village paper depends on input from the residents. In this issue you will find items provided or suggested by your neighbors. We thank them for their valuable contributions.

The editors encourage letters from all village residents and seek a diversity of inputs. A copy of our editorial policy is available on request. Letters can comment on aspects of village life or items of interest to our readers. Items relating to state or national elections are not considered appropriate, however.

Your contributions will be welcomed and appreciated.

From the Village President

The word "blizzard" was used in the January 2010 newsletter and the possibility of an assessment for 2009 was raised. I am happy to report that an assessment for 2009 WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. THIS WAS VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

The 2010 budget year is quite another matter-as of March 17th- the total expenditures for snow were \$35,090 versus the entire year budget of \$15,000. An assessment will be discussed by council at a forthcoming meeting but the overage amounts to \$207.11/per home plus any more March snow removal and Nov-Dec future possible removal costs. A decision will be communicated to all residents in a timely manner.

Winfield Hall dialogue continues but it is very unlikely that the present Winfield Hall will be torn down and a new building erected. Most likely action will be an upgrade to the present structure. The village will be updated at a future time on the course of action. I personally am still opposed to a new building and also opposed to spending any more money than necessary to upgrade the present building.

The next Village open meeting is scheduled for **June 9th**. See everyone there.

Boyd Mackleer (#698)

Management Company Report



In the spring, we will be coordinating dryer vent cleaning and the testing of the fire extinguishers on the garages.

As far as the carpenter bees, I am currently securing bids for a new contractor in 2010. Over the past few years, we believe that the service level for carpenter bees has somewhat diminished. It would appear at this point that Moyer Pest Control is the front runner to get the job (they service Brighton Village as well).

If in fact Moyer gets the contract, residents will be asked to **call** our office when the carpenter bee activity **begins**. We will subsequently fill out a work order, and the entire building (not just the residence that called) will be treated. This differs a bit from past procedure, but it will allow us to better track the areas that need treatment.

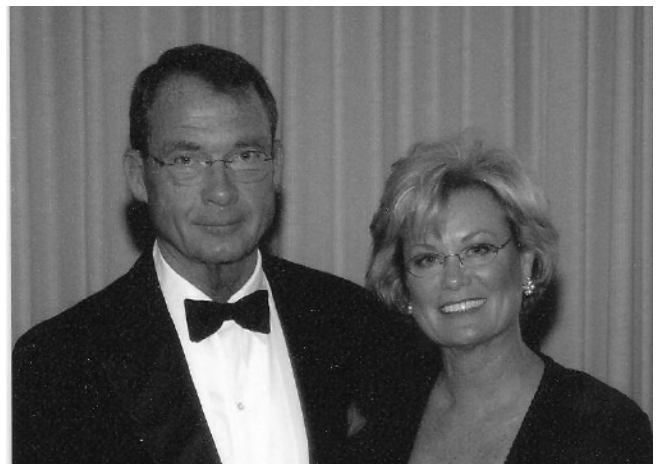
In addition to the above, the ongoing wood replacement process will soon begin. Residents are urged to send us an action request form or call to report any areas of concern.

The annual election meeting will be held on June 9th at 7:30pm in Winfield Hall.

Jeff Bevan
Hershey's Mill Management, LLC

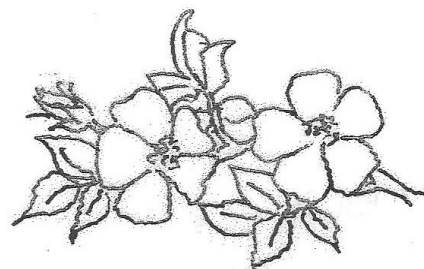
Getting To Know You

John and Phyllis Trickett, (#756) have had a special relationship with Hershey's Mill over the years. John works for a lumber company that supplied the lumber for many of our homes, and in 1979 he became a director here. So it was "a no-brainer" they said when deciding to move to Hershey's Mill from Radnor, for they wanted to downsize and have maintenance-free living.



The Tricketts are avid golfers and are looking forward to playing golf here. John served three terms as president of Aronimink Golf Club. John and Phyllis also enjoy traveling and are planning a trip to France to visit the Normandy beaches.

John is still employed in the lumber business, while Phyllis is retired after working 30 years in banking. CE



Letters - Encouragement

The editors wish to acknowledge receipt of letters of encouragement from **Jeanne Ward** (#761) and **Joan Gallagher** (#723) in addition to verbal messages from several others. We greatly appreciate your responses.

Useful Information

(Editor's Note: The following are comments passed on by **Ken Knuth** (#729) for the benefit of new residents of the village. (Ken served on the maintenance committee for several years and also on the Council.)

1. The windows we have should be operated with the knowledge that damage can be done to them if not closed properly. **To close the window properly and prevent damage to the mechanism**, it is important to crank the window closed just far enough to feel resistance. At that point use the latch levers to move the window totally closed.

The windows have a "bubble" seal around the frame and a "leaf" seal around the movable window to prevent heat loss. After years of service, the plastic deteriorates and should be replaced. One specialist in this area is Bill McFarland (610 469-9422)

2. The maintenance of the overhead garage doors is a resident responsibility. It is advisable to periodically check the tightness of the nuts on the inside of the door that secure the nine hinges and four cable supports. A warning sign is finding loose nuts on the garage floor.

(Additional items from Ken will appear in future issues.)

"Thank you to my neighbors from Inverness who sent their condolences for the death of my son, Mark."

Trudi Roderick (#701)

Around The Village

Marge Brolly (#777) reports that she and **John** welcomed the arrival of their eleventh grandchild in January. A son, Jack Christopher, was born to their daughter and son-in-law Megan and Keith Lange of Lincoln University, PA. Jack Christopher weighed in at a healthy 10 pounds 4 ounces.

Colleen Romann (#693) has moved from Inverness to Bellingham. We have also heard that **Lois Brady** (#780) is moving to be nearer her son.

Scott and Virginia Auer (#705) are moving to 1690 Yardley Drive. We wish them well.

Doris Harry has pointed out that **Paul DiMeo**, a co-star of the TV show *Extreme Makeover*, who appeared at the Philadelphia Home Show this winter, is the son of **Jean and John DiMeo** (#709). They have lived in Inverness village for 16 years following a move from Media.

In an extensive interview published recently in *The Inquirer*, Paul recounted fond memories of growing up in a large and loving household.

2010 Hershey's Mill Home Tour

by **Alma Delaney** (#767)

The snows are finally gone and spring is almost here.

Each May the members of the Hershey's Mill branch of the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary organize and conduct a home tour. The tour features homes in various villages and various designs.

It is a wonderful day of sharing with friends and enjoying the lovely surroundings of our beautiful community. The tour raises money for continuing health resource programs at Paoli Hospital.

The tour will be held **May 13** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It will feature seven homes, each of which is unique and worth seeing. In addition there will be a buffet luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club from 11:30 to 2. You can tour the houses for a while and then take a break for lunch and socialize with your friends. There will be a raffle featuring two large baskets of annual plants which would look great on your deck or patio.

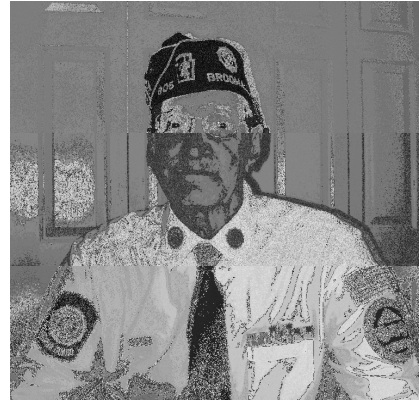
The price of the tour is \$25 and the luncheon is \$20. Tickets can be purchased from any auxiliary member or by calling **Mona McCloskey** at 610-436-4482.

This is a fun way to see other parts of the Mill and come away with different ideas of designs and decorations

Anyone interested in joining our Branch can contact **Sandy Ogletree**, membership chairperson, at 610-436-8389. She will be more than happy to explain our different activities.

Neighbor Honored

Among members of Marple-Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance honored for their service in performing honor guard duties at funerals of deceased veterans was **Sam Malandra** (#692).



He was presented with both a DOD insignia pin and a citation from the Secretary of Defense recognizing tireless effort in honoring our veterans.

The color guard ceremony includes a bugler, a twenty-one gun rifle salute and presentation of the folded flag to the family with a copy of the poem "In Flanders Fields" which is read.

Sam, a member of both the American Legion and the VFW, served in the Korean War in the Army Corps of Engineers. He attends a very significant number of the 250-300 veterans' funerals a year that are honored by this group. We salute him for these dedicated endeavors.

Sam resides with his wife of many years, **Jennie**. GC



Shyanne

Shyanne, who lives with **Al and Janet Nichols** (#706), is a lovely white and tan Border Collie and Shepherd mix. She is approximately three years old and was adopted from the SPCA. The Nichols named her for her sweet and very shy disposition.



Mandy

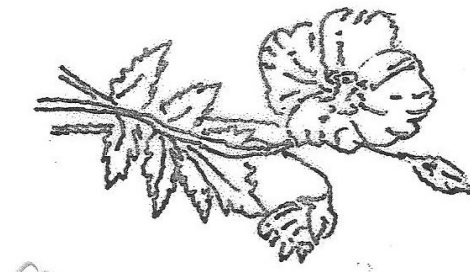
The Shetland Sheepdog puppy in the yellow raincoat and hat seen prancing up Inverness Drive is Mandy, who belongs to **Carl and Pat Teets** (#775). The Teets thought seriously before adopting a puppy, but once they met Mandy, who is now six months old, they fell in love. The decision was made.



Shyanne is sociable and likes dogs, cats and people but is somewhat timid and hates loud noises. She especially likes riding in the car and going to stores where dogs are welcome. However, according to Janet and Al, she "would much rather chase or track foxes, rabbits and squirrels."

Shyanne has become an affectionate and active addition to the Nichols' home. They agree that she is "a great size dog for our house and Hershey's Mill." CE

The Sheltie breed originated 200 years ago in the Shetland Islands, Scotland, where the dogs were used for sheep herding. According to Pat and Carl, Mandy has all the traits of the typical Sheltie: obedience, loyalty, and intelligence. "Few breeds can match the devotion and gentle nature that a Sheltie shows its human family," they said. CE



We are fortunate that **Wilbur Amand** (#721) has volunteered to write a pet care column for our newsletter. Wilbur is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Following his residency there, he was the veterinarian at the Philadelphia Zoo for twenty years, and subsequently taught at the U. Penn Veterinary School until 1995. He remains active in the field as executive director of several veterinary organizations.

Wilbur and his wife, **Judith**, a professor of biology at Delaware County Community College, moved here from Delaware County in January 2009.

PETS RULE

by **Wilbur Amand VMD**

When my wife and I moved to Inverness Village a year ago, I was immediately impressed with the number of dogs (and cats) that I encountered when walking MacGregor, our Scottish terrier. So it is a pleasure to offer this column for all of our pet owning village neighbors.

First let me state up front that I am no longer in practice, but I try to keep up with advances in veterinary medicine. We are fortunate that within a ten- mile radius of Hershey's Mill there are many excellent veterinarians and veterinary hospitals. I encourage all pet owners to utilize the services of these well- trained individuals to keep your pet happy and healthy. In addition there are many trained veterinary specialists along with a major referral center at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia.

There are over 67 million dogs (43 million households owning at least one dog) and over 83 million cats (37.4 million households owning one or more cat) in America. Having an animal as a pet and companion carries with it a responsibility to keep the animal housed properly, fed properly, and otherwise maintained in a healthy condition. Our pets depend on us for their care, and, in turn, our pets make us feel good and can actually make us healthy and help us stay that way. Here are a number of ways that pets can improve our health:

1. Connection magnets – pets are great for making connections; a natural conversation starter.
2. Therapy – dog therapy helps the blind gain their independence, helps those with Parkinson's and Alzheimers.
3. Decrease depression – petting an animal has been shown to have a calming effect, and people with pets tend to have more interactions and less isolation than those without.
4. Lower risk of dying of cardiac disease and strokes.
5. Lower blood pressure – studies have shown that pet owners had lower blood pressure and heart rate at rest and during stress tests compared to non-pet owners.
6. Mood enhancers – the most natural mood enhancer in the world, aside from physical activity comes from spending time with a dog, cat or other pet.
7. Physical fitness – in general, dog owners are more physically fit and carry less weight than those without dogs, and dogs need exercise. A win-win situation.

In future issues of the Inverness newsletter, I will comment on common pet poisons, nutrition, and obesity, and dental conditions. **If you have a pet related question that you would like answered, please submit them to the Inverness I.** With spring here, please enjoy some quality time with your pet.

Sir Duncan MacGregor IV, a black Scottish terrier, rules the **Amand** (#721) household.



MacGregor is over 10 years old, having joined the family at 12 weeks of age. He came from a registered breeder.

A friendly, well-behaved pet, MacGregor loved going to Wilbur's office in Lima, and had to make an adjustment to the move of the office to their home. MacGregor has an aversion to dogs that bark, but nonetheless appears to have a special interest in **Teets's** dog Mandy. Is this to be a new village romance???

Hershey's Mill Lecture Series

Rich Westcott, author and baseball historian, will speak on ***"The Phillies and Their Place in Philadelphia Baseball History"*** in Winfield Hall on April 15th at 7 PM. This **FREE** lecture is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Refreshments will be served.

Directory Update

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Upcoming Village Event

"I don't know her." or "we haven't met." We all have heard this!

An opportunity to renew previous acquaintances and have the pleasure of meeting other neighbors is being planned.

What could be nicer than a casual village outdoor gathering on a spring/summer evening! Details to follow, but we look forward to a great response.

Luncheon Speaker Series

Kennett Village sponsors a monthly luncheon/speaker series at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club. Non-members of the club are welcome. The range of topics makes these programs interesting to all segments of the population. The upcoming program is published in the monthly village digest under "Community News".

It is a great opportunity to be kept current and meet some very nice people!

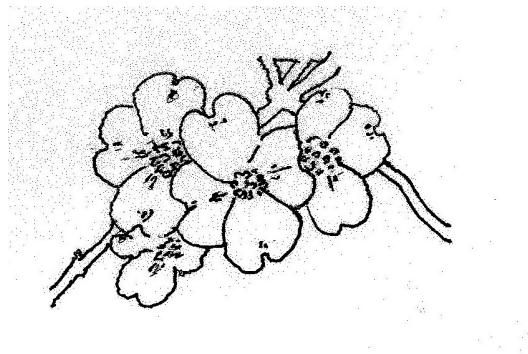
FACTS ABOUT LIME DISEASE

Edited by **Becky Bell (#717)**

- Spring is here and all of us should be aware of Lyme disease, a bacterial infection resulting from a deer tick bite. The deer tick, the most common transmitter of the disease in Chester County, is the size of a pinhead or smaller during different stages of its life cycle.
- Lyme disease is preventable if we are aware of tick habitats such as tall grass, bushes and woods. When walking in these areas, remember to wear appropriate clothing – hat, long-sleeved shirt, long pants tucked into socks, tie shoes, and light-colored clothing so you can easily spot a tick. If you use a tick repellent, spray only on your clothing and inspect and dust off clothing before going inside. It is very important that you check for ticks daily, especially on your pets as well! Use flea and tick collars on your dogs and cats.
- Ticks crawling on the skin will not transmit the disease. Ticks need to become embedded in the skin to transmit the disease: it takes about 4-6 hours for a tick to become embedded and 24-48 hours to transmit the bacteria. If the tick is embedded, remove the attached tick by using CLEAN, fine-point tweezers. **DO NOT USE YOUR FINGERS!** Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and tug gently. Wash the site with soap and water and then apply antiseptic.
- Note that Lyme disease is treatable – if you are bitten, note the date on the calendar. Lyme disease usually occurs in stages with different symptoms. Some symptoms that **MAY** begin anytime from 3-32 days after the deer tick bite are:
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Chills and fever
 - Muscle and joint pain
 - Bull's eye rash or atypical rash

Consult your physician **IMMEDIATELY** if you experience any of the above symptoms.

More information: Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (888) 366-6611 www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org
Chester County Health Department (610) 344-6490



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Immaculata Offerings

Immaculata University, conveniently located at the top of Hershey's Mill road, offers a variety of musical and dance programs throughout the year in addition to a major annual art show.

Events this spring include the Spanish Dance Theater Ensemble Espanol on April 9th, the Immaculata Symphony Spring Concert on April 17th, the Chester County Dance Festival on May 1st, and the Art Show on May 8 - 16.

These are just some of the many events open to the public. The cost is usually \$ 8 - 10 for seniors, but some events, including the art show, are free. Your editors have attended various events and found them very enjoyable.

Further information is available on their web site www.immaculata.edu or by calling the University's Public Relations Office at 610-647-4400 ext. 3874

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