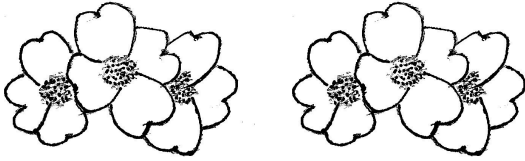

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From The Editors

Celebrating the mild winter and lengthening daylight, we look forward with enthusiasm to a most enjoyable spring and summer season despite the limitations imposed on the Social Committee by the closing of the Community Center. Warmer days provide the opportunity to be outside for more socialization with our neighbors.

As we continue into our third year of newsletter publication we note with satisfaction the increased activity and communication by several of our Village committees. This issue contains many items of interest, including reports by the Managing Agent, the Landscape Committee and the Architectural Committee, and an acknowledgement of the valuable efforts by our Distribution Committee. We commend them and also the efforts by the Social Committee to enliven our lives. Also noted is our appreciation for our many contributors, including the anonymous "Gramps."

The Council members, the Committee members, and Communication facilitators rarely speak about it, but they donate many hours of their time to enhance our quality of Village life. What can you suggest and contribute to enhance Inverness Village?

Barbara & George Colby

From the Village President

The Inverness open election meeting will be held in the newly refurbished Hershey's Mill Community Center (AKA Winfield Hall) on Thursday June 28th at 7:30 PM with refreshments at 7:00 PM. This will be the first time for many Inverness residents to see the new Community Center. A reminder notice will be sent to all residents by Hershey's Mill Management about a month prior to the date listed above. Hope to see you all there.

On the subject of the renovation of the Community Center - it appears that as of March 10th the work is on schedule and on budget. Good news indeed!

It is necessary to have your front door locks keyed into the Master Association security key system. Several homes as of March 1, 2012 were not in compliance. This is necessary in case of a fire alarm call to the Security Center in your absence. If security cannot get into your home in your absence and the fire department arrives - **THEY WILL BREAK DOWN THE DOOR TO CHECK THE HOME IN QUESTION - PLEASE CHECK WITH SECURITY OR HERSHEY'S MILL MANAGEMENT TO BE SURE YOUR HOME IS ON THE SYSTEM.**

Many remember the concern over the radium disposed of in Yardley Village earlier this year. Remember to dispose of hazardous materials in the proper manner.

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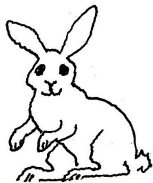
The Village election meeting was originally scheduled for May 15th, but was pushed back a bit due to the Community Center renovations. The Center itself will most likely be completed by the end of April, but the task force wanted to allow ample time for the placement of furniture etc so all May meetings were pushed back. The meeting will be held on June 28th as noted in Boyd's column.

The new wood replacement contractor, Tuskey Ridge, will resume wood replacement at the end of March. Some residents have called to report that areas that were repaired in the fall have not been painted. The reason for this is that the paint does not adhere to the composite material in colder weather, so painting was discontinued until spring. John, the owner of Tuskey Ridge, informed me that they would make every effort to catch up in a timely manner when they return later this month.

We have received some additional action requests from residents for wood replacement as well as landscape issues. Work orders have been issued for the wood replacement and the landscape requests will be evaluated during the spring walk-through with the landscape committee.

Jeff Bevan, Managing Agent

Editor's Note: Due to Community Center construction, primary election voting will take place at the Golf Club.



President's Letter Continued

Council will be meeting in the later days of April and one of the topics will be the results of the Falcon Study. It was necessary to ask for clarification of several points prior to a further discussion. All will be made aware of the results in the near future.

The wood replacement should be completed along with the painting of the new wood by mid April.

Hopefully all have had a good winter, whether staying in the Village or traveling to warmer climes.

Boyd Mackleer (#698)

Landscape Committee Report

Hershey's Mill Landscape has been busy with winter pruning, spring clean up, bed edging and now mulching. The Inverness Landscape Committee will be taking its annual spring walk-thru with **Michael Neale**, Hershey's Mill Landscape, in early April. We will work with Michael to put forth a landscape action plan for consideration by Inverness Council.

Any resident who has identified necessary or desired work around their home should send a written *Request for Action* form to **Jeff Bevan**, Hershey's Mill Management, Inc. If you submit a Request and do not hear from the Committee in a timely fashion, please call **Judy Amand** at 610-344-4867. Thank you.

Judy Amand, Chairman
Mary Jane Hahn,
Rosalind Baker

Energetic and smiling are the traits that easily describe our neighbor, **Dodi Galbusera** (#718). Dodi grew up in



Ardmore, and following high school she matriculated to Keystone Business School from which she graduated with an associate degree. While there, she met

her late husband, Bob. They chose Ardmore as the town in which to reside to begin their married life and lived there until they relocated to Hershey's Mill in 2000.

Dodi and Bob had four children, a set of twin girls and a third daughter and a son.

When asked about her career/work life, Dodi replied, "I was a stay-at-home mom, the most important job in the world."

As the children were older, she substitute taught and simultaneously was employed in the office of an oil company. Also, demonstrating her versatility, from 1993-2000 she managed an art gallery and frame shop in Narberth.

After Dodi and Bob decided it was time to sell their long-time family home, Hershey's Mill was on their radar screen in that they had friends here with whom they visited and were impressed by what they saw.

After relocating, Dodi, a self-described "people person" found time on her

hands with Bob still employed as a banker, so she took on part-time work at Genuardi's. She has been with them for a span of nine years. Since it has recently been announced that Giant is to be the new owner of the store, Dodi is in the process of deciding what the next chapter in her life will be. She is open to what new opportunities might arise and delights in new challenges.

Dodi is efficient in what she does in that she was able to arrange her time so that she and Bob would spend as much time as possible at their second home in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Dodi was a long time member of the Inverness Social Committee and, while Bob was living, they could be seen frequently at the Club, because while Bob was a banker by day, he was a musician by night. He played at the club on a regular basis on his instrument called a cordovox, which is similar to an accordion but sounds like an organ.

As a woman of many interests, she enjoys golf, reading, painting in acrylics and attending music performances, ranging from classical to country. One must also add that all of her children live locally and, as a grandmother of eight, she keeps quite busy being involved as a cheerleader for that generation of her family.

Dodi has been an active and frequent participant in the village social activities and her parting comment was that she loves it here in Inverness and, particularly, the spirit and nature of those people she has the pleasure of knowing.

Barbara Colby

Hershey's Mill House Tour

You will not want to miss the 12th Annual Hershey's Mill House Tour, sponsored by the HM Branch of the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary, to be held on **Thursday, May 10th**, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Seven beautiful homes, all different with their own unique personalities, will be open for your viewing. We think you will find each home charming and very inviting.

The homes are located in Ashton, Glenwood, Inverness, Kennett, Princeton, and Hershey's Drive. At each home there will be volunteers to describe the highlights of the home, answer questions or provide directions. Inverness Village is represented by **Phyllis and John Trickett**, who have generously volunteered to open their home to the tour.

Two events of note will be held in connection with the tour. A special tour luncheon will be served at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The committee hopes you will take the time to relax and enjoy the luncheon with its decorated tables and delicious food.

Something new! The Sullivan House will be open with special displays by two vendors, Gingy's of King Street in Malvern, and Hi Ho Silver Jewelry founded by Lori Dougherty from Newtown Square. In addition there will be different theme baskets available for bidding, among other surprises, and the Railroad Club will be showing their train display.

You are encouraged to check Channel 20 in April, watch for ticket sale signs, and invite your neighbors and friends from different areas to join you for this great event. You will not be disappointed!

Lydia Voigt (#713), Chairman of the 12th Annual Hershey's Mill House Tour

Reflections on Sullivan House

This year a feature of the House Tour will be the Sullivan House, the epitome of elegant entertaining. The first time I walked in I felt an aura of elegance: the beautiful rooms, the windows looking out onto the wonderful views, the seating and pictures all arranged for your comfort.

It has hosted bridal and baby showers, significantly numbered birthdays and anniversaries as well as weddings. It served as a set for a Channel 20 murder mystery film and the site of many parties by various Hershey's Mill clubs, as well as ongoing book clubs, bridge games, and the model railroad club.

The decor and decorations are lovingly maintained by the Friends of Sullivan House. Come and enjoy.

Alma Delaney (#767)

Neighbor Profile

Dolores and Ken Knuth (#729) are actively and emotionally invested in life here in Inverness Village, and have contributed significantly over the years to making it a



great place to live. Their life story begins in the mid-west and includes twenty-seven years of home

ownership in Pennsylvania, before moving to Hershey's Mill.

Dolores and Ken were both raised in the inner city of Detroit, but did not know each other in their early years. During World War II, Ken was drafted into the US Army's 3rd Infantry Division following high school. He fought in the North African Campaign, as an infantry replacement, and subsequently in Italy for the Anzio Beach invasion where he received his first Purple Heart. The invasion of Southern France on the Riviera Beach followed, during which time Ken was wounded again.

In her teens, Dolores became a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Detroit where she met Ken's sister and cousin and learned of Ken's military experience. Upon his return she and Ken met during choir practice, and she found him remarkably robust and engaging.

The following year they were married in October 1947. Three years later they built a home in Dearborn. While living there they were blessed with a son, David, and a daughter, Anita.

Upon employment by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company Ken was accepted in the apprentice program and became a tool and die maker. He remained with Burroughs for 41 years, progressing to the level of Senior Manufacturing Engineer. In 1965 Ken assisted in starting a new Burroughs manufacturing facility in Paoli, and they moved to a home on 2 1/2 acres in Willistown township. The acreage lent itself to many social events and outdoor sports. The greatest joy was regular babysitting for their grandchildren, Matthew and Brittany

While living there, Dolores wrote a weekly column for the Upper Main Line News and served with the Red Cross Gray Ladies during the Vietnam War. She retired in 1991, after working for 16 years as a clerical aide at the General Wayne Middle School. After retirement from Burroughs, Ken worked for a manufacturer of acrylic globes for another 23 years.

They moved to Inverness Village in 1993. Beginning in September 1999, Dolores published a monthly "Village Voice" newsletter for a year until eyesight problems caused her to stop. Ken served on the Village Council as Maintenance Committee chairman, overseeing roof replacement and painting, as well as a variety of repairs.

Together they have known the heartbreak of their son's death and concerns with Ken's health. He had the first open heart surgery performed at Paoli hospital.

Dolores and Ken enjoy the Amish countryside and restaurants, and are pinochle enthusiasts in the Hershey's Mill club. They say they are strengthened by their strong faith and look forward to the future here in Inverness Village.

George Colby

Architectural Committee Report

We all agree that the contemporary architecture of Inverness Village needs to be preserved, maintained, and improved where the need exists. Architectural improvement, however, is tightly controlled by our Village Covenants, the Master's Association and the Township. Constructing an addition onto an existing structure, for example, is nearly impossible unless it fits within the existing "footprint" of the original home. Expansion, otherwise, is generally not allowed. Such things as roof line changes are quickly condemned. Even painting the outside of your front door is demonstrably controlled. My job is to recommend or disapprove your architectural requests after Janet Emanuel has checked them against both our covenants and the Township regulations. If you are uneasy by all the restrictions, there is a good side to them. For example, if I were to paint my house purple or build a chicken coop in my back yard, I am sure you would all be upset. Don't get nervous, I am not allowed to do those things, nor do I want to. I just wanted to make a point.

Another problem we are faced with is inflation and dropping home values. These are reasons enough to have our village make the best possible impression on potential buyers. Attention to tasteful architectural and landscaping improvement will have a positive influence in bolstering the value of all our homes. Most of our homes are dark inside; glass front doors and additional skylights might help. Window replacement is becoming necessary due to the age of the original insulated glass. You probably have noticed some of your windows getting foggy. Replacing them with larger expanses of glass would make our homes lighter inside and more unique. We have great views in Inverness that the larger expanses of glass would enhance. Also, our entire village will require painting soon. Since painting will be required, a change in color, for the trim at least, is under consideration.

One of the objections to Inverness homes is that they have only one car garages and most families now have two cars. A buyer objection that I've heard is that our garages are not connected to our homes and getting to a car in the rain or snow is sometimes less than pleasant. It might be possible to connect each garage to the house with a covered walkway if they were uniform and of professional design. We might add rear doors to our garages to make the trek in the rain and snow shorter. Advantages we do have are the spaces between garages and homes. They are larger spaces than in most villages, allowing us adequate on-street parking for guests and parties and a pleasant feeling of space for visitors. Maybe these could be made more attractive.

Now for the commercial! I would like your ideas as to how we might improve the architectural appeal of Inverness Village. Let's place some creative thought into making our homes more salable and enjoyable. I would like your ideas about colors and then if we all agree on a change, we will go about trying to get them approved.

Other villages have made some very attractive improvements. I would appreciate your looking around and giving me your thoughts. I will go to work for your good ideas.

Jack Gaskill (#768) Architectural Committee Chairman
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Editor's Note: It is with great pleasure that we continue our "Dear Gramps" advice column. Please feel free to submit your concerns and receive this inspired advice!

Parents Are Screwing Up

I feel that my daughter and son-in-law are making a big mistake by keeping their two young children too close to home, and not putting them in situations where they mix with, and learn how to get along with, other kids.

This was OK when the children were very little, but now they are elementary school age and old enough to engage in social and team activities, such as Scouting or sports. Their parents have only put them into individual activities such as art or karate. I feel strongly they need to get out and mix it up with other kids.

Our daughter and son-in-law are very sensitive to criticism of any sort. When I say anything I can tell they get irritated, and my comments are dismissed without being considered. How can I make them see the light?
A Social Being

Dear Social Being,

Alas, you are only the grandparents! And while you may have the right to LOVE THEM AND LEAVE THEM, you will typically find it very difficult to tell them what to do, such as trying to "unscrew" them up. You can certainly make your suggestions and talk to the grandkids about the fun of being in a group experience with other children. However, if they are meeting their parents' goals and expectations, it is usually very difficult to tell them to do something that may be alien to their parents' needs or levels of comfort.

In the end, the more you support the existing family system, the more you will get to see your grandchildren and to be able to bond with them. Enjoy them now for what they are as they will soon be grown up!
Gramps

Dad In Charge

When my daughter's family (three teen-age grandchildren) comes to my home, my son-in-law feels it is his duty to correct every perceived misstep by any of the children right in front of everyone. I think he does this to show he is in charge of their lives.

Such public corrections are very embarrassing. Sometimes the children talk back, which makes the situation even worse. I always try to change the subject to avoid further conflict, but all that does is to stifle all conversation. Also I can tell that Dad gets irritated with me for "interfering."

Nothing seems to dissuade Dad from this behavior. Should I just plan visits so he is not along, or how else can I handle this?
Peace Lover

Dear Peace Lover,

Plan, scheme, connive and whatever it takes to have visits with your grandkids without their dad. He sounds like a BRICK WALL.
Gramps

Village Election

Useful Web Sites

There are two web sites of particular interest to Inverness residents: the Village web site, and the HM web site that gives the minutes of the Master Association meetings, among other information. These can be accessed as follows:

Inverness Village web site:

www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG
(Maintained by **Terry Marran**)

Hershey's Mill web site:

www.hersheysmill.org

To get the minutes of the Master Association meetings:

On the left side of the site, click on **Web Links**. On the new page, scroll down under **Hershey's Mill Villages** and click on **Master Association**. Scroll down to find the meeting minutes.

E-Mail Notifications:

Terry Marran maintains an e-mail list used for time-sensitive communications. If you have e-mail and are not on her list, mail her at:
terry.marran@gmail.com

We thank Terry for her gift to the Village of her time and talents.



A main item at the Village Meeting on June 28 will be the election of three of the five members of the Village Council. The term of office is two years. Detailed information will be mailed in late April or May.

As you are no doubt aware, the Council is the governing body for the Village and makes the final decisions regarding all aspects of life in Inverness, including expenditures.

As Editors of the Newsletter, we take a neutral position relative to Village (and other) elections. Our interest is only in informing our neighbors about the subject of upcoming Village meetings.

Letter to the Editor:

I was informed that our friend and former neighbor (#778) Bill Witte passed away last April in Charlottesville, VA. He and Marie are buried in Monticello Memorial Gardens.

Ken Knuth

In Memoriam

Alice Griffin
January 14, 2012

Our sincere condolences
to her family.

Family and volunteerism have been the mainstays and motivation for **Ginny Kettenring** (#707). Throughout her adult life, Ginny has devoted herself to her family and her charitable activities



A graduate of Penn State in elementary education, Ginny taught third grade before marrying James O'Neill, a West Chester lawyer, and raising their two boys and two girls. Their life together was cut short when Jimmy died at the age of 36, leaving Ginny to raise their young children. A few years later, Ginny married Ken Kettenring, a Ph.D in chemical engineering with DuPont and a WWII veteran, who also had four children. The ensuing years saw an active house full of young people. Ginny and Ken were very involved in their children's educations and later on their weddings. However, they took time to enjoy traveling together and spending time at their beach house in Avalon.

In 2002 Ken died, and three years later Ginny left their West Chester home to move to Hershey's Mill. She explained that she chose Inverness because, "I was interested in pretty landscaping, with a large enough house for family and friends and ten grandchildren."

Summers find her at her second home in Avalon, NJ., where each summer she runs "Camp Nana," a week with grandchildren. "Avalon is a very special place for us. We all love the beautiful beach and big waves," she said. Today Ginny has ten grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren who join her in Avalon with their parents.

The Chester County Hospital has been a major focus in Ginny's life for many years. She was the president of the West Chester Auxiliary and president of all ten auxiliaries. "Fund raising is difficult and it is big business. The auxiliaries raise about \$500,000 per year," explained Ginny. She proudly listed many of the innovations the auxiliaries have made possible at the hospital: the construction of the newborn intensive care unit, the renovation of West Wings I and II and the family lounge, as well as ultrasound and mammogram equipment, to mention just a few. Ginny can also be seen in the hospital nursery rocking newborns and in the family lounge, greeting patients and family members every Wednesday morning.

The Community Volunteers in Medicine is another of Ginny's passions. She said, "I have had a very good exposure to the medically uninsured of Chester County by volunteering at CVIM. CVIM has served as the medical home for thousands of adults and children who want to be healthy to be productive members of our community. In 2011, 250 volunteers donated over 30,000 hours to CVIM."

In addition to her volunteerism, Ginny has many interests: "Reading is a big interest for me, catching a play, and a few good movies are high on my entertainment list." But travel is one of her favorite recreations. From two month-long flat rentals in London, to a safari in Africa, to Egypt, to the U.S national parks, Ginny has traveled throughout Europe and the United States with her husband, with family, and by herself.

As Ginny said, "Life up until now has been pretty busy," which is a definite understatement. The years to come will certainly find her following her passions and continuing to contribute to our community.

Carol Ellis

PETS RULE

**WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD
(and of course MACGREGOR)**

Although I have retired from my position as Vice President for Animal Health and Biological Programs at the Philadelphia Zoological Society and as Adjunct Professor of Zoological Medicine at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, I continue my involvement with veterinary medicine, currently serving as the Executive Director of several national/international veterinary associations. One of these associations is the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition, an organization committed to improving the nutrition of companion animals and large animals alike.

Nutrition is one of the important building blocks for good health. The food that we feed our pets provides the energy and nutrients needed by our pets and ensures that they remain in peak condition. But which food is right for your pet? This can be confusing since there are so many brands to choose from. Should you use dry kibble or moist canned food? Do you need to use any of the specially formulated diets in treating some medical conditions? And what about treats? These are all questions to be considered and discussed with your veterinarian to ensure that you are providing the best nutrition for your pet. Regardless of what food you ultimately choose, I would encourage you to make sure that it is a food that follows the AAFCO (Association of American Feed Control Officials, the group that regulates animal food) guidelines. The AAFCO statement should appear on each bag or can of pet food. In addition the bag or can should carry a Nutritional Adequacy Statement.

The importance of portion control for pets can't be overstated. Overfeeding, which may lead to your pet becoming overweight or obese, can decrease your pet's longevity. When you take your pet to your veterinarian for that annual checkup, the veterinarian will normally provide a body condition assessment – body condition score. This assessment serves the same purpose as the BMI your doctor calculates for you. Maintaining your pet at its optimal body condition will help ensure a healthy, active companion. So be sure to follow those feeding instructions for the particular food you choose to feed your pet. Do not forget that those snacks/treats you love to give and your pet loves to receive add additional calories to the diet and contribute to possible obesity. And one final thing about snacks, be sure you know where they are made. It is far safer to use a USA manufactured product than one made abroad. Proper feeding coupled with adequate exercise will go a long way to keeping your pet healthy.

One final thought. Spring is here and it is time to give your pet a pest control tune-up. We have had a very mild winter, and spring appears to be starting on the warm side. This is a great condition for ticks to become active. I have already heard from a number of pet owners in Inverness that they have found ticks on their pets. In addition to ticks, be aware of fleas and mosquitoes. Check with your veterinarian to ensure proper treatment and control of these annoying parasites.

Ron and Judy Pedrick (#750) could well be described as natives to the



area. They moved to our village from Radley Run in West Chester and prior to that, Ron lived in East Goshen for 30 years. It should al-

so be mentioned that there is a third occupant of the home and it is Willy their beautiful cat.

Ron retired from upper management at Sharp Electronics in northern New Jersey, and Judy is also retired after a long career in real estate.

Tennis is Judy's sport as well as golf. Ron also is a golfer with membership at Radley Run. One large golf ball, about 18 inches in diameter, graces their home's entryway.

When asked what drew them to Hershey's Mill, Judy responded that they liked the 55-plus feature and that they have two or three friends who live in the Mill.

She shared the fact that her grandfather had lived in a farmhouse on Green Hill Rd. just up from the Main Gate. He worked on the Sullivan property (now Hershey's Mill) where there were many horses.

True natives, it would seem! Welcome and best wishes for residency in Inverness. We are happy you are here!

Barbara Colby

With Our Thanks

An essential part of the publication cycle of the Inverness "I" is the distribution to our homes. We are indeed indebted to the following members of the Distribution Committee who unselfishly perform this vital task.

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Becky Bell (#717)

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Jini Pettijohn (#740)

Tom Delaney (#767)

Pat Teets (#775)

Around The Village

We have heard informally that **Donna Molyneux (#772)** has moved to Freedom Village. We wish her well.

We welcome our new neighbors in #720, **Philip** and **Brooke Hamilton**. (610 344 3902)



Recipe

At the Inverness Holiday Party, several people asked for the recipe of the delicious potato dish served. Here it is, courtesy of **Marge Brolly**.

Harvest Potatoes

- 1 pkg. (32 oz) frozen hash brown potatoes (thawed)
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 medium onion, diced

Topping

- 2 cups cornflakes, crushed
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine

Grease a 13x9 inch baking dish.
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 In a large bowl, combine all ingredients, except topping. Spoon into the baking dish. In a small bowl, combine topping ingredients. Sprinkle over the potatoes. Bake for 45 minutes or until bubbly.

Eat well, live long, enjoy!



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A Touch Of Humor ??

In this day and age of an exponentially growing number of digital devices of every imaginable type, it is important for everyone, especially seniors, to keep in touch with the latest developments. With this in mind, we forward the following.

"We hear there is a new kind of Texting. You just write on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope, and let the Postal Service deliver it. Nothing to it !!!!!

(courtesy of **Trudi Roderick**)