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# The Inverness "I"

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## From the Editors

As the painting of the Village progresses, we can take time to look around and welcome the improved appearance. The lighter colors certainly give a more up-to-date look, making the units more attractive to residents and prospective buyers.

In this issue, we would like to direct your attention to the poignant "Pets Rule" column by **Wilbur Amand** VMD.

The influx of new neighbors brings spirit and energy which support our growing sociability and activities. In this issue you will find summaries and photos of a variety of social events, and a forecast of more to come.

On average, approximately 50 residents attend. (We have heard comments that some council members are missing nice events.) As you can see from the photos, those who do come have a great time, and make a point of going to the next activity. If you are among those who do not partake of this enjoyment, we can only say you are missing opportunities for fun evenings. Do not let the fact you have not been before deter you. Everyone is friendly, and we all wear name tags so it is not necessary to know (or remember) names. Try it! You'll like it!

Inverness is a great place to live. Your participation makes it even more so.

**Barbara & George Colby**

## From the Village President

As previously communicated, remember that awnings must be taken down by October 10th to allow the painters to finish your property.

The wood replacement is coming to an end, with Dan and his crew from Tusky Ridge working to keep ahead of the painters.

The painters are on schedule and are presently working in the #754 - #771 cul de sac. They plan to finish by October 31st. The doors are being painted as they go along, and will require your cooperation in opening both your front doors and garage doors when the time comes. The painters will contact you when necessary. The lights for the garages and taller poles will be finished as well as the mailboxes.

You are reminded that the second \$800 assessment is due no later than October 31st. This will allow us to remain current with our wood and painting groups.

Thanks again to the Social Committee headed by **Judy Klanderman** for some very pleasant and different social events. Most notable was the recent wine and cheese event attended by many in the village. Keep up the good work, Social Committee.

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The Landscape Committee would like to submit future articles to the newsletter based on requests for information from Inverness Village homeowners. Help us provide you with the information you want. Submit questions to the Landscape Committee for the next issue. Send your questions to **Judy Amand** at #721, **Rosalind Baker** at #779 or **Mary Jane Hahn** at #700. Refer to the Rules and Regulations of Inverness Village to address some concerns. Landscape rules are contained on pages 8 and 9. We will provide any additional information you request.

For this fall, remember that garden hoses must be disconnected and stored in the garage by October 15<sup>th</sup> and the removal of dead annual plantings from common areas that are mulched and/or the 24-inch beds adjacent to patios should be completed.

Remember that prior approval is required before a homeowner disrupts any common area to install plants around houses, garages or areas of lawn.

The very stressful conditions of 21+ days over 90 degrees in July/August have caused some shrubbery to die back. Dead branches on shrubs will be removed during the scheduled winter pruning by Hershey's Mill Landscape. Many thanks to the residents who are watering the newly seeded areas in the Village. As you know, the seeded areas are watered thoroughly at the time of seeding by the Landscape Company, but then require gentle daily watering for the next few weeks.

Let us hear from you,

**Judy Amand**

From The Village President

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Thanks to **Terry Marran** (#741) for her efforts in keeping the Village informed via e-mail of various events concerning the residents.

The Council is working on an update of the Village Rules and Regulations. This should be available soon.

**The next Village Open Meeting will be December 10th at the Community Center.** The budget for 2013 will be discussed at that time. Each homeowner will receive the budget prior to the meeting date. The Finance Committee will begin work on the budget in early October. **Joe Proctor** (#784) is Chairperson on the Finance Committee.

All residents should be commended for your sense of cooperation during the painting and wood replacement work.

**Boyd Mackleer**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Saturday, November 3, 2012*

**INVERNESS LADIES' LUNCHEON**

**Doris Harry** (#714), **Rita Cordivari** (#776), **Trudi Roderick** (#701) and **Roz Baker** (#779) are, once again, planning the annual Inverness ladies' luncheon. It is always a "must do" event with great attendance, so plan ahead!!!

Watch for more information to be distributed very shortly.

## Neighbor Profile

Our interviewee for Profiles in this issue spent a large part of her life in Goshen, NY, before moving south to our East Goshen. We are pleased she did.

**Joanne O'Connor** (#727) grew up in Sheboygan, WI, right near the shore of Lake Michigan. She recalls a wonderful childhood where



she could hear the foghorn from her bedroom. Some of her childhood friendships still continue, and she and her friends

have a get-together all planned to gather in Sheboygan.

Joanne graduated from Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois, during which time she met her husband-to-be, Bob, who was a student at Notre Dame. They married toward the end of Bob's military service which followed upon his graduation and they lived in Moorehead City, NC. Joanne taught school there for a brief time until they moved to Goshen, NY, where Bob was employed in his father's valve business, Kieley and Mueller. Eventually, Bob started his own business as a manufacturer's representative.

During these years, Joanne launched on a very busy life as the mother of six children (4 daughters and 2 sons) and dedicated herself to volunteer work as well. She was active in Girl Scouts, Christian Education and the Junior League. As the children grew older, her desire to work was fulfilled by her returning to teaching. After a few

years in the classroom, Joanne decided to make a change and acquired her real estate broker's license, which brought some new experiences and many friends.

She and Bob had enjoyed travel domestically and in Europe during these years both through his business and for pleasure

Due to Bob's poor health, they moved to Hershey's Mill in August 2004 to be near their daughter who lives in Villanova. Bob passed away in August 2007.

After Bob's death, Joanne met the challenge of making a different life. Continuing in her volunteering tradition, she headed the Inverness Social Committee, and became a member of Paoli Hospital Auxiliary, for which she was the Chairwoman for the House Tour for two years. The Hershey's Mill Singers is a high priority among her many activities as well as the Hershey's Mill Players. In this year's production Joanne was a star, though almost unrecognizable in her role as the fortune teller.

Travel is still very much a part of her life, and Egypt is her favorite country to date. Within this country, she is often on the road to visit her children and nine grandchildren.

She loves to visit museums and the theater but most of all she said that she is happiest when with her grandchildren. She said, "They see the world through different eyes." Surely, they are very happy when they are part of Joanne's world and she is a great role model.

**Barbara Colby**

**DEAR GRAMPS**

*I am a widow and have recently begun dating. The man I am seeing and I are both retired and on fixed incomes. Therefore I wonder if I should offer to go Dutch or to occasionally pay the bill?*  
**Wondering**

**Dear Wondering:** I applaud you for your sensitivity and thoughtfulness. Ideally it would probably be best to have a frank discussion about this topic, and certainly a good way to open the subject is to offer to split the tab or to Go Dutch. After all, the teenagers have certainly changed the rules of dating since BACK IN THE DAY, so I guess we are also entitled to make up the rules as we go along!  
**Gramps**

*Whenever we are with our children and grandchildren, I find myself asking them questions in order to start a conversation and to engage them. Then, I feel as if I am prying. Is there any way to create a dialogue without constantly questioning them?*  
**Puzzled Grandparents**

**Dear Puzzled Grandparents:** Alas, this task can be a challenge, but let me suggest a few ideas. Sometimes it works to tell young children that this is a special time for both of you to tell each other some secrets that nobody else can know about. Also, it can sometimes help to really get involved in one of their extra curricular activities such as a sport, so that you can hear a blow-by-blow retelling of the event. Or maybe you can tell them about an experience that you had when you were about their age, and attempt to get them to relate that experience to something happening in their world. Be creative and always give the assurance and attitude that what you talk about is special and only for your ears!

In other words, the more you can get into their lives, and the more you can be an "active" listener about what is important to them, the more you may get some verbal spontaniety. Actually if you can be real COOL about what they like to do and say, (especially teen-agers) you may get an earful!  
**Gramps**

**CAROL'S QUIZ**

**(How well do you know your neighbors?)**

**MATCH THE INVERNESS NEIGHBOR WITH HIS OR HER DESCRIPTION**

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| Dodie Galbusera | _____ | a. Newest member of the Inverness board |
| John Klanderman | _____ | b. Engineer on finance committee        |
| Janet Emanuel   | _____ | c. Artist/home decorator/remodeler      |
| Rita Cordivari  | _____ | d. Musician, former college professor   |
| Wilbur Amand    | _____ | e. Walks Max, a long-haired dachshund   |
| Jane Auer       | _____ | f. Ladies' luncheon hostess             |
| Marney Roia     | _____ | g. Smiling employee at Genuardi's/Giant |
| Joe Proctor     | _____ | h. Financial planner                    |
| Mary Lou Evans  | _____ | i. President, Okehocking nature center  |
| Derek Stedman   | _____ | j. Board member and artist              |

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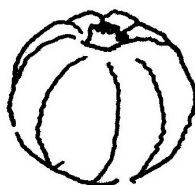
Carol Ellis

**BUNCO**

Thirty game-players enjoyed a spirited round of Bunco on the evening of August 15th, led by **Marge Brolly**. It is always an enjoyable evening, especially if you win!



photos by **Jim Ellis**



**Around The Village**

**Cliff Long**, (#702), joined the Service as a teenager during WW II, and became a pilot with the famed Flying Tigers. As such he flew many missions in China against the Japanese invaders. This summer Cliff was contacted by a film maker now working in China to produce a TV documentary telling the story of this phase of the war. Cliff accepted his invitation to come to D.C., where he was interviewed and filmed. He was also extended an invitation to visit China again if he wishes.

Cliff's exploits were described in detail in the January 2011 Inverness "I" in a marvelous article by **Becky and Bob Bell** (#717) (p 7-8). This can be accessed through the village website or copies can be made available on request.

**Letter To The Editor**

Those of us in Inverness Village with clean, freshly painted homes are very pleased. We have new lights, and sturdy mailboxes. We thank all who managed these changes.

We also appreciate when our board members, and management, keep us updated with information and changes along the way that we must know.

We have a large community, and we all want to do our best to keep up with the times, and live as good neighbors. We want people to be attracted here and contribute to making Inverness a great place to live within Hershey's Mill.

**Virginia Kettenring** (#707)

This is the one column that I have been dreading having to write. In mid-July I had to make a very difficult decision. I knew for some time that the day was coming when I would need to decide to euthanize MacGregor. He had a chronic liver disease that we were trying to treat as best we could. However when he signaled that it was time, I felt it was my responsibility to relieve his suffering. So after being with me for 12 years, 11 months and 1 week, he went to sleep for the last time while I held him in my arms. It was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make – very sad, but many happy memories. I think that the following best expressed my feeling then and now-- *"If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again."*

All of us who have experienced the grief following the loss of a longtime pet companion know the hurt. For those of you who may be facing this day, I would recommend a book called "Going Home - Finding Peace When Pets Die" by Jon Katz. I think that you might find the book helpful.

There are a couple of issues that I would like to comment on this month. Although hopefully the worst of the hot weather is past, we may still get some hot days and this information may be helpful for the future. Taking a few simple precautions can oft times be a lifesaver:

1. Plan a spring or early summer check-up for your pet. Make sure that your pet is provided with year-round heartworm prevention medication. Yes, even cats may get heartworm infections, so check with your veterinarian. Also make sure that your pet is on a safe flea and tick control program.
2. Take your pet for a walk early in the morning or in the evening when it is cooler. Keep pets in the shade, don't over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it is extremely hot. Remember that cement and asphalt can become very hot in the full summer sun and can result in burns to sensitive paws. Pets can dehydrate quickly, so provide them with plenty of fresh, clean water.
3. Know the symptoms of overheating – excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. If you suspect that your pet has overheated, attempt to cool them down immediately and contact your veterinarian.
4. NEVER leave pets alone in a closed parked vehicle.
5. Not all dogs are good swimmers, so do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool.
6. Giving your pet a lightweight summer haircut may help in preventing overheating; however, do not shave down to the skin, as doing so removes protection from the sun.
7. Remember that rodenticides and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful if ingested, so keep them away from pets.
8. Food and drink served to guests at backyard barbeques can cause digestive upsets, even be poisonous, to pets.
9. Many summer holidays are accompanied by fireworks displays. Best to leave pets at home and not subject them to these loud, often terrifying, events.

I am often asked about including complementary and alternative medicine when treating pets. This is a topic that has received much attention over the past decade. Holistic veterinarians using the tools of their trade – acupuncture, herbal/botanical medicines, homeopathy, etc. – believe in what they do but also understand the limits of such therapies and most often use them alongside the more conventional ones. You might want to discuss these therapies with your veterinarian when faced with treating difficult conditions.

I hope that you have all had a great summer and that you will enjoy the cooler autumn months. Get out with your pets; take a walk around the village and down to the pond. You will be glad you did!

**Carl and Pat Teets** (#775) have enjoyed a life of hard work and just rewards. While Carl's position with Bell of Pennsylvania moved them every few years, and Pat managed the moves and their children, their summers at their lake home and winters in Florida made life wonder-



ful for their family.

Pat and Carl grew up in Scranton, but it wasn't until after

WW II, that they met. One weekend, friends planned a picnic and suggested that Carl bring the sister of his friend's date. Pat, who said, "I had never gone on a blind date," agreed reluctantly. The picnic went well, another date was agreed to, and Pat and Carl have been together ever since. Their August 1949 date led to their wedding in May 1950. They recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

When Carl graduated from high school, he received a scholarship to study electrical engineering at Lehigh University, but his education was interrupted when he was drafted in 1944, and "was fortunate enough to end up in the Signal Corps," he said. He was sent to Texas A&M for technical training and then to Camp Crowder, MO, "where I taught radio and telephone installation and repair." He was subsequently transferred to Ft. Monmouth, NJ, and was discharged in 1946.

Carl then returned to Lehigh, received his degree, and went to work for Bell of Pennsylvania, his employer for the next 33 years. Over the years, the couple had three children: Carl, Kimberly, and Leslie. They now have four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Carl and family were transferred every few years throughout Pennsylvania, and he spent several years at AT&T in New York City. At every posting, particularly at "Ma Bell" in NYC, he was involved in a considerable amount of traveling. As Carl explained, "Pat raised our

children." When asked if she found all the moves and the time as a single parent very difficult, Pat commented, "I think when you are young, you don't even think about it."

Each summer, after school was out, Pat took the children to their summer home, purchased at Lake Waynewood, near Hamlin, PA, and they returned before school started. "Over the years, with job relocations, the lake became home - the same friends every summer," said Pat. "In fact, our grandson married a girl he knew as a child at the lake." "There were 25 kids in 10 houses on the lake and lots for them to do," added Carl.

Along with each of Carl's transfers, came a change of position and a step up the corporate ladder. Eventually, with the divestiture of AT&T and a potential transfer to Alexandria, VA, on the horizon, a family decision was made for Carl to accept an early retirement offer.

Carl and Pat sold their home in Berwyn and returned to Clarks Summit (Scranton) where retirement was not to be. Carl began to work for his brother, an attorney, as a quasi-paralegal. The couple became involved in charitable activities and enjoyed being closer to family. "The lake was only an hour away." A winter vacation in Florida encouraged them to buy a condominium in Naples. For 18 years, after a second retirement, they lived in Clarks Summit from March until June, at the Lake until Labor Day, Clarks Summit until December 1, and then to Naples until April 1.

In 2001, Pat and Carl decided it was time to move nearer to two of their children, who live close to West Chester. They sold their home in Clark's Summit and their condo in Naples and moved to Hershey's Mill. They love Hershey's Mill and being near their children and grandchildren. Pat and Carl are an integral part of Inverness Village and can be seen walking their sheltie, Mandy, several times a day. Pat commented, "We've had a great life," and Carl seconded her.

**Carol Ellis**

**Inverness Ice Cream Social August 23rd**

The Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Inverness Village Social Committee was a truly beautiful event. Forty-nine people signed up for the wonderful offerings of four different flavors of ice cream and many topping choices. From the moment one walked into the Community Center and saw how attractive the hall was with lovely pink tablecloths and fresh flowers, it made one happy to be there.

Many thanks to the committee which included: **Carol Ellis, Brooke Hamilton, Amory and Derek Stedman, Shirley Joyce and Jennie and Sam Malandra. Judy Klanderman** is always a capable hard-working Chairwoman. It is very important that residents support these functions by attending. It is a way of saying thank you for adding to the Village quality of life which makes Inverness an especially desirable place to live. **BC**



Staff photos



Visiting the "other" Inverness

by Jim Ellis

A few years ago, my wife, Carol, and I, while on a tour of Scotland, had the opportunity to visit our Village namesake: Inverness. Our impression was that the small city was much like an Allentown or Reading. However, when we visited the Inverness old town, near the river Inver, we found a very ancient and charming place.



Inverness is on the banks of the Inver River. The Scottish word for river is Ness. So...Inverness. It is surrounded by wild moors, forests, and crags one usually associates with Scotland. It is breathtakingly beautiful with breezes from the nearby sea, wild flowers, like the symbol of Scotland, the thistle, and, of course, heather. Hawks and falcons hunt and

soar overhead while many kinds of animals (rabbits, stoats, red deer, etc.) are seen by the keen-eyed visitor. On the ocean, there are seals and dolphins to delight the observer.

The old city consists of many churches and homes, shops and pubs, of stone walls and slate roofs. Narrow cobble stone streets wind and cross and recross Inverness; it is a place to stroll and discover. Shops selling tartans and all manner of Scottish goods and treasures line the streets. Over the bustle of the shoppers can be heard the soft burr of the Scottish dialect. It is a happy and well-visited place by both tourists and the Scots from all across the northlands. This popularity is due to Inverness' historic place as the Natural Capital of the highlands and its close proximity to the famous Lock Ness. (No, we didn't see the monster, Nessie, although one night after drinking pints of Guinness at a local pub, I could have sworn...)



The major industry of the town, as it has been for centuries, is fishing in the North Sea. So salmon in many forms is wonderful as well as lobster and an amazing array of shellfish.

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As to the National dish haggis. We did try it despite the Chef's description of sheep's stomach stuffed with bits of lamb and beef, oatmeal, spices and whatever the cook was in the mood to include. We thought it tasted like scrapple. However, with haggis never any ketchup, only single malt scotch whiskey is consumed. This I think is why the haggis is such a favorite among Scotsmen.

So, this ancient city that has held a place in the hearts of Scots since the earliest times is a worthy addition to any trip to Britain. Aye, pass the haggis, Laddie.

Jim Ellis

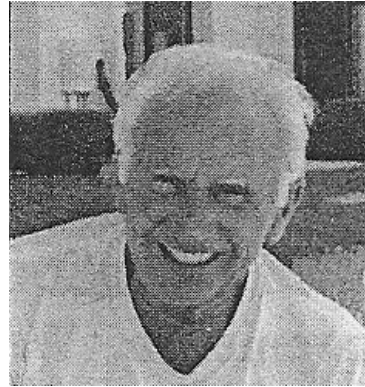
*In Memoriam*

*Mary Teresa Scott*  
July 1, 2012

Our sincere condolences to her family.

Getting To Know You

We welcome a friendly new neighbor with an easy-to-remember name, **Bill Smith**. He is residing in #694, following the departure of the Brogans who moved to Maris Grove.



Bill is a native of Darby, PA. He moved here after living for five years in the Chesterbrook community.

Bill was attracted to Hershey's Mill by a desire to be closer to family.

We understand his first career was in the US Air Force, from which he retired with the rank of Colonel. He now has a second career as a Merger and Acquisition Consultant, which involves traveling every four to six weeks to consult with client companies.

In between business travels, Bill makes time for short visits to his second home in the Marina Village condos in Clearwater Beach, Florida. In the past he has served there on two different occasions as village president.

Current activities include jogging, swimming, and following college football. The latter is a natural extension of the fact that he is a retired college football referee.

Surely, you will enjoy meeting and talking with Bill.

**George Colby**

Inverness Wine & Cheese Social

Fifty plus residents and a few guests enjoyed chatting with their neighbors while partaking of the multitudinous offerings at the cheese table, and the wide variety of wines and soft drinks available. It was a great event! The Social Committee has done wonderful things once again. We thank you!



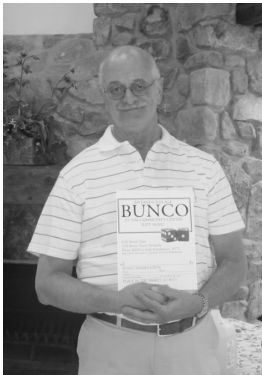
Photos by **Brooke and Phil Hamilton**

## Behind The Scenes

### Newsletter Production

Also, we should note that in the process of our newsletter production, we find that **James** of the UPS store on Paoli Pike is most helpful as well as a pleasure to meet. It is a pleasant and efficient place to do business.

### Event Announcements



Those social committee fliers that appear at your doorstep do not materialize out of thin air, they are conceived and executed by our own **Jim Ellis**. We join in thanking him for all his efforts.

## Village Council Members

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## Useful Web Sites

**Inverness Village web site:**  
[www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG](http://www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG)  
(Maintained by **Terry Marran**)

**Hershey's Mill web site:**  
[www.hersheysmill.org](http://www.hersheysmill.org)

## Quiz Answers

Dodie Galbusera	g
John Klanderman	d
Janet Emanuel	j
Rita Cordivari	f
Wilbur Amand	a
Jane Auer	c
Marney Roia	h
Joe Proctor	b
Mary Lou Evans	e
Derek Stedman	i