
The Inverness "I"

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From the Editors

The season evokes a time of reflection on many levels.

The *Inverness I* is celebrating the start of its **4th** year! Our intent in producing a newsletter was to encourage communication and to help our residents become better acquainted with their neighbors and to find out what nice and interesting people they are!

The newsletter has benefited greatly from the ongoing contributions of **Carol and Jim Ellis, Wilbur Amand**, and the anonymous **Gramps**. We thank them most sincerely.

Shortly after the inauguration of the newsletter, the Social Committee welcomed new residents, **Judy** and **Marge**, who have given their energy and expertise to planning many events. The results, as noted in the President's Letter, have certainly been exciting for all who attend.

Terry Marran came forward and volunteered to run our village communications website and e-mail notices. She always posts important and timely news, as well as documenting all issues of the newsletter.

Earlier this year exterior painting was undertaken by the Richard J. Egan Contracting Group, and the Village has emerged with a fresh, updated look. A job well done!

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From the Village President

The next Village Open Meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2013. The 2013 budget was approved by Council and a copy was sent to all owners. All owners should have received a coupon booklet for 2013-if not, please contact the management office at 484-883-8373. For those who have not paid already, the third and final \$800 assessment payment is due by January 31, 2013.

Many thanks to the Social Committee headed by **Judy Klanderman, Marge Brolly, and Carol Ellis** as co-chairs along with the talented committee members for a wonderful Christmas/Holiday party. The food was excellent and the singing to accompany our very talented resident pianist, Jim Backes, was spirited and well done.

Long-time and most appreciated Finance Committee Chairman **Joe Proctor** has decided to retire. **Tom Delaney** will take over as Chairman. A personal note - Thank you Joe for your advice and counsel over the past 10 years - your ideas and comments will be missed.

The painting and wood replacement project is completed with the last lights recently being installed. Hershey's Mill Management headed up by Jeff Bevan will conduct a final inspection, either prior to the new year or early in 2013. A large THANK YOU

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Editors Letter (continued)

This has been complemented by lovely fall decorations and now Christmas ones as executed by **Roz and Dave Baker** with the help of **Jini Pettijohn and Sam Malandra**.

While reflecting, one can't help but feel that we should all give a Big Thank You to **Boyd Mackleer** and the Village Council as well as Committee members who donate much of their time to attending to all the details which make our residency so pleasant.

In future issues we hope to do better in communicating information to our residents on upcoming work schedules for the Village. In particular, we hope to avoid the surprises that often accompany vendors who show up to work on units unannounced. We will solicit the cooperation of the Management Company, the Council, and the Committees to help us.

At the start of each year, we reflect on possible changes to the newsletter to keep it an interesting and useful communication. It is important to us that you give us your feedback about what you particularly like or don't care about. Only if you help us out can we keep the ball rolling!

Barbara and George Colby

In Memoriam

Dolores H. Reilly
(#711)

October 16, 2012

Our sincere condolences to her family.

President's Letter (Continued)

is due all village residents for your cooperation both with the work itself and your timely payments.

As you read this, all residents should have a copy of the updated RULES and REGULATIONS for the Village. Please look through them for changes. One of the most important requirements is to submit any architectural or landscape requests to the Management Office. If you need a form, call the office at 484-883-8373 to obtain one. A Master Association Budget Summary for 2013 was also included in this delivery. At the front of the rules and regulations, you will find a listing of committees, please call a chairperson and join a group.

Please be attentive to your neighbors throughout the winter forthcoming as we have many single home owners living in the village. Take the time to meet new residents as you see them.

Boyd Mackleer

Letter to the Editor

Would any of our Inverness neighbors know of someone who might own a black and white cat with a red collar? This cat has been in our area for several months. Calls to Security report no missing cat of this description.

We have been putting out food, but the concern is no warm shelter when the snow and cold weather arrive. We hope we can find an owner

The Reileys (#743)
(610) 692 4211



Joe and Theresa Carrone (#749) could be described as natives of the area. They moved to our village from Stallion Lane, West Whiteland, where they lived for 44 years. Prior to that, they were from Utica, New York, where they were born and spent their early years.

After an entire career in the computer business, Joe retired from Communication Test Design in West Goshen as a director.

Upon moving to PA, Theresa became a stay at home mom.

When they decided to downsize, they looked no further than Hershey's Mill as they wanted a 55-plus community in the West Chester area and were well acquainted with the Mill through friends.

Already, they are avid enthusiasts even though they have hardly been here two months!

Theresa's interests are tennis, bocce, and bridge while Joe enjoys golf and bocce and recently has taken a liking to pickle ball.

You surely will enjoy getting acquainted with them!

Getting To Know You



Another delightful couple, **Jim and Sue Kelleher (#711)**, has joined our list of residents! Maggie, their cat, came along too. They moved here from Sun City Center, Florida, but have deep association with West Chester and environs having lived in this area in earlier years.

In 1977 Jim went into business with a partner and eventually became the sole proprietor of North American Window and Door of West Chester. He retired in 1995 and that precipitated their many different residencies prior to moving to Inverness. They have lived in South Carolina and Bloomsburg, PA, which also had served as a second home.

Sue, during earlier years, was an at-home mom and also had been a permanent part-time employee of Bryn Mawr Rehab. Sue now enjoys reading and playing games, including Bunco.

Two of their four children are living in and around West Chester which leads to Jim and Sue spending time with their grandchildren and their activities. Joe also enjoys following the sports teams on TV and is an avid history buff.

Barbara Colby

Chili Supper

Without a doubt, the chili supper got rave reviews. Approximately 50 people were in attendance to sample at least 4 different recipes for chili. The wonderful main course was complemented with corn bread and salad with finger foods for dessert. Best of all is that each Village event finds new attendees who decide to come out and see what all this activity is about. They are not disappointed!



Barbara Colby
Staff photos



Life is interesting in the way people from different areas can end up working at the same place, and, in time, find marital happiness together. Such is the story of **Carol and Jim Ellis** (#697).



Jim grew up in the Roxborough area of Philadelphia, where he enjoyed the proximity of Fairmount Park. During his school years he pursued and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Following high school, Jim attended Kutztown University leading to both a BS and a MEd in Art Education. After graduating, Jim accepted a position teaching art in the Reading, PA, school system.

By contrast, Carol grew up in the larger and more politically conscious environment of Arlington, Virginia. Following high school, Carol matriculated at Penn State, where she double majored in journalism and English. Upon graduation she worked for a time with public relations firms in Washington, DC, and the Philadelphia area.

A friend referred Carol for an urgent need for a French and English teacher at Collingdale High School, and she spent two years there while completing her teaching certification. In addition she has done graduate study at George Washington University and The University of Pennsylvania.

Their life paths began to converge as they independently accepted positions in the Wallingford - Swarthmore school district. After five years there, Carol took a seven-year break from teaching. She was enticed back, first on a part-time and later on a full-time basis. She subsequently became English

Department Chair, and supervised the preparation of an award-winning school newspaper. Carol was also named Language Arts Coordinator for the school district.

During his employment in Wallingford, Jim took a year off to prepare his dissertation for his EdD from the University of Pennsylvania, which was accepted with distinction. He returned to classroom teaching, during which time he designed the sets for over thirty high school theater productions. Jim was also named the Arts Coordinator for the school district. During this time he started a graphic design business, and was awarded a major commission for the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He has also written and illustrated several children's books.

While both were teaching, Carol and Jim married and lived in Springfield prior to moving to Hershey's Mill. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Since taking early retirement, Carol has been a curatorial assistant at the Brandywine Museum, where she frequently leads tours in addition to her normal activities in the curatorial department. Jim is also on staff at the museum, preparing exhibit design materials and restoring the antique weapons owned by NC Wyeth. Both Jim and Carol were responsible for preparing the Andrew Wyeth studio for the public opening.

Carol and Jim are both involved in the planning, publicizing and execution of Inverness Social Committee events. They joined the *Inverness "I"* newsletter team at the outset and continue to make important contributions to writing, editing and art work.

Over the years they have volunteered for Habitat For Humanity and their church. Carol has also been involved in pet assisted therapy, and the Thorncroft equine program for disabled horseback riders.

They have appeared as extras in several notable movies, and have traveled extensively throughout Europe and the US. They also enjoy a second home in Rehoboth Beach.

DEAR GRAMPS

This column is written by our own resident sage, who freely answers any question you may care to ask. You are encouraged to submit questions via the Newsletter office at 696 Inverness Drive.

Dear Gramps: Many of my friends like to go out to eat very often, and I find this both expensive and not particularly good in terms of good nutrition. How do I manage to decline some of these frequent invitations without losing my friendships?

Signed: **Getting poor and fat**

Dear **Getting Poor and Fat**,
First of all, I doubt that you will lose your (certainly not long standing) friendships if you do not accept every invitation. However, as life marches on, I would suggest that you eat out the most with those that you are the most comfortable and compatible with. Also, you can always excuse yourself from an invitation stating concerns about diet or budget. But always encourage your friends to call you again.

In other words, feel comfortable to just decline an invitation. It may WEED OUT a few friends, but it is not the end of the world!

GRAMPS

Dear Gramps: When one has children who are doing well financially, and have extras in which I have never indulged for myself, how do I balance spending on myself versus saving money for an inheritance for my children? Does this answer depend on the number of children, how

they have shown their love for me, or other factors? I would appreciate your philosophy on the subject of inheritance.

Signed: **Well enough off, but not very, very rich**

Dear **well enough off.....**,

I get the feeling that you have already given a great deal of help, love, support and nurturance to your children for them to be in the life positions they are now in. So why do they need your inheritance? In the end, isn't it much better to have given them help in establishing strong and lasting SURVIVAL SKILLS instead of their depending on your hard earned efforts in order for them to survive after you are dead? Enjoy spending on that with which you are comfortable and decline to participate in that which you feel is too extravagant!

In terms of actual inheritance, it is my philosophy to divide the tangibles up as equally as possible, as **WILLS THAT ARE PERCEIVED AS UNFAIR CAN DESTROY A FAMILY FOREVER.** However, you certainly can set up a special trust fund for each grandchild if this would be appropriate in your situation. If you have not done so already, I would seek out legal advice on these matters with someone with whom you would feel comfortable to express your unique concerns about each of your children.

GRAMPS

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Ladies Luncheon

If you did not attend, you really missed a wonderful event. The social interacting was obvious and there were lots of new residents to meet as well as the re-newing of the "long time no see" folks.

Doris Harry and her committee of Rita Cordivari, Trudy Roderick and Roz Baker did their usual superb job of planning a lovely and very well attended luncheon. Plaudits to the committee and the attendees!



Neighbor Profile



Enthusiasm, generosity and involvement are the traits best describing **Jennie and Sam Malandra**. They both grew up in West Philadelphia. Sam was one of 12 children whose father died when he was 7 years old. This loss led to Sam's joining the work world at age 17 and being employed at Baldwin's, a firm that made Army tanks. When he was 21 years old, he was drafted and served 16 months in Korea as a combat engineer and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. Within two weeks of his release, he dislocated his shoulder playing sand-lot football and was hospitalized.

The love story begins when a nurse friend brought a pal (Jennie) to visit Sam. They were instantly attracted and courtship began as Sam healed.

Jennie had graduated from West Philadelphia Catholic Girls' High School and was employed at Provident Life Insurance. Sam would meet her with his 1949 maroon Chrysler, and soon they married, lived in southwest Philadelphia and started raising a family. Motherhood brought about Jennie's leaving the workforce and shortly they had a family of three. Jennie volunteered with specific interest in Christian Education.

In the meantime, Sam had followed in his father's footsteps and became a carpenter with union membership. This

eventually led to Sam and a friend founding their own business and working at almost all the malls in the area, which lasted until his retirement.

As their children grew older, Jennie began a very successful career with PNC Bank. Having started as a part-time teller, she was promoted through the ranks and became a branch manager with each promotion bringing a larger branch. She attributes her success to liking numbers and having good people skills.

During these years they bought a home in Drexel Hill and made many deep friendships over their 34 years of residency. Eventually they moved to West Chester and to Hershey's Mill in 2004.

All this time, Jennie and Sam had a rich life and continued the pattern in retirement. They have toured Greece, Italy, Alaska, Hawaii and taken many cruises.

Sam's interests include dancing, golf, gardening at the HM plots and participating in Honor Guards for funeral services for departed veterans as a member of the VFW and American Legion. He also is part of the stage crew for the Hershey's Mill Players.

Jennie also enjoys dancing and reading, and she is known for her Italian cooking. Due to chronic lung illness, Jennie now spends a lot of time at home and is always happy for a visit.

They have three children and 5 grandchildren and are generous with their time in contributing to our Village. Jennie and Sam are both active in the success of all social events, and Sam gave that wonderful bench on the island which we all enjoy.

PETS RULE
WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD
(and always, MacGregor of Inverness)

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2012 is gone, and we have now entered the winter of 2013. And with winter comes some consideration of how we **exercise** our dogs. In general, common sense will help you make the right decisions. Often times your decision will be a compromise between what exercise your dog needs and what you are willing to tolerate without making yourself miserable. As a general rule of thumb, two or three "play" sessions a day (totaling at least 30 minutes) will be sufficient. Some dogs require more, and some less.

The breed of the dog, its age, and any medical condition must be taken into consideration. Breeds with thick coats and long hair can generally tolerate colder temperatures better than short-haired ones. In extreme temperatures you might want to curtail the time outside and/or provide the dog with a coat/sweater to help maintain body temperature. Don't forget that sometimes dogs will get ice balls between their toes or beneath their paws. It is advisable to have a small comb or small plastic spoon along to remove the ice. Or consider boots made for dogs of various sizes. And be observant – if your dog is shivering or lifting its paws, it is probably time to go inside.

I am often asked about **raw food diets** for dogs. Such diets are often referred to as the BARF diet, an acronym that stands for Bones and Raw Food. These diets are often thought of as evolutionary diets meaning that the diets were consistent with what adult dogs consumed before they became domesticated. Proponents of the raw food diets suggest many benefits, such as shinier coats, healthier skin, cleaner teeth, and higher energy levels. However, many mainstream veterinarians disagree, as does the FDA, and see many risks to feeding such a diet, including threats to human and dog health from bacteria in raw meat, an unbalanced diet, and the potential for whole bones to choke an animal, break teeth, or cause an internal puncture. In general, feeding a well-balanced diet prepared by a major, reputable company seems to be a much safer way to go.

What about **vitamins and supplements**? It has been estimated that as many as a third of U.S. dogs and cats may be receiving vitamins or other supplements. With the growing population of aging and overweight dogs and cats, the market for animal supplements is expected to increase 37% by 2012. The question is -- do dogs and cats need these vitamins and supplements? If an animal is already eating a balanced diet there may be no need for such supplementation. And if the animal receives excess supplementation or the wrong supplementation, there may be harm done to the animal. Best to check with your veterinarian or a nutritionist for help in determining what, if any, vitamin or other supplement is needed.

More Pet Care on the next page!

Pet Care (continued from previous page)

This is the first time I have addressed **pet caged birds** in my column. And I do not know if any of our residents even have caged birds as pets. Many bird diets (which often consist of mainly seeds of various types) lack the vitamins and minerals needed for good bird health. The types of foods that you might want to consider offering include fruits, beans, sprouts, vegetables, cereal/grains, popcorn, nuts, and peppers. Also, don't forget that some foods can cause illness or even death to a bird. These foods include chocolate, apple/cherry/pear seeds, avocado (including the skin and pit), onion/garlic, mushrooms, tomato leaves, salt, caffeine, and alcohol.

Now for a favorite pastime of mine – **BIRDING!!** And winter offers some unique opportunities for bird watching. Although some birds leave our area over the winter, many winter over in our region – Northern Cardinals, Song Sparrows, Chickadees, Downy Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, and even Blue Birds, to name but a few. Many of these species are easier to spot due to the leafless branches and bushes. And the cold weather often brings "winter migrants" to our region, affording us an opportunity to spot birds that are infrequently found here.

If cold weather birding is not your cup of tea, why not invite birds to come to you? With the proper placement of a bird feeder and the use of appropriate bird seed and other foods, you can often enjoy birding from the comfort of your kitchen or living room. All you really need is the proper placement of feeders, the right seed mix, the habitat in which to place the feeder, and then a little patience as it may take several weeks before birds discover your feeder. But once found, the word spreads rapidly. And yes, squirrels may present a problem but more on that at a later time.

So, who has seen the small pugnacious Red-breasted Nuthatch, the chatty Chickadee, the Tufted Titmouse or the Downy Woodpecker? And what about the occasional Mute Swan, the Ruddy Duck, and the Bufflehead Duck at Jefferson Pond? I would really like to identify a group of interested birders in Hershey's Mill so that we could do a bird count and see just how many species of birds can be seen at Hershey's Mill. Sort of a local "Audubon Christmas Bird Count" in Hershey's Mill. Anyone interested in helping to organize/participate in this? Know anyone in other villages in Hershey's Mill that might be interested in such an event? Let me know of your interest and I will see what we can arrange.

Wishing all of you a wonderful New Year. Enjoy your pets as well as the local wildlife.



Neighbor Profile



Trudi Roderick (#701), who will celebrate her 20th year here in Inverness in January, has been a witness to the growth of the Village and a contributor to the Vil-

lage's community spirit and social life.

Trudi was born in Philadelphia and is a life-long resident of Pennsylvania. She lived in Drexelbrook for a time and fondly remembers the "incredible Christmas light shows" in the apartment complex. At 20, she married Art Roderick, her late husband, who was trained by the Navy during World War II but sailed with the Merchant Marine. After the war, he continued to serve in the reserves until 1950.

After their marriage, Trudi and Art moved to Springfield, Delaware County, where they raised their four children: three boys and a girl. At this time, Trudi learned to play bridge with Art's parents, and their bridge nights became a regular event, leading Trudi into a lifelong love of bridge. Over the years she was active in the Springfield Junior Women's Club and later the Springfield Women's Club, serving on their Board of Directors.

In 1990, Trudi and Art began to look for a smaller home and were considering Hershey's Mill, when Art died in 1991. For the next two years Trudi put her house search on hold, but in 1993, she came to Hershey's Mill and found her home here in Inverness. Shortly after moving in, Trudi became active in Village life when she joined the Inverness

women's bridge club, which later transformed into a couples bridge group.

Originally the Ladies' Luncheon was held twice a year, and Trudi was responsible for the lovely table decorations. However, in recent years the luncheon has been held only in the fall, for there was a declining interest in a second luncheon. Nevertheless, Trudi has continued to help with the luncheon and to create her unique table decorations. She has also added her decorating talents to the Village seasonal displays for many years, going out in the cold to install fall and holiday decorations.

Over the years, Trudi collected the grocery receipts from Genuardi's to earn money for the Village. Since Genuardi's has changed to Giant, the program has not continued. Trudi commented, "The extra money was very useful because it went to the Inverness landscape committee. I would like to see it continue."

Publicity chair seems to define Trudi, for she was in charge of publicity for the Friday bridge group at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club and for the Hershey's Mill Library, where she continues to volunteer. She plays duplicate bridge at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club and participates on Club teams which play other country clubs. Constantly striving to improve her game, Trudi continues to take bridge lessons and plays several times a week.

Trudi's involvement in Hershey's Mill has gone beyond Inverness, for she worked at the election polls for 10 years and also volunteered at the Paoli Hospital Thrift shop. She regularly goes on the Hershey's Mill bus trips, and said, "I am very glad I came here. There's plenty to do, and you can pick and choose what you are interested in."

Carol Ellis

Holiday Gala

Once again the Holiday Gala was a truly great event! Everyone in attendance was in a social mood, the food was plentiful and delicious, and the champagne punch was much in demand.

Jim Backes, with loving encouragement from **Ronnie**, provided piano music for enjoyment and for a sing-along. Terrific!



Kudos to the Social Committee



Photos: Phil Hamilton



Around The Village

Save The Dates!!!

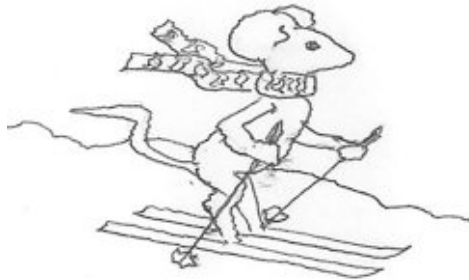
BUNCO Thursday Jan 24th
6:30 PM

HOUSE TOUR
Paoli Hospital Auxiliary
Thursday May 9th
(The Stedman's home (#708) will be on
the tour.)

Please be sure you have noted the direc-
tory change for the phone number for
Becky and Bob Bell
484 887 8317

Surprise!

We thought Christmas was coming early
when we heard someone walking on our
roof at 7 one morning. Upon arising to
check it out, it turned out, alas, that it
was not Santa but rather a not properly
instructed worker cleaning out gutters.
And he didn't even leave any presents!!



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Useful Web Sites

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

A Word From Inverness Scotland

CRAIC = Gaelic for

**"Chat and Light Hearted Conversa-
tion"**