
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

Feelin' Alive!!! Isn't that what these wonderfully long daylight days do for you?!!!!

In this issue, we feature the Okehocking Preserve of which resident **Derek Stedman** is president. The Preserve is a wonderful open-spaced area in which to walk and enjoy nature and it is close by!

This got us to thinking about other wonderful offerings in which we could partake if we go "off the reservation." The Chester County Band schedules many concerts, some not too far away. The borough of West Chester sponsors Swinging Summer Thursdays for which Gay Street is closed off for live music, open air dining and a few street vendors. It is a fun upbeat evening!

Other indoor adventures might include the Chester County Historical Society, which does a great job of presenting in-depth detail on their exhibits. Also, it can be a nice interlude to just browse through the gallery of the Chester County Art Association and, of course, the Brandywine River Museum right along the river in Chadds Ford. Their restaurant is such a pleasant environment to just relax while taking in the beauty of nature.

Oh -a different and memory provoking entertainment is the Goshen Fair, July 29- Aug 3 sponsored by our volunteer fire department. It brings out real "Americana."

Barbara and George Colby

From the Village President

Everyone should have a new village directory by now thanks to **Mary Lou Perry #712** and the delivery committee headed by **Mary Jane Hahn #700**. Please contact Mary Lou (610-430-0320) with any corrections or if you did not receive one.

The alarm inspection is completed and for the most part all went well. However, there are still homes without telephone service, non-operating smoke alarms and several with door locks not accessible to Hershey Mill Security. Please cooperate with the requests to fix these oversights. Fines can and will be assessed to those not in compliance.

The recent US OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT at Merion was a great event and Hershey's Mill residents staffed the 11th hole with volunteers throughout the tournament week. On a more serious note two people were hit with golf balls during play including a relative of Bill and Mary Ann Henderson (#763). Fortunately the injuries were not serious. Hershey's Mill has a problem with residents walking on the golf course and also walking dogs on the course while golfers are playing. **THIS IS DANGEROUS TO LIFE AND LIMB FOR BOTH PEOPLE AND PETS.** The following is an excerpt from a future letter to all residents from both the HMGC Board of Directors and the HM Master Association Board of Directors: "The course is a highly maintained sporting venue and as such, there are

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President's Letter (cont.)

many activities that are NOT PERMITTED at any time including without limitation, the walking of any pets, skateboarding, bicycling, motorbiking, the driving of any unauthorized vehicle or any other activity which by its very conduct could cause damage to the sensitive turf or maintained bunkers of the golf course. The members of the club invest upwards of \$800,000.00 per year to have the course professionally maintained to the highest standards. This beautiful landscape is there for all to enjoy, but within the limitations of the reasonable regulations set forth above."

A great big thank you to all who are current with their financial obligations to the Village. It makes it easier certainly to remain current with Village expenses when all of us are current with our responsibilities.

Hershey's Mill had an Open House for potential owners recently. On a chilly, rain falling Sunday afternoon, 181 cars entered the Mill, received a map with points of interest noted and toured our community to discover 55 plus living. Another open house is in the planning stages for the summer.

Dan Egan would like to thank all the people of Inverness who stepped up to help him in his time of need due to illness.

The community of Inverness is a wonderful place to live. Please be aware of

the needs of your neighbors and consider joining one of our committees as a volunteer. If so inclined, please call me at 610-692-6315.

Boyd Mackleer

Editor's Note: We report some highlights of the Village meetings for the benefit of those unable to attend, and to encourage future attendance. The observations are solely those of the undersigned.

Inverness Village Meeting

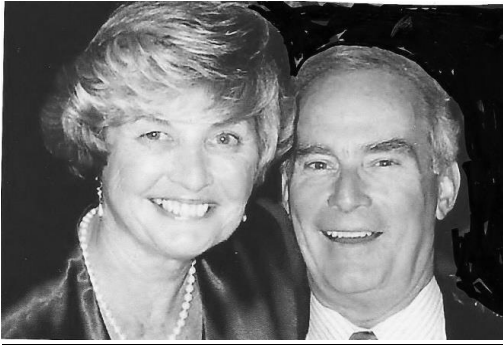
The May 16th election meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the President, **Boyd Mackleer**, with all council members present. An interesting and informative meeting followed.

Following expressing appreciation to **Dick Joyce** for his service on the Finance Committee, Boyd reported on Master Association considerations relative to the proposed walking trails in our vicinity. The estimated cost of paving the remaining path layout is \$240,000, and consideration is being given to using an unpaved nature trail up the hill from the East gate to Inverness. This study is ongoing.

Boyd also reminded residents that their control of plantings only extends 18" around their property, and all other space is common and controlled by the Council with the advice of the Landscape Committee.

Managing Agent, **Jeff Bevan**, reported that gutter cleaning and pesticide application for Carpenter Bees will be done.

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Marge and John Brolly radiate a zest for life and enjoyment of the company of others. Their enthusiasm and sociability have certainly enriched life here. They moved into Inverness in 2009 to be nearer their children, and eleven grandchildren, all who live in Chester County.

Marge grew up in NE Philadelphia and attended Little Flower Catholic High School for girls. Following graduation, she obtained a position in the U.S. Signal Corps, located in Rittenhouse Square. Within two years, she became the secretary to the head of the Legal Department.

John also grew up in northeast Philly and attended the all-male St Joseph's Preparatory School where he was a member of a city championship swim team. After graduation, he volunteered for the draft which was in force due to the Korean conflict. Following basic training, he spent two years in Alaska, during which time he was a member of an Army swim team.

Upon his discharge from the service, John used the GI Bill and a scholarship to pursue a BS degree in Industrial Management at LaSalle University. Toward the end of his college studies, he met Marge at a private dance club and they married the next year following John's graduation. They have now been married for over 52 years.

Marge continued in her legal position until becoming an at-home Mom. Raising their

five daughters kept her very busy with all the involvements common to children's education. During these years Marge also was involved in volunteer work for various charities. When the girls became older, she returned to part-time work in a law office in center city, and remained employed for an additional sixteen years.

After college graduation, John was employed by the Burroughs Corporation marketing computers and software for fifteen years. Eventually he was approached with a new business opportunity. Upon obtaining his broker's license, John joined a real estate partnership in center city, eventually buying out the other share. During this time, Marge and John continued living in NE Philadelphia and commuted together. "As time passed, John lost his hearing in the ear closest to his bride. He subsequently asked her to retire." (Quote by John)

When they retired, they purchased a vacation home in the Villages in Florida. During the eight years of ownership, they vacationed there for several months each year, enjoying all the activities. Marge is a 9-hole golfer, and has brought an enthusiasm for pickle ball and bunco back here.

John's past activities have included coaching a parish swim team for nine years, and sailing off the Jersey coast in a 20 foot Mariner for 25 years. He still enjoys biking, reading historical novels, playing pinochle, and brewing the famous "Brolly's Irish Cream."

Marge introduced Bunco games to Inverness after becoming an active co-chair of our social committee. She also enjoys pickle ball, reading, walking and cooking. However, spending time with her grandchildren tops them all. Both Marge and John are sports fans, and have fond travel memories.

George Colby

WHAT IS OKEHOCKING NATURE CENTER ?

By Derek Stedman, President

Okehocking Preserve is a wonderful natural resource located about fifteen minutes from where you live in Inverness Village. The Preserve consists of 180 acres of mature woodlands, grassy meadows, two ponds, 3600 feet of Ridley Creek partly fed by Delchester Run, and miles of walking trails. Some are easy, pleasant walks and some are "puffer hills" that get the circulation stirring. There are a variety of wild flowers blooming early in the year through early fall. Vernal pools appear in the spring and the peepers find them great places for choral concerts. 139 different birds have been heard and sighted. Other critters abound as there is plenty of room for their habitats.



Okehocking Preserve is bounded by Route 3, Garret Mill Road and Delchester Road. Entrances are on the westbound side of West Chester Pike and on Delchester Road. Parking is available at each entrance.

A 2006 town-wide effort to establish a nature center on the Preserve led to the establishment of the Willistown Okehocking Nature Center (ONC) in 2011. Arrangements were then made with Willistown township to occupy the old stone Garret farm house as "headquarters" for ONC.

The vintage, historically important, farmhouse is in the early stages of developing into a nature center. It is handicapped accessible and has an approved restroom. Inside the first floor of the farmhouse includes a diverse collection of activities for younger children and a donated collection of 40 plus bird and bee nests on display. Outside the farmhouse, Board Members of this non-profit educational institution have created a "rain-runoff" garden, a bird friendly shrub garden and a mini-meadow of native plants. Plus there is a start-up vegetable garden dedicated to adding to the West Chester Food Pantry.

The Okehocking Preserve is open from dawn to dusk for hikers and people who like to stroll through the outdoors and savor the fresh air, broad views, bird songs and sightings, and watch the creek flow past peacefully. Incidentally, pets are welcome but must be leashed at all times.

In the future, ONC's program partners, Upper Main Line YMCA, LL Bean, Willistown Township, and Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Watershed Association, will conduct programs centered around the farmhouse.

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ONC is managed by a hard-working, hands-on, dedicated Board of Managers. Board Members are focused on helping others enjoy the Preserve, becoming more educated about its natural resources, encouraging stewardship, inspiring families to have fun learning from activities and programs taking place at the Garret farmhouse.

Please come visit, park near the farmhouse, take a walk, observe the bird life, have a picnic and enjoy the events that will be coming up.

For more information, go on line to Okehocking Nature Center, call me at home or send me an email at dcsahs2@verizon.net. Better yet, come for a visit anytime, then let me know if you are interested in getting to know ONC better!

Inverness Village Meeting (continued from page 2.)

He is establishing a web site, HersheysMillManagement.com, which will facilitate communication with his office. Election of Council members **Barbara Atmore** and **Tom Delaney** was done by acclamation as there was no contest.

Jack Gaskill, reporting for the Architecture Committee. noted that the major issue seems to be troublesome tree roots, and this is a Landscape issue. In response, Jeff stated that he will lead a walkthrough of the Village to inspect all walkways to determine what corrective action is required.

Sam Malandra reported that he will again be responsible for the appropriate flag displays. **Bill Henderson** noted there are no issues with the Lighting Committee.

Judy Amand, Chairperson, noted the addition of **Phil Hamilton** and **Chip Poole** to the Landscape Committee. Judy noted that most tree work will be done in the fall. She commented on the fact the Village is overplanted, which will be reflected in recommendations to Council.

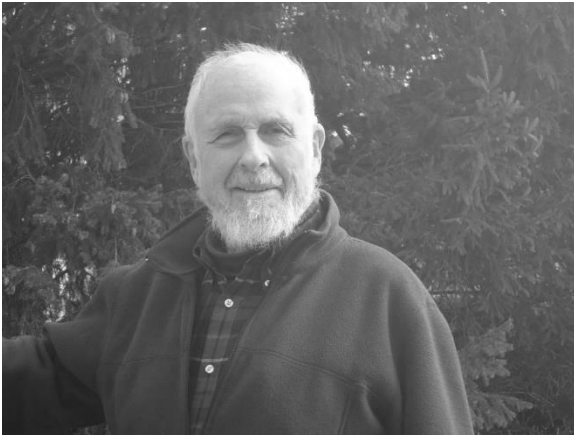
The Social Committee is planning an active season with a variety of events as reported by **Judy Klanderman**, co-chair with **Marge Brolly** and **Carol Ellis**. The list of events and dates is featured elsewhere in this issue.

In the Open Forum, issues with doors and exterior lighting at the Community Center were raised, as was a request that the fence around the retention pond be repaired. Boyd noted that a letter signed by a number of residents requesting action would help promote attention to such problems.

George Colby

Inverness Volunteers

Here are are three more Inverness residents who volunteer outside the Village. We welcome suggestions for future issues.



Derek Stedman is president of the Okehocking Nature Center, located in the Okehocking Nature Preserve in Willistown Township on West Chester Pike. His responsibilities include collaborating with the board of directors, fundraising, developing partnerships with similar organizations, event planning and many other duties.

Maryjane Hahn is shown serving dinner at the West Chester Salvation Army. Once a month Maryjane and volunteers from Grove United Methodist Church prepare and serve dinner to 20 to 40 men, women, and children in the Salvation Army dining room. Typical dinners consist of a salad, an entree with side dishes, and dessert prepared in the homes of the volunteers.



A curatorial volunteer at the Brandywine River Museum, **Jim Ellis** is shown cleaning a gun from the N. C. Wyeth gun and edged weapon collection. N. C. Wyeth acquired many guns, edged weapons, costumes and uniforms which he used as resources in his illustrations. This collection was donated to the Museum by the Wyeth family and can be seen on display at the N. C. Wyeth studio and in exhibitions at the Museum.

Carol Ellis

Dear Gramps: (John Klanderma)

It seems everywhere I go in the Village I am always running into dog (or occasionally cat) walkers who exhibit the attention and love for their pets that one usually associates with children, not animals. I find it difficult to muster up the appropriate level of enthusiasm when meeting such a human/creature pair, so fear I may make enemies of some neighbors. Please advise as to the frame of mind I should adopt in such situations.

No Pet Nellie

Dear No Pet Nellie,

This is a very apropos question in Hershey's Mill! However, before I respond to your question as to an appropriate frame of mind to adopt, let's examine some of the CYCLE OF LIFE needs of many senior citizens. For example what about such issues as loneliness, physical health and mental well-being?

A study in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* in May of 1999 demonstrated that independently living seniors that have pets tend to have a better physical health and mental wellbeing than those that don't. They're more active, cope better with stress, and have overall better mental health. A 1997 study showed that elderly pet owners had a significantly lower blood pressure than their contemporaries without pets. Apparently consistently caring for even minor needs of a pet can keep pet owners able to carry out the normal activities of daily living. Pets may also aid seniors simply by providing some physical contact. Studies have also shown that when people pet animals their blood pressure, heart rate, and temperature decrease. And pets are an excellent source of companionship. For example, pets can act as a support system for older people who do not have any family or close friends nearby to act as a support system.

So, Nellie, although it may sound like I am encouraging you to get a pet, I am not doing that. Indeed, pets are not for everybody. I am simply trying to make a case for the reality that for, especially seniors, a pet can become a very vital part of their wellbeing. The integral relationship that evolves between the pet and the owner may often seem overbearing, however it may be greatly enhancing the quality of life for the pet owner.

I would suggest that you simply adopt an attitude of caring and concern for the pet owner and their pet. There is no point in trying to draw a line between a human being and an animal as you do not have to WORSHIP their pet! Enjoy Hershey's Mill.
GRAMPS

Dear Gramps:

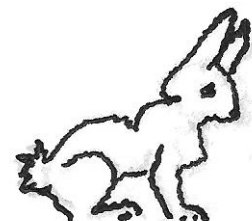
When eating out with a large group when the restaurant does not willingly give separate checks, it is not uncommon for there to be one person who makes a show of ordering expensive extras, such as wine or fancy hors d'oeuvres which I know most of the group would not normally order. How does one temper such extravagance at the expense of so many others? **Sick of being taken advantage of.**

Dear Sick of Being Taken Advantage of:

I do not blame you, but this can take some GUTS! With all the determination and authority you can muster, ask the waiter or waitress for a separate check!

You can do this!!

GRAMPS





A lively evening of Inverness bunco was held at the Community Center on April 24, with **Marge Brolly** and **Shirley Joyce** keeping things rolling. Six tables played several rounds and enjoyed refreshments. The top winner was **Theresa Carrone** and the losing scorers were **Jim Ellis**, **Jini Pettijohn** and **Dottie Chew**. Another evening of bunco will be held on September 11.



Bunco Organizers

Photos by **Jim Ellis**

Village Social Calendar

Your active and hard-working Social Committee has set dates for the remainder of the calendar year. We encourage you to make note. A flier with specific details will be circulated prior to each event.

June 27th – " Just Desserts"
(A new "don't miss" event!)

August 8th - Ice Cream Social
(Always popular special treat)

September 11th – Bunco
(Those who have played before always come back for more)

October 9th -Chili Party
(A big success last year.)

December 13th - Holiday Gala
(Everyone turns out to mark the Holidays in a special way.)

These events are what makes life in Inverness Village so special. Enjoy!!

If you need a ride to any event, please contact any member of the Social Committee. The co-chairs are **Judy Klanderman**, **Carol Ellis** and **Marge Brolly**.



Letters To The Editor

What is *i-Neighbors*, and Why Should I Join?

I-Neighbors is a social networking service designed for small neighborhoods, to connect residents and help the individuals and their community to organize and share information.

The Inverness i-Neighbors site was initiated by and is capably administered by **Terry Marran**. Terry has posted all of the Inverness "I" newsletters on the site, from their inception in 2010. She has also generated a most helpful index of articles, listed by issue and page number. It's a great way to go back and "re-meet" your neighbors who have been interviewed and featured in the newsletters over the years. The site has a calendar showing Inverness Social Committee events. Terry also sends e-mail reminders of such events to the members of i-Neighbors.

Create a free i-Neighbors account at www.i-neighbors.org, and then join the Inverness Village group. The more participation that we have within the village, the more effective a tool it will become.

Mary Lou Perry

A Bit of Humor: Ernest Borgnine knew when he was aging when "I couldn't walk my dog anymore, so I swapped him for a turtle."

Forwarded by **Trudy Roderick**

Anyone for Scrabble?

We play Friday mornings at 11 A.M.
If interested, contact **Lorna** (#755)
(610) 429 - 4743

Lorna Binder

Excerpts of a letter from Bernie McKenna, formerly of unit 731, to Ken Knuth.

"My time in Florida has been very pleasant and relaxing. ... I have decided to remain in Florida. We've rented a condo on Naples Bay so I can look out and watch the boats and dolphins go by. We had many wonderful years at the Mill. ... Best Wishes to all of you.
/s/ **Bernie.**"

Courtesy of **Ken Knuth**

Chuck Auer reports he has contacted the East Goshen authorities relative to the noise emanating from the Greenhill Road area. He was informed that is from clearing of the property prior to the building of new homes. In response to his concern about an early start he was told it is legal to begin at 7 A.M. even on the weekend.

Barbara Gorham writes that she has a ramp available for anyone who wants to take it. Tel: (610) 696-2146

DESSERT SOCIAL

Fifty Inverness residents braved the rain to enjoy free and delicious desserts on June 27th. Even better than the wonderful offerings was the opportunity to socialize with our neighbors, and take a chance of winning flower arrangement door prizes or cash from the 50 - 50 drawing. Photos by Mary Lou Perry and staff.



New Village Directory

After the January village meeting, **Mary Lou Perry** volunteered to take on updating the village directory. She has done a wonderful job. With the help of other volunteers, contact was made with every resident and information was confirmed either through e-mail or telephone. The new directory is presented both with the numerical order of the homes and the last sheet has residents listed in alphabetical order for an alternative way of locating people.

Any future changes or additions should be sent to Mary Lou Perry either by e-mail or telephone.

Getting to Know You



A hop, skip and a jump could almost describe **Barbara Gorham's** (#782) move to Inverness Village. She lived within two or three miles of her new home. Now she is a resident of what we village residents sometimes refer to as "the Magnificent Seven." When asked why she chose Hershey's Mill as her new location, she said she had watched Hershey's Mill being developed and always knew this was where she would relocate.

She and her late husband had raised two boys in West Chester and she has deep roots with many friendships in the area. One of her sons lives nearby and the other is in Syracuse, New York.

Barbara retired from many years associated with the Malvern Institute and is very active in her church as well as being an avid knitter and reader.

She enjoys playing cards and is looking forward to joining the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary and assimilating into her new environment.

Barbara Colby



Barbara Harney (#761) recently moved to Hershey's Mill from Ridgebury, in northern Pennsylvania. Originally from Long Island, New York, Barbara and John, her late husband, were married for almost 50 years and lived in a home that they built on 58 acres near Milan.

The challenges of maintaining such a large property began to concern Barbara, so she decided to move to the West Chester area to be near one of her sons. When she first saw Hershey's Mill, she liked it ly. "I love it; it's lovely," she said.

Barbara worked a number of years for Sysco, the food supply company, as a bid coordinator. However, raising a family took priority for Barbara, who has three sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and crocheting. She is very interested in the activities offered at Hershey's Mill. In the future, Barbara would like to learn to play mahjong at the Community Center. We look forward to Barbara's participation in the many Inverness social activities.

Carol Ellis

What's My TV Channel?

Having noticed that the TV channel listings are no longer published in the monthly Hershey's Mill Guide and Digest, and realizing that this can be an inconvenience for our residents, I wrote to Channel 20 expressing my concerns that not everyone has internet access or a ride to their office to pick up a copy of the TV channel listings. They replied (anonymously) that this listing is permanently discontinued, and offered no solution to my concerns.

Those with internet access who desire a TV channel listing can download a copy from the Channel 20 website. (Go to <http://hersheysmill.org>, and click on HMC-tv20 tab.) Otherwise one can drive to their office. Those without a ride might try calling 610 436 5922 to see if they can mail you a copy of the channel listings.

George Colby



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Please forward letters and items of Village interest at any time.

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Hershey's Mill Logo

Boyd Mackleer has obtained the oval **HM** logos designed to be used on automobiles as a means of identifying the owners as residents of the Mill. These are magnetic, so are easily attached to the car body. The Master Association has purchased one logo for each residence. Any display of these logos will no doubt help the overall HM marketing program by making the public more aware of our adult community.

