
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

In a world still reeling from a financial disaster and fraught with many unresolved issues, it is nice to be fortunate enough to live in a pleasant environment which affords the opportunity to engage in either group or solitary activities as one wishes, while surrounded by the beauties of nature.

Even though it is, perhaps, human nature to be able to find things we might change, we should, nonetheless, realize that life here in Inverness Village can be very special. We need only open ourselves to the many opportunities here, both in the village and in Hershey's Mill at large, ranging from social events to organized sports, games, musical and other productions, and volunteer positions, to name a few.

Thanks to our Social Committee, the Village had an Ice Cream Social and a round of Bunco this summer, and both a Chili Dinner and Ladies Luncheon will follow this fall. Be sure to check the details described herein, as these events are always greatly enjoyed by all who attend.

To those who seem reluctant to come to Village, events we point out that it is always fun, and you will find everyone friendly and easy to talk with. We use name tags, which make it easy to chat with those you may not have met before. Try it, you'll like it! If you would like a ride contact us, and we will see you are transported. We all want life

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From the Village President

As this is being written, the weather is changing to fall from the summer season. A good time to remind everyone that outside hoses need to be uncoupled to prevent damage as winter approaches in the not too-distant future.

The 2014 Village Budget is being worked on by the Finance Committee along with Village Treasurer Tom Delaney and Managing Agent Jeff Bevan. It appears at first look many items will see no increase, i.e. snow removal but several areas, i.e. insurance will be increasing. The insurance situation is the result of increases due to super storm Sandy. The Master Association Insurance Committee, with ex-Inverness resident Bill O'Brien as Chairman, is continuing their work to obtain the best quotes available. The final Village budget will be available to the entire community prior to the Village open meeting scheduled for November 14 at the Community Center. Starting time is 7:00 PM with refreshments being served and then at 7:30 PM the meeting begins

The next Open House at Hershey's Mill will be held on Sunday, October 20, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM As previously reported, 181 cars visited during the first open house. Recently the inventory of homes for sale was down to 12.

Several of the homes in Inverness Village have or will have renters as occupants.

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From The Editors (cont.)

here to be as nice as possible, and mixing with friends and neighbors can make it so.

This issue contains profiles of village residents who have lived varied and interesting lives. We feel certain you will enjoy these capsule biographies, and enjoy talking with them in much greater detail. Also included in this issue is a feature on an unusual canine couple residing here with their owner.

As usual, Dear Gramps continues his insightful, and sometimes provocative, advice column. Other features address issues of interest to us all. As always, if there are issues you would like to see addressed in future newsletters, please let us know.

Barbara and George Colby

From The Village President (cont.)

A REQUIREMENT OF THE VILLAGE BY-LAWS REQUIRES OWNERS TO SUBMIT A LEASE TO THE MANAGING AGENT WITH A MINIMUM OCCUPANCY OF ONE YEAR. This will be strictly enforced by Council. The FEDERAL HUD requirements are still in effect which state NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE PERMITTED AND ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MUST BE 55 YEARS OF AGE. If in doubt, ask for proof of age for those planning to move into Inverness.

Speeding cars and delivery trucks continue to be reported to various council members. To those who continue to be guilty of this - SLOW DOWN. We have many walkers in the Village.

We have three homes in the community who are not up to date with their financial commitments. You have been notified, please become current.

Committees are an integral part of community life. Please call 610-692-6315 to volunteer.

Boyd Mackleer

Committee Chairs

(Repeated for the benefit of newcomers to Inverness Village)

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| Landscape | Judy Amand |
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| Distribution | Maryjane Hahn |
| Architecture | Jack Gaskill |
| Lighting | Bill Henderson |
| Finance | Tom Delaney |

In Memoriam

Catherine Smith

September 2, 2013
(Services to be announced)

Our sincere condolences
to her family



Neighbor Profile



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purchased a home, and later a different one.

Her in-laws, who had relocated to New York City, encouraged Morfydd and Barry to move to the States in 1958. They bought a house in the area, and she learned to drive a car for the first time.

I spent a most delightful afternoon talking with **Morfydd Neal** (#736), and learned a lot about Wales in the process. She was born in Cardiganshire, West Wales, UK, but spent most of her growing up years living near Swansea. From age 3 to 7 Morfydd attended a Welsh language preschool and then transferred to an English-speaking elementary school. Needless to say, this was a difficult transition.

At age eleven she was one of a very few selected for grammar school, a new experience which required the wearing of a correct uniform, which her mother made. Her schooling there was extended to prepare her for going off to college at 18, where she majored in education. Upon graduation, Morfydd took over a position in Middlesex, England, teaching unruly six year olds, and remained there for over four years.

During this time, a double date arranged by a cousin, introduced her to the man who would become her husband. After changing jobs to teach in Surrey, she married Barry. He was drafted into the Army after WWII and served two years, before returning to employment locally. Morfydd continued to teach, and they

Barry was later offered a position with Parade magazine in Philadelphia, so they relocated to a new home in Cinnaminson, NJ, where they lived for over 7 years. Morfydd reports this was a very happy time of life, during which they welcomed the birth of a daughter.

After seven years there, Barry's employer asked him to oversee construction of a new publishing plant near Coatesville. To shorten his commute, they again moved, settling in East Whiteland. In time, Morfydd accepted full-time employment in Technical Services at the Chester County Library in Exton, continuing there for ten years.

Following Barry's death, Morfydd moved to Hershey's Mill in October 1993. Since moving here, she has been active in the Newcomers Club, the Chester County Hospital Auxiliary, and the Players for fourteen years, among other activities. She continues to serve on the Village Distribution Committee.

Morfydd is a very upbeat person and expresses great appreciation for friendly and helpful neighbors. I can recommend spending time listening to her many stories of life in Wales.

George Colby

Fifty of our residents enjoyed an ice cream treat with many toppings, and most enjoyable sociability on August 8th at the Community Center. A great time was had by all, as evidenced by this sampling of photos taken.



Observations

One topic of frequent interest in Hershey's Mill, as elsewhere, is the selling price of real estate. As we all know, prices dropped dramatically following the financial system follies of the first decade of this century. Unfortunately, they have been slow to recover, leading to concern on the part of many residents.

First, let me comment that the current potential selling price of your home is only of interest if either you are planning to sell, looking to refinance a mortgage, or if you wish to seek a reduction in your assessment. Otherwise, this is only an abstract figure with no bearing on your lifestyle; you are here, you plan to stay here, and current selling prices do not change anything.

For those who are contemplating selling their home, I offer the following thoughts. The Master Association has initiated a marketing campaign for the entire Mill, as described in the September HM Guide. This strategy appears to be stimulating interest by potential buyers. As noted in this issue's President's letter, there are very few homes in Hershey's Mill for sale at the present time. However, current real estate ads appear to show that properties are being listed at prices well below their peak. We seem to still be in a buyers' market.

There may be several reasons for this. When residents decide to move to a continuing care community, or when properties are inherited by heirs, there may be a need or desire to sell right away at whatever price can be quickly obtained. Such moves tend to hold down selling prices.

Another reason for soft prices is discussed in some detail in the book "Freakonomics" by Levitt and Dubner. They point out that the main interest of real estate agents is obtaining a sale, not in maximizing the sale price. Therefore, it is very worthwhile to remember the basic principles of economics. When there is strong demand (which the Master Association is helping to promote), and few units available, prices rise. One wants to keep this in mind when setting an asking price with your agent. You will be doing not only yourself but your neighbors as well a favor by asking a good price for your home.

The options for one contemplating a move include renting for a period of time until sale prices rise further. Renting can be attractive to outsiders who wish to sample the HM lifestyle prior to making a purchase commitment, and financially attractive to owners with large equity in the property.

If planning to sell, one will want to work to make the presentation of the home very attractive to prospective buyers. A home in Inverness is not just a house, it is an entry into an active, interesting, friendly village. It is in your interest to be sure it is presented by real estate agents as a very special place to live within Hershey's Mill.

Leaving a copy of our newsletter around for prospective buyers to see may help show them that we have a very lively and friendly village. Newsletters are available for copying on request.

George Colby

A meeting, several years after college, brought the realization that their lives together could have begun much earlier, since both **Betty Ann** and **Jim McArdle** attended the same elementary school in the Overbrook section of West Philadelphia.



Jim preceded Betty Ann in school by a few years. From there, he attended St Thomas More high school, and Betty Ann later matriculated at Villa Maria in Malvern. There she participated in field hockey and basketball. Upon graduation she enrolled at Immaculata University, majoring in home economics.

Following graduation, Betty Ann accepted a position with the Philadelphia Electric Company. The work in Philadelphia, which involved in-home demonstrations, was challenging, so in time she was happy to be transferred to an office in Ardmore.

From high school, Jim entered Villanova University's Naval ROTC program, but was able to get a scholarship and transfer to the University of Pennsylvania. At the Wharton School he majored in pre-law.

Following college, Jim served in the Navy for three years aboard the USS Laffey. After completing his tour of duty, he accepted employment with Owens Illinois Glass Company in Chicago. Three years later Jim moved back to this area to work for the Container Corporation of America.

It was during this time that Betty Ann and Jim met at the General Wayne Inn, a popular restaurant. They dated for one and one-half years before marrying.

Initially they rented in Bala Cynwyd, and later purchased a home there. During this time Betty Ann continued to work in Ardmore, and Jim's office was in Oaks. Betty Ann subsequently did some substitute teaching in the local school.

The birth of son Jimmy was followed by daughter Elizabeth. While raising the children Betty Ann was busy making clothes for them and ferrying Elizabeth to ice skating practice for several years.

Jim accepted a managerial position in Manhattan with St Regis Paper which occasioned a move to Yardley, Bucks County, to facilitate his commute. Once there, Betty Ann participated in bridge, needlepoint, gardening, and exhibiting at the Flower Show in Center City.

The paper industry proved very volatile due to mergers and acquisitions, necessitating frequent job changes. Jim subsequently worked for Diamond International, Fort Orange Paper, and Paco Pharmaceutical Services. More recently he became an industry consultant.

As the children grew older, Betty Ann became a travel agent which provided a variety of trips including China, Australia, Africa and Europe. Jim was happy to accompany her on some of these.

They moved here nine years ago to be nearer to their four grandchildren. They both play golf, and Betty Ann is active in the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary and the Palm Tree thrift shop. Jim is a member of the Players, has a garden plot, and is a Republican Party Committeeman.

George Colby

DEAR GRAMPS (John Klanderman PhD)

Dear Gramps:

The Editors have told me that several readers have expressed amazement that anyone could not understand their devotion to their pets. Thanks to you, I now am beginning to realize why owners will do things for their pets that they will not do even for their spouses; i.e., walk outside in all weather conditions, clean up messes, etc. Thank you for your explanation!!! **No Pet Nellie**

Dear No Pet Nellie,

Thank you for the feedback and for your understanding of the issues. However, you do raise an interesting contrast between pets and spouses on which I cannot ignore commenting! First of all, it can be dangerous to contrast animals and humans. Pets by definition are extremely dependent on their owners for care of basic needs which usually provides a strong attachment and **BONDING**. Also, as long as the pet feels safe, you will get their **UNCONDITIONAL** love and adoration. And then again, maybe the pets are just cuter and more **CUDDLY** than the spouse! **GRAMPS**

Dear Gramps,

I enjoy socializing and being with people. There is one problem however - many times the subject of health (theirs or others) can somewhat dominate the conversation. This can defeat the positive experience of pleasant social interaction. How can this negative input be avoided? **Chatty Cathy**

Dear Chatty Cathy,

The endless discussion of health can certainly be a problem. Be thankful you are not in a men's group where the **PROSTATE** can dominate the meeting! The best approach is to **CHANGE the TOPIC!** Whether you are gentle, tactful, forceful or **ASSERTIVE**, do whatever you have to in order to start talking about something else. Be prepared with a different topic, such as vacations, current events, new cooking recipes, golf scores, home decorating, sports activities, whatever. And be **RELENTLESS!**

Good Luck

GRAMPS





Meet **Joe and Tina Scaperotto** (#731), and you will find a friendly and energetic couple. Tina came from Italy to Upper Darby when she was sixteen years old and Joe grew up in West Philadelphia. After they met, married and started raising a family, they bought a home off Ellis Lane in West Chester.

Their three children (two daughters and a son) all attended local schools and now live nearby. A grandson has been added to the family.

When asked how they chose Hershey's Mill, Tina replied that they have always been familiar with it and both are employed nearby at Wellington. Joe works in maintenance and Tina is a hair stylist. She shared with me the fact that she also is available to come to people's homes for styling, if one prefers not to go out to a salon. It is a business that she is hoping to increase.

They both find their lives very full but look forward to partaking of the many social offerings here in the Mill and commented that they had a great time at the Inverness dessert social held in June. We likely will be seeing a lot more of them.

Barbara Colby

Inverness Ladies Luncheon

The annual Ladies Luncheon for Inverness Village will be on Saturday, November 9th. The luncheon will be held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

Further information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please reserve the date - Nov 9th. Thank you.

Doris Harry

(Editor's note: This is a popular event open to all Inverness women. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize and enjoy a meal together.)

Inverness Directory

Please mark your directories with the following updates:

Additions:

Barb Harney - # 761

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Cell phone: [570-506-7255](tel:570-506-7255)

New residents:

Joe & Tina Scaperotto - # 731

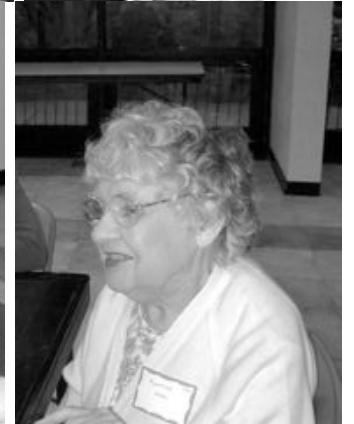
Home phone: [610-692-5657](tel:610-692-5657)

Cell phone (Tina): [484-716-3107](tel:484-716-3107)

If there are any changes to your contact information, please advise

Mary Lou Perry ([610-430-0320](tel:610-430-0320)) or (perrym517@gmail.com).

BUNCO !!! The dice rolled fast and furiously as men and women competed for cash prizes at the Bunco party on September 18th. A great time was enjoyed by all.



Staff photos



Ches and Hope, who are truly "Mutt and Jeff," can be seen walking the Village with owner **Pat Phillips** (#762). A light-colored female labrador retriever, Ches' full name is Chesapeake because she originally lived on the Chesapeake Bay with Pat's son. She is 11 1/2 years old and has a sweet and loving disposition. Presently, she is wearing a tee shirt to cover her elbow pad, so the pad will heal from an ulceration. Pat has been working very hard to discourage Ches from licking her elbow pad, but she is finding it even more difficult to keep Ches from lying on her elbow and irritating it. In the meantime, Pat has been looking for a device that will keep pressure off the pad and allow it to heal, but she has not found a solution yet. She is looking for suggestions.

Ches' companion, Hope, is a 6-year-old black female Shih Tzu, who was given to Pat after her husband passed away. "Hope to go on," explains Pat. Hope is full of energy and very playful. She rolls over quickly for a tummy rub.

Ches and Hope "love to take walks, visit with other people and other dogs, and play ball," Pat said. They are "scared of thunder and lightning," she added. Both Ches and Hope are very friendly and are good companions for each other and for Pat.

Carol Ellis

Upcoming Social Events

The **Inverness Chili Supper** will have a delicious addition this year - chicken stew - for residents who do not enjoy chili. Meanwhile, traditional chili will be offered: spicy beef, mild beef, moderate beef, red chicken and white chicken chili.

Accompaniments will be salad, corn bread, and crusty bread. The usual condiments will be offered: grated cheese, sour cream, and tortilla chips. A light dessert with coffee will conclude the supper. Sodas and iced tea will be served, while byob is encouraged. A 50/50 will be held.

The Chili Supper will be held on **Wednesday, October 9, from 5:30 to 7:30**, in the Community Center. Reservations and a check or cash for \$10.00 per person are to be placed in the basket at #773 before October 6. For more information, contact Judy Klanderaman.

The **Inverness Holiday Gala** is scheduled for **Friday, December 13** at the Community Center. Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this popular social event.

Carol Ellis



Master Association Minutes

(Editor's note: The following excerpt is from the draft minutes of the June 2013 Master Association (MA) meeting. This excerpt relates to the fact that previous minutes had indicated that the MA had discussed the candidates for the East Goshen township Board of Supervisors. Apparently a resident opposed such involvement. The name "Harry" refers to Harry Staller, the President of the MA, and BOD refers to the Board of Directors of the MA.)

"Harry spoke to an issue discussed at the recent BOD meeting involving a request from a resident that the bylaws of the MA be amended to preclude the BOD or the MA from taking positions, endorsing candidates or otherwise exercising involvement in political causes or campaigns of any nature at any level. Harry stated that such an action could be contrary to the furtherance of the best interests of residents of Hershey's Mill in some future situations where it is deemed necessary by the MA membership that the Association should in fact participate in the democratic process. Several questions of clarification were raised, and then on motion made and seconded, the members present voted unanimously (with one abstention) to not consider any such amendment to the bylaws of the Master Association."

Additional Editor's Note: The Marketing Advisory Group has been made a permanent Marketing Committee within the Master Association to facilitate an ongoing marketing effort.

George Colby

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