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From The Editors

Winter the Quiet!!!!!! Season

With the turn of the calendar and the holiday season having passed, one pauses to reflect on the upcoming winter days. Yes, many are spent indoors, but while we are less likely to be outside a lot, there are many significant positives about the season that we acknowledge and relish.

What one welcomes is the **silence**. The landscape service, with its trucks, mowers, and loud leaf blowers chasing the last blade of grass, is no longer in action. Tree removal is generally done, and the golf carts coming and going on the roads and the course are few and far between.

We celebrate that the construction of the four houses across the golf course on Green Hill Road is no longer the excessively noisy process it was this summer. Seven days a week, the earth movers were clanging and banging. It did cause one to question the quality of the contractor who did not seem to have any regard for the neighbors. East Goshen township appears overly permissive with respect to allowable noise levels, especially on Sundays.

Take a minute to cogitate how nice it can be to watch from the window as the silent activity of beautiful snowflakes falling is there for all to behold. The silence is peaceful and restful.

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From the Village President

WOW! What a great Christmas/Holiday party. The Social Committee headed up by **Judy Klanderman, Marge Brolly, and Carol Ellis** as co-chairs, did a spectacular job in planning and providing for 75 Inverness villagers. The food was excellent, the punch delicious, and the decorations festive. The entertainment was provided by **Jim Backes**, our resident pianist with his wonderful playing, while those assembled sang many favorite holiday tunes.

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, is the date for the next open Village meeting. This is the annual election meeting for three council positions. **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**, is the date for the annual budget meeting. Both meetings begin with refreshments at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting itself at 7:30 PM.

We have had a difficult month of December for snow removal with three sizable storms at this writing – which is no way to stay within the snow budget. More on this when all the figures are available.

The holiday decorations at the front entrance are the result of efforts put forth by Chair **Roz Baker** and her committee members **Sam Malandra, Brooke Hamilton, Jini Petti-john, and Carl and Pat Teets**. They give the village a festive look. This committee could use some more members, so please contact Roz.

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Editors' Letter (continued)

This quiet season makes one wonder if a bit of caring thought could make ours a more serene environment all year long. Much is written about the deleterious effects of noise on our lives, often in ways of which we are not particularly aware. Winter gives us an opportunity to enjoy the peace and quiet. As everyone works to reduce other types of pollution, let us be mindful of things that can be done to limit noise pollution as well.

Barbara and George Colby

Around The Village

We residents of Inverness Village are fortunate to have a very active and hard-working Social Committee. The events are truly enjoyed by all, but there is a lot of work that is done in the background before the event and after. Regarding this, the point was made at a committee meeting that **it is critical that residents sign up by the stated closing date** so as to ensure that a sufficient amount of food is made/purchased. This is critical to the success of the event and respectful of the considerable effort by the committee. Please show your support by signing up by the requested date.

In October we learned that **Laura Proctor** was contacted by the Delaware Historical Society. It seems that Laura, some years back, had built a scale model of the Proctor home in Wilmington Delaware. This model even included the furniture. The Society had learned of its existence and asked Laura if she would be willing to gift it to the Delaware Historical Society to which she quickly acquiesced. It will be on exhibit soon. This is quite an honor for Laura!

President's Letter (continued)

The Master Association is embarking on "Vision Quest" for future needs of the overall Hershey's Mill Community. It began with meetings of the Board of Directors, followed by the Village Presidents, the Amenities Chairs, and finally with a group of residents. BOD members Harry Staller (Robynwood) and Boyd Mackleer (Inverness) moderated the discussions. This is a first step in an ongoing process to identify needs both now and into the future.

Please try to stay current with the paying of quarterly fees in the coming year 2014. The due date is to be postmarked no later than the tenth of January, April, July, October. The late charge starts at \$52.00.

Remember that any architecture or landscaping requests must be sent to the Management Office in writing before beginning work. If you need a form, call the Management Office at 484-883-8373 to obtain one. A sketch must accompany these requests.

A final note to all: **BE CAREFUL WALKING OUTSIDE THIS WINTER and PLEASE CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS especially if they live alone.**

Boyd Mackleer



BUNCO - Jan 9th !!!
Don't miss it.

Inverness Village Meeting

Abstracted from a very detailed report
by **Virginia Kettenring**

Boyd Mackleer, Village president, welcomed new residents and noted that 24 home owners who were here in 1996 are still here today.

In his president's report, he noted that although the insurance committee has solicited bids from five companies, and selected the best bid, insurance costs have risen, resulting in a condo fee increase to \$1300 per quarter. Boyd acknowledged the work of the Finance Committee members, **Tom Delaney**, **Bill Henderson**, **Al Nichols**, and **Jim McArdle**, and noted that we will need roof replacement by 2020.

Boyd said that 85 visitors came to the Hershey's Mill Open House. He reported that the Master Association has new guidelines for rentals, with a one-year limit. He also described the new gate security system which will use either windshield stickers or wallet cards purchased at the security office. The stickers are \$15 and the cards are \$20. Residents may purchase up to a total of six devices.

Janet Emanuel, elected to the Town Board of Supervisors, thanked voters for their support, and described in detail various activities at the Town level. **Tom Delaney** gave the village financial report. **Jeff Bevan** said he was working on individual home owner requests. **Marge Brolly** invited everyone to the Holiday Party and Bunco on Jan. 9.

Bill Henderson gave the lighting report, and **Maryjane Hahn** and her distribution committee were thanked for their work.

Doris Harry reported that the Inverness Ladies' Luncheon was the best ever with 54 good looking, happy women in attendance. She was thanked for her many years of service as Chairman of the event.

Inverness Village Directory Updates

New residents:

Bob and Cheryl Shelderfer (#735)

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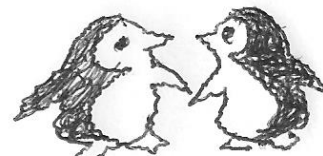
Tom & Annette Paccapaniccia
(#758)

Home phone: [610-692-7473](tel:610-692-7473)

Cell phone (Annette): [610-585-7934](tel:610-585-7934)

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).



Neighbor Profile

With the advent of the 5th year of publication, **Barbara and George Colby**, as editors, accede to the many requests for their profile.



Barbara grew up in Lowell, MA, and following high school, entered Simmons College in Boston, majoring in business. George was born and grew up in Montpelier VT.

Following high school, he entered Massachusetts Institute of

Technology in a five-year program which awarded the Master's degree in electrical engineering. During that period, he worked at General Electric between semesters.

It was in Boston that he met his wife-to-be, Barbara, while they both were still in college. Following their graduations, they each worked in the Boston area, but their careers were interrupted by George's two-year Army ROTC commitment. Their wedding date had long been set and their honeymoon involved traveling across the country.

The Signal Corps had assigned him to the Army Security Agency at Fort Huachuca, AZ. There Barbara worked in the Command and General Staff office until the birth of their son, which occurred a few weeks before their return to the East Coast at the end of the military service commitment.

George continued his civilian life working for a medium sized electronic company in the Boston area. They settled in Lexington, MA, and added two daughters to their family. Eventually George accepted a position at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, a research think tank. While there he worked on the next generation FAA Air Traffic Control radar system, and later on ad-

vanced radio and radar concepts for the US Air Force.

Ten years later he accepted a position with Textron Defense Systems, working on ICBM radar development, and subsequently on laser radar systems. Prior to retiring in 1994, George was Laser Radar Programs Director, a position which encompassed the development of a surveillance laser radar which was installed on Mt. Haleakala, Maui HI. This afforded the opportunity for many visits to the island, frequently with Barbara.

During the period of raising young children, Barbara was a founding member of Citizens for Lexington Conservation which embraced investment in the remaining land in a fast developing town. She also was an enthusiastic volunteer in the schools, religious education and the Girl Scouts.

As the children grew older, Barbara accepted a contract position as an administrative assistant to the corporate officers of Raytheon Company.

Over time, their children married and they were blessed with five grandchildren. After twelve years of retirement, Barbara and George decided it was time to leave their long-time family residence in Lexington. As a result of many visits to their daughter's family near here, Hershey's Mill revealed itself as attractive. They moved here in 2007 and have been SO GLAD they did! Inverness Village is a special place to live.

They are enjoying an ever expanding circle of friendships, volunteering, social and cultural events, travel back to NE and elsewhere to visit family and friends, as well as to other destinations. George continues his long-standing artistic endeavors exploring and illustrating abstract concepts using oil paint on canvas.

Seven different kinds of chili and a chicken stew were served at the Annual Inverness Chili Supper on October 9. Approximately 50 residents enjoyed unlimited chili, salad, crusty bread, corn bread, and a variety of desserts.

The tables were brightly decorated with candles and fall leaves and acorns. Music was played in the background while residents socialized and went back for seconds and thirds. The Social Committee, which planned and cooked for the event, deemed the party fun for all and a great success.

Carol Ellis Staff photos



DEAR GRAMPS (John Klanderman PhD)

Dear Gramps: We have grandchildren getting ready to head off to college, and are concerned by what we hear about the indulgence in large quantities of alcohol by students. Do you have any suggestions as to how to encourage moderation? We assume that preaching abstinence is a lost cause in today's permissive society. Also, what is your thinking about exposure to alcohol (wine, beer, possibly liquor) in the home prior to their going off. Would this alert them to the effects and possible risks??

Concerned Grandparents

Dear Concerned Grandparents,

Alcohol consumption is certainly an issue in college. However, it is but one of many issues college students must cope with. The real issue regards a value system, making choices and living with the consequences. College students have to take responsibility for their actions as well as learning to cope with the consequences. For many college freshmen the world simply becomes a vast wide open experience for which they are marginally prepared to cope with.

I would suggest discussing with your college-entering grandchildren and their parents about making daily choices and whose responsibility it is to CLEAN UP after the bad choices. For example, whoever is paying money towards their college education certainly has the right to withdraw some financial aid if a B average is not tained! For students who are used to behavioral expectations and consequences that are followed through, college is generally going to be an easier adjustment process. Some students are just not mature enough for the college experience and might be better off getting a job for a year with the intent of putting money aside towards a college education.

As for exposure to alcohol in the home prior to going off, well.....MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO!

I wish the best for your college bound grandchildren, and do your best to keep in contact with them even if it means TEXTING! **GRAMPS**

Dear Gramps: Others have commented to me about how little today's teens know about the cost of running a household. Since many high school graduates have never worked, due to activities and/or parental permissiveness, they have had no exposure to real money life. How do you recommend that parents, or grandparents, try to educate them about this before they decide to run up huge student loans?

A Fiscal Conservative

Dear Fiscal Conservative,

As for managing money in college, I can simply suggest that all the parties involved who are providing financial support for the student(s), get together and make out a college freshman year budget. The aspiring college students must know that if they overspend in one area of the budget, they are going to have to take it from another area of the budget. In other words, a college student must know where the BUCK STOPS! Best wishes! **GRAMPS**

Inverness Ladies' Luncheon

The ladies of Inverness enjoyed a lovely fall luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on November 9. Doris Harry, Trudy Roderick, Rita Cordivari and Roz Baker were the hostesses who planned the luncheon for over 50 ladies.

A social time began the festivities and was followed by lunch, which included a delicious soup, choice of three entrees, and dessert and beverages. The ladies participated enthusiastically in the 50/50, which awarded several monetary prizes.

Doris Harry introduced new residents and several original residents of Inverness lage. Following tradition, she ended the luncheon with a funny joke to send everyone off with a smile.

Carol Ellis Staff Photos



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Ladies Luncheon Photos (cont)



Plus many more beautiful ladies. If the photographer missed you, he will catch you next year!

PETS RULE

Wilbur B. Amand, VMD (and always, MacGregor)

The winter season seems to have gotten the jump on us; however, I hope that the following guidelines/tips will help protect your pets in the coming months.

A winter wellness (preventive care) examination is a good way to start as cold weather may worsen some medical conditions such as arthritis. If you have not been in the practice of having your pet examined at least once a year, now may be the perfect time to have him/her checked out by your veterinarian to make sure (s)he is as healthy as possible for the cold weather.

Cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat (thick vs. thin coat), body fat stores, activity level, and overall general health. Considering the foregoing comment, limit your time outside to 15 – 20 minutes at a time or shorter for small, young or ill pets. While outside in the snow and ice, keep your pet on a leash, especially in snow storms, as dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. According to the ASPCA, more dogs are lost during the winter months than during any other season.

Following your walk, thoroughly wipe down or wash your dog's feet, legs and abdomen to remove salt, antifreeze, or other potentially dangerous chemicals. Concentrate on the pets paws, pads, and the area between the toes. Remove snow balls and ice that tends to be found between the toes and check the pads for ice caking which often leads to pad cracks and bleeding. Consider using pet-safe antifreeze and deicers on your property to protect your pets and the others in your village.

Keep your pet at a healthy weight range throughout the winter. If your pet spends a lot of time outdoors with you (enjoys outdoor activities), you might want to increase their supply of food, especially protein (unless there is some medical contraindication). Some pet owners feel that a little extra weight gives their pet some "extra" protection from the cold. However, the health risks associated with that "extra" weight don't make this practice advisable.

Do not shave your pets coat down to the skin during the winter months as the coat provides warmth during cold seasons. If your pet shows signs of being cold while outside (whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops wanting to move, seems weak) discontinue the walk and get the pet back inside as the foregoing are signs of hypothermia. Frostbite is harder to detect, and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. Consider a warm coat/sweater that the pet can wear while outside during cold weather. It is advisable to have a couple on hand, so you can use a dry sweater/coat each time your pet goes outside. Wet sweaters or coats can actually make your pet colder. Some pet owners also use "booties" to protect their dog's feet; however, if you use them, be sure that they fit properly.

While inside, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places which may change from time to time as the pet's need for more or less warmth changes. Give the pet safe options and always avoid drafts. This is a good time to make sure that your house is properly pet-proofed. Use caution with space heaters around animals, make sure that your furnace is working properly and the smoke detectors are working properly, and consider installing carbon monoxide detectors to keep the entire family safe.

I must again remind pet owners to be conscientious about cleaning up after your pet. While 99% of pet owners in the village do pick up their pet's waste, there appear to be a few who do not feel it is their duty to clean up after their pet. Philosopher Immanuel Kant formulated something that has been called "Categorical Imperative." Basically it says that when an individual is faced with choosing whether to do or not to do something, he or she should consider this question – "What if everyone would make the same choice I am about to make? Would the world be a better place?" Make the Village enjoyable for everyone and clean up after your pet and encourage others to do the same. **Finally, I hope you will be out and about during the coming winter season and enjoy the natural beauty of Hershey's Mill. ALL BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL 2014.**



Although a Delaware County native, **Dorrie Ritchie** (#695) became an avid fan of St. Augustine, where she lived before moving to Hershey's Mill in 2007. Dorrie and her late husband, Lawrence, purchased the land and built a home in St. Augustine in the early 1980s. For a time after the house was built, Dorrie continued to work in Pennsylvania but then retired to her home in Florida in 1989. She and Lawrence were married for 58 years until his death in 2005.

"I absolutely love St. Augustine," she said. "I miss it, but I keep in touch with my friends there. It's the oldest city in the country and very historic. In December, St. Augustine becomes a city of lights. All of the buildings and the waterfront are decorated with tiny white lights. It's just lovely. People come from other states just to see them."

"But I do like it here, she continued. "I now consider this my forever home." Dorrie found her Inverness home after her daughter suggested she look at virtual tours of Hershey's Mill homes online. She narrowed her choices to three and then chose her Inverness home for

"all of its lovely amenities."

A college art major, Dorrie had a career in banking. This strange twist came about when, as a young mother, she decided to pursue a career to help her growing family. She modeled clothing and hats for a major department store, but found that she needed a more substantial career path. Taking her daughter with her, Dorrie applied at Scott Paper and at a local bank, where she had won an award for an art work she had entered in a contest. Both companies offered her a job, but she selected the bank, believing she already had a connection to it.

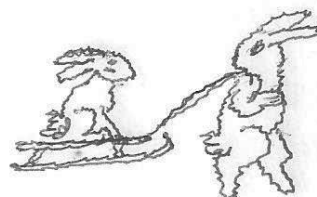
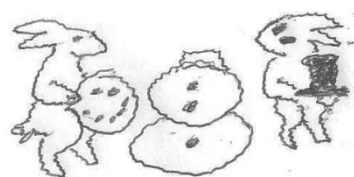
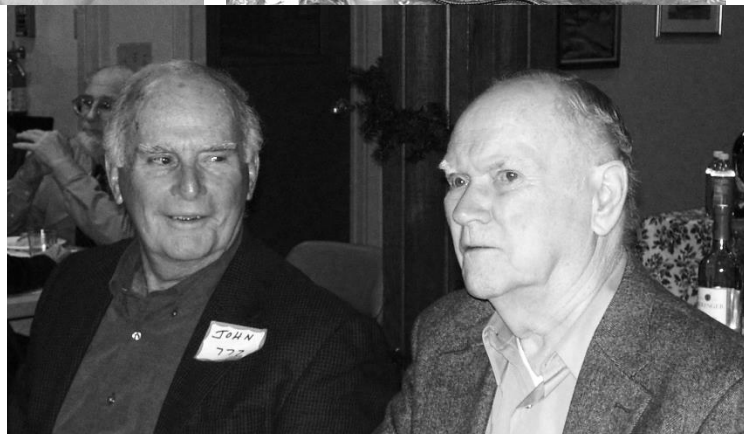
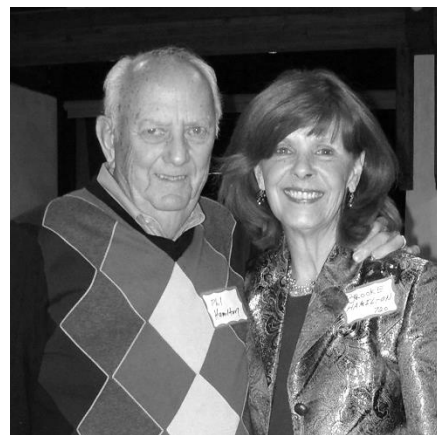
And thus began a career that took her from an internship program to a management position. Over the years she worked in marketing, personnel, and "in almost every department in the bank," she explained. Her final years in banking were spent at Bryn Mawr Trust, responsible for its branches.

Dorrie has two daughters, who each have a son and daughter and who live nearby. She shares her home with Muffie, an adorable Shitzu and black poodle mix she adopted after moving to Inverness. She has maintained her interest in art over the years and, although not working in oils or watercolors today, still draws and sketches. She particularly enjoys yoga, mah-jongg, and water exercises, and, of course, walking Muffie.

Carol Ellis



The annual festivities were a resounding success as noted in the President's letter. The punch, a wide variety of delicious food, and yummy desserts were enjoyed by all. Piano music was generously provided throughout by our own **Jim Backes**, and **Phil Hamilton's** birthday was appropriately recognized in song. Kudos to the **many members** of the Social Committee and **others** who contributed to this lively fun evening. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.



(Editor's Note: Helen McGowan, a former resident passed away this fall.)

Letters To The Editor

A Remembrance by Alma Delaney

I first met Helen McGowan when she came to welcome us to the Village. She was a petite lady who was always "dressed to the nines." Helen was a retired first grade school teacher. She loved being with people and having a good time.

Helen and her husband, Jack, belonged to the Singers—when we dressed formally. They also belonged to the Players, where Helen (yes) was a tap dancer! They were also involved in the Golf League from the time they moved here in 1997. Every winter they went to Florida where they loved to entertain vacationing "Millers."

After Jack died, Helen continued to be active in many activities. Some were new like The Red Hats. She loved to travel and would visit her daughter, Barbara, who lived in Ireland. The grandchildren looked forward to her visits as she was always interested in what they were doing and would bring tons of things from The Dollar Store in America.

Helen was active in her church, "St. Francis in the Fields," where she was the secretary in the office and sang in the choir. In fact, Dee Kinney, the organist wore Helen's choir robe at Helen's memorial service in October

I always felt privileged to know Helen. She was a pleasant and honest person. When she moved to Wellington in 2004, she wasn't very happy but she said you have to do what is right for everyone.

Helen was our social director in Inverness

for many years. She loved entertaining but she finally turned her crown over to Joanne O'Connor—but that's another story.

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In Memoriam

Louella Wilson

December 18, 2013

Our sincere condolences
to her family.