# The Inverness "I"

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## From The Editors

This has surely been a winter we will long remember, as Mr. Winter took little pity on us. Appreciation for the efforts of the snow plowing/shoveling crew to keep us functional certainly seems to be in order.

We do look forward to warmer weather



and the hope that April showers will bring May flowers! Then we will be out and about for

socialization with friends and neighbors.

We appreciate Boyd's forwarding of a copy of the Sullivan House presentation for review, and responses from our residents as described in his President's Letter. Such transparency and resident input are very important. We add our own strong vote for the maintenance of Sullivan House as a venue available for use by all Hershey's Mill residents, and support suggestions that a creative approach could lead to expanded use and help alleviate any cost concerns, if anyone feels this is a real issue.

Be sure to catch all three interesting profiles of Inverness notables, and a feature on an Inverness couple who travels far and wide in pursuit of unique photography. As has been our good fortune from the beginning, the art work is the creation of **Jim Ellis**. We are privileged, as usual, to present our unique "Pets Rule" and "Dear Gramps" columns.

Barbara & George Colby

# From The Village President

SNOW is the big word on everyone's mind as this is being written. An update on the cost of snow removal shows the following:

December 2013 \$15,900 January 2014 21,900 February 2014 31,500

As you all know, the budget allows for \$15,000 per year for snow removal, but looking at the figures above, we are facing an assessment of some magnitude. The total shortfall for 2013 was \$17,500, and the shortfall for 2014 thru February is \$38,400. At this writing there are no invoices for March 2014. The council met on February 20 after being - you guessed it snowed out of the scheduled date of February 13. We discussed the snow expenditures and voted to wait until the April 9 council meeting to determine the size of the assessment. There was general agreement that we can spread the amount over two or three payments, but there will be an assessment.

As your President, I was most gratified with the response from 19 homes on the Sullivan House discussion. Many suggestions were made to help remedy the cost parameters. If and when there is a vote on the matter, my vote is to NOT TEAR DOWN SULLIVAN HOUSE. The Board of Directors of the Master Association presented options to the Village Presidents for dealing with the cost of maintaining Sullivan

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# From the Village President (cont.)

House, and if a vote comes it will be the responsibility of the Village Presidents to determine future actions on this matter. The BOD will not take a position as a group on this decision.

The Village will be getting new rules and regulations regarding the use of DUMPSTERS and PODS at homes, along with an update on flags.

As of this date all resident accounts are up to date. THANK YOU.

TO REPEAT AN ITEM FROM THE JANU-ARY 2014 ISSUE:

Remember that any architecture, propane fireplace hookup or landscaping request must be sent to the Management Office in writing before beginning work. A sketch must accompany these requests.

**Boyd Mackleer** 

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### A Note From the Editors

We encourage Letters To The Editor and suggestions for future topics. Also we welcome informal comments about Village life and possible profile subjects.

We are fortunate in having invaluable assistance from our associate editors and contributors, but their efforts are made easier by input from our readers. Please tell us what is on your minds, what you would like to see, and who you think we should profile. Your feedback will keep the issues coming.

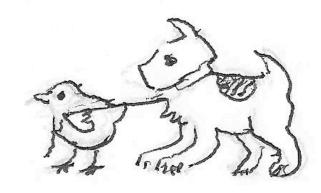
Barbara and George

# New procedure for Rainbow Cab shared-ride service (Courtesy of Mary Lou Perry)

Effective February 3, 2014, all current Shared-Ride consumers of Rainbow Cab must call ROVER Community Transportation to schedule their rides. This includes all rides in Chester County and to/from the Philadelphia Airport that fall under the Senior Shared-Ride Program sponsored by PennDot. All shared-ride services within Chester County will continue to be provided by both Rainbow Cab and ROVER Community Transportation.

Airport transport will continue to be provided exclusively by Rainbow Cab, however you must schedule your ride through ROV-ER. Please note that ROVER office hours are Monday to Friday, 7 am to 4 pm. The ROVER office is closed on Saturday and Sunday so plan accordingly. Call ROVER at 484-696-3854 and Press 7 to be connected directly to the person who handles the airport ride scheduling. ROVER will take your general information and then will connect you to Rainbow Cab and they will take your flight information.

(When Mary Lou asked the reason for the change in procedure, she was told that the shared-ride scheduling software systems have been merged and ROVER now does all the scheduling.)



## **Neighbor Profile**



David and Rita Cordivari met on Pearl Harbor Day. They married in 1948 and had two daughters – Gail who lives in Kennett Village and June who is in Devon. Their grandson is in California.

David graduated from Overbrook High School in Philadelphia and enlisted in the Army Air Corps after which he joined the Philadelphia Police Dept. He began as a patrol officer and rose through the ranks eventually attaining the rank of Captain.

During his 37-year career, David served as executive assistant to three police commissioners, commanded the research and planning unit, and attended the FBI Academy. He is a certified polygraph examiner. Some of the highlights of his career included security details for all visiting Presidents and other notables which included personal security for Grace Kelly, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra and Pope John Paul II. He retired in 1988 and was awarded a personal citation by the Philadelphia City Council.

David was an avid golfer and currently enjoys building model doll houses, boats and planes as well as reading.

Rita graduated from West Catholic Girls High School and was a violinist in the school orchestra. Following graduation, she was employed by Bell Telephone as a service representative and later as an assistant to a pediatrician in Overbrook.

While the girls were young, Rita supported all the usual school activities. Eventually, their daughters enrolled in Villa Maria Academy in Malvern which required a fair amount of logistical planning for their attendance at a school outside of the city.

Eventually, Rita was called on to work on special projects for Bell Telephone, and she particularly enjoyed visiting all the Main Line colleges in the fall to arrange telephone service to the incoming freshman class. Rita also was an avid volunteer at Lankenau Hospital.

Family summer vacations were spent at Avalon, but after they retired and moved to Hershey's Mill they winter vacationed on Marco Island, Fl.

Dave and Rita are original residents of Inverness Village, having moved here in 1988. Rita served on the Social Committee for 10 years and to date has served for 18 years as co-chair of the Inverness Ladies Luncheon.

She is a loyal Phillies fan and is an avid reader. She is emphatic in stating that they still love Hershey's Mill after 26 years and most of all are blessed with the best neighbors they ever had!!

Barbara Colby

## DEAR GRAMPS John Klanderman, PhD

## Dear "Professor" Gramps,

My grandchild has complained about college application essays, feeling it is difficult to describe oneself adequately. How important do you think these essays are in the college acceptance process? Do you have any suggestions for my grandchildren coming along?

Signed: Worried Grandma

#### Dear Worried Grandma,

The personal essay is very important for several reasons which are broader than simply describing yourself. Let me paraphrase from an article by Colby Stream (<a href="www.ehow.com">www.ehow.com</a>) entitled: Purpose of a Scholarship Essay.

One purpose is simply to NARROW THE PROSPECTS. For example, acceptance/scholarship committees sometimes get thousands of applications a year. A written essay can help the committee narrow the applicant pool by automatically discarding any applications that don't follow the essay requirements.

CRITICAL THINKING is another purpose as it allows the essay to show the committee that you can think deeply about the question it asks. The committee wants to award acceptance and/or money to a student who can understand and question the information he or she learns at college. You can show you have the skills to do this by answering the essay question well.

WRITING WELL is another purpose as it provides the committee with information as to whether the applicant can use grammar and sentence syntax appropriately. In general, the Committee can get a sample of the applicants' written expression skills. The essay is also your chance to demonstrate some CREATIVITY. You can stand out from the rest of the applicant pool by writing your essay in an intelligent way that other applicants wouldn't have thought about doing.

And finally, there is the PERSONAL important issue. The essay allows the committee to know a little about you. Even if it isn't a personal essay, the way you write and the way you answer the essay prompt say something about your style and philosophy of life. Oftentimes, a college or university may have a somewhat specific philosophy and wants to see if you are a good "fit." HINT: It is always a safe bet for you to demonstrate a goal orientation mentality, an ability to work independently, and a habit of good time management skills.

Here are also some references to hopefully help your grandchildren to take the college admissions essay seriously. Best Wishes, **GRAMPS** 

http://www.grammarly.com

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Below given is professionally written and proofread **admission essay sample** on the topic of Why **College** Education is **Important**. Be sure to read this example ....

# **Around The Village**

We are happy to see that homes in Inverness are selling readily. It is also predicted by one who follows real estate trends that homes in Pennsylvania will sell at or above pre-recession levels by the end of this year. We hope to see this reflected in future sales here.

Casual conversations with Village residents reflect a continuing interest in knowing the issues being discussed in the Village Council meeting. Such information would increase an understanding of the work done by the Council and provide an opportunity for input before decisions are made which effect everyone. Perhaps the Council can develop a mechanism for providing updates on current issues.

A recent departure is that of **Laura** and **Joe Proctor**, who are relocating to Wellington. We understand their home, and others, have been sold, so we expect to have new neighbor reports in our next issue.

Unfortunately, shortly after moving, Laura suffered a heart attack, and was hospitalized. She is now recovering back at Wellington. Laura asked that we provide this update in the newsletter. She sends best wishes to all her friends, and looks forward to being able to visit with them at Wellington in the foreseeable future.



## Social Committee Plans

Be sure to mark your family calendars so you won't miss these events. They are always memorable occasions.

The Social Committee welcomes and encourages new members to help plan and execute the lively Village parties.

Bunco \*\*\* Wed. April 13

Ice Cream Social Thurs. June 26

Chili Supper Thurs. Oct 16

Holiday Party Wed. Dec 4

\*\*\* There is a two dollar charge for Bunco which funds refreshments and prizes. This should be left at #777 in advance of the event.

Notices concerning other events will be circulated as appropriate.

# In Memoriam

# Mark Heilman

January 1, 2014

Our sincere condolences
To his family

# Neighbor Profile



Beginning at an early age, while growing up in Short Hills, NJ, Joan Gallagher and her sister enjoyed many trips into

Manhattan to explore museums, the opera and other cultural offerings. Later, while attending Milburn High School, Joan served as the editor-inchief of the award-winning school paper. During this time she also became active in the Junior League.

Joan followed her mother's example by attending Dickinson College, and pursued a double major in English and History. She also stayed on at Dickinson to obtain certification as a teacher. While there she met her future husband.

Following completion of her studies, Joan taught history in Carlyle, PA, but was encouraged by family friends to pursue an opportunity to teach at the Punahou School in Hawaii. While there, she was invited to take an ocean ride in an outrigger canoe so she could experience the true Hawaiian lifestyle.

Disaster followed, as a rogue wave separated a nearby surfer from his board which subsequently sheared the outrigger from their craft. This caused the boat to capsize, throwing everyone into the water. It became a near-death experience for Joan, who was rescued and resuscitated by another surfer. Two operations and a long rehabilitation were required before she was able to return to teaching.

A year later she returned to the States and taught fourth grade in Milburn prior to marriage. As her husband had a law practice in Wilmington, she accepted a position teaching English and history there. Following the birth of her first child, she gave up teaching to become an at-home mother.

Joan's volunteer activities included being a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader. Her continuing association with the Junior League led to service as a guide at the Delaware Art Museum and a docent at Winterthur during her thirty years in Wilmington. She continues to have many friends there.

She moved to Hershey's Mill in June of 1987. After getting settled, Joan studied at the Katharine Gibbs school as a legal secretary. She then worked for a local attorney, and continued volunteering at Winterthur.

Undaunted by the lingering effects from the accident in HI, as well as other injuries, Joan continues an active life. She enjoys the Mill social activities, and is a member of the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary.

She keeps in close contact with her son in VA, her daughter in TX, and her three grandchildren (with one more expected). We are certain she enlivens their lives just as she does for anyone with the privilege of knowing her.

George Colby

# **Bunco Party**



The winter Bunco competition was held at the Community Center on January 9<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the festivities were under the most capable direction of **Marge Brolly**. Prior to the start of the games, attendees enjoyed cold drinks and an assortment of cookies. Marge reminded everyone of the Bunco scoring system, and then the fun began. Three complete rounds of Bunco were played, resulting in the scoring of a "Bunco" by many players. The winner with the most Buncos was Judy Klanderman, shown below right.













Growing up on a farm in Lancaster County, **Dr**. **Wilbur Amand** (#721) was surrounded by a variety of animals. His parents were breeders of a championship blood line of English Springer Spaniels, operated a boarding kennel, and owned a pet shop in Lancaster. His father was a professional dog handler and often showed dogs at the Westminster Dog Show. Young Wilbur was exposed to the breeding and care of animals and learned the responsibilities of veterinarians who attended the Amands' animals.

Upon high school graduation, Wilbur attended Millersville University, where he majored in biology with the goal of pursuing a teaching career. However, in his last semester, he recognized his interest in medicine, specifically veterinary medicine, and applied to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and was accepted.

Wilbur was offered two internships and chose one in small animal medicine at Penn's Veterinary Hospital in Philadelphia. After which he completed a residency specializing in dermatology. At that time, the Philadelphia Zoo did not have a veterinarian on staff, and Wilbur, who was the only veterinarian at the University who was interested in seeing non-domestic animals, began to treat the Zoo animals. As he explained, "I have always been interested in non-domestic animals - monkeys, wild cats, birds, etc., and have always felt that veterinarians had some responsibility for all species." This interest led him to offer a clinic for non-domestic animals at Penn. His unusual clinic was quite successful until "a baboon was brought into the waiting room at the clinic and sent other patients and owners running." Wilbur then moved the clinic to evening hours not to frighten away other patients.

Simultaneously, he was on the faculty in internal medicine at the Penn Veterinary School. Soon his interest in gastro-enterology drew him to a two-year position at Cornell"s College of Veterinary Medicine. While at Cornell, the Philadelphia Zoo asked him to return and establish a veterinary medical program for the Zoo's animal collection. His position would be chief veterinarian and the curator of mammals, overseeing the husbandry, care, and movement of animals in and out of the Zoo, as well as developing preventative medicine and a breeding program. He accepted the position contingent upon completing his commitment at Cornell.

For the next 20 years, Wilbur taught at the Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine while managing the veterinary program at the Zoo. He often consulted with doctors at Penn's Medical school for help with



his animal patients, believing the team approach to be very beneficial when diagnosing and treating hu-

mans and animals. One of his responsibilities at the Zoo was to act as a guide on Zoo sponsored trips. He travelled extensively in Africa, and also in Australia, New Zealand, Ecuador and the Galapagos, among other destinations.

One African trip provided some exciting moments when the safari van developed a flat tire as the group was watching lions devour a Cape buffalo carcass. To change the tire, the other vans circled around to protect the stopped van. One curious lion, however, was not fooled and provided some exciting moments. Another unforgettable adventure occurred when a Zoo group visiting an elephant sanctuary was surrounded by elephants as the researcher, Cynthia Mose, calmly named them all.

In addition to teaching and veterinary practice, Wilbur has been involved in various organizations as an advocate for animals and for veterinary medicine. He was an officer and later executive director of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, a post he held for nearly 20 years. He also became the executive director of the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians and the executive director of the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition and the American College of Veterinary Nutrition.

Over the years, Wilbur and his wife, Judy, have owned cats and Labrador Retrievers and one special Scottish terrier named Macgregor. They moved to Inverness in 2009 and are involved in Village life: Wilbur is vice president of the Village Council and Judy (an avid tennis player) is the chairperson of the landscape committee. They have three sons and two grandsons.

Carol Ellis

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# PETS RULE Wilbur B. Amand, VMD (and always, MacGregor)

<u>Lyme Disease</u>. The American Veterinary Medical Association has declared April as Lyme disease Awareness Month. The incidence of Lyme continues to rise with one out of 16 dogs testing positive. Human cases also have increased from 19,931 in 2006 to over 30,000 cases annually.

The disease remains the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the US. The disease organism that causes Lyme disease is transmitted by certain ticks, commonly blacklegged ticks or deer ticks. The most dominant sign of Lyme disease in dogs is recurrent lameness due to inflammation of the joints but in severe cases Lyme can lead to kidney failure. The best treatments are preventative: tick checks after outside activity, year-round treatment to eliminate tick infestation on your pet, and vaccination. Discuss treatment options, including vaccination, with your veterinarian.

Vitamins and Supplements for your pet. Are they necessary? Most of you will know about the current debate in the medical community about the need for us to take daily multiple vitamins. But what about our pets? Do they need them and are they completely safe? Most veterinary nutritionists tend to agree that pets receiving a complete and balanced diet from commercially processed pet foods are unlikely to require supplemental vitamins and minerals. However, pets fed a homemade diet may need supplements, including vitamins/minerals, to ensure that the diet is balanced and will not cause a clinical problem. If you are feeding a homemade diet, it is best to consult with your veterinarian or a veterinary nutritionist to help determine what, if anything, may be needed to ensure it is complete and balanced. Dietary supplements are also in question. Assuming your pet is healthy and eating a balanced diet, they rarely need a supplement. And do the supplements actually work? It really depends on what the supplement is used for and how it is manufactured. In fact, the ingredients in some supplements may interact with other medicines your pet is taking. The bottom line is check with your veterinarian before supplementing.

<u>How old is your pet</u>? Translating dog years into human years is far from an exact science; given the fact that life expectancy varies greatly depending on the size and breed of the dog. It has been suggested that you can predict 12 years for the  $1^{st}$  year of a dog's life, 10 years for the second, with following years equaling seven and later years five to three. Cats typically live 14 - 18 years. The type of breed can play a role. Equating cat years to people years has been found to be a bit more challenging than with dogs. A general rule of thumb is that a cat's early years equal seven people years, while later years translate to about five.

What about other animals? Horses can often live to 30 or older as can certain birds. Large reptiles, such as snakes and lizards, are also long lived. Turtles and tortoises can also be long lived.

Genetics clearly contributes to how long a pet will live, there are many things that an owner can do to promote good pet health and long life, such as good nutrition with high quality food and proper veterinary care (such as immunizations).

And speaking of immunizations, what are considered <u>core vaccinations</u> for dogs and cats? For dogs the core vaccines include Canine Distemper, Infectious Hepatitis, Canine Parvovirus, and Rabies. For cats, it is recommended that they receive vaccination for Feline Distemper (Panleukopenia), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivrus, Feline Leukemia Virus and, for some high risk cats, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. As with dogs, all cats should receive Rabies Vaccination, usually required by law in most municipalities.

Well, it would appear that we have survived one of our worst winters in decades. Spring is coming and with it flowering bulbs, shrubs, and trees. Enjoy!!

### **Artists Feature**



Brooke and Phil Hamilton (#720) share a life-long love of photography. For Brooke, it began at fifteen, when her grandfather gave her a camera. Both her father and grandfather were avid photographers, so it was natural that Brooke would inherit their love of photography. Phil was eleven when he was introduced to photography by his uncle, a newspaper photographer. From these early beginnings, Phil and Brooke grew to love photography and to pursue

it as a career. (Photographed in Alaska in 2001.)

From black and white to digital photography, Brooke and Phil have changed with the advent of new technology. Today all of their work is in color in digital, using a Nikon D80, and their photographs can be placed on disks and preserved. They often work together to photograph weddings, anniversaries, reunions, birthdays, and other special events. In addition to their commercial work, Phil and Brooke do many pro bono photo shoots for non-profit organizations.

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Phil, a pilot in the Korean War, began Moto-Photo, a photography shop in Wayne, and managed it for 16 years. A self-taught photographer, Phil learned as he worked and says he was taught a great deal by the technicians at Moto-Photo. He also attended seminars over the years to learn more about

the aesthetic and technical side of photography. In addition to event photography, Phil does photograph restoration, which takes an old or damaged photograph and re-



stores it to its original condition. Over the years he has taken real estate photographs, portraits, photographs of business functions and golf outings, in addition to landscapes, which are his first love. An example of his landscape work is a lovely photograph of a Coast Guard tall ship, a favorite shot of Phil's, which hangs in their family room.

Brooke began her career in photography through her involvement with the Philadelphia Zoo, where she was a docent for 18 years. After a volunteer who managed the slide program at the Zoo left, Brooke took over the responsibility for managing the program, which planned to photograph every animal in the zoo. Interestingly, Wilbur Amand (721), former veterinarian at the Philadelphia Zoo, was the first to purchase one of Brooke's Zoo photographs. Later, Brooke and another docent created a photography program at the Zoo and invited others to join.

## Artists Feature (cont).

Over the years, she has taken courses in photography - some with Palmer Paist and others through the Audubon Society - and she has attended seminars enhancing her technique and expertise.



Using her work at the Zoo as a springboard, Brooke went on to photograph for postcards, magazine covers and articles, and publicity materials for the SPCA. She has specialized in animal photographs - pets and wildlife. Although she had five cats and a dog of her own at one time, she would ask friends to allow her to photograph their pets for her commercial work. Then, as the word spread, other pet owners would ask her to photograph their pets, and commissions in pet portraits were forthcoming. One of her favorite photographs is of wildlife - a lovely shot of three deer standing in a landscape, calmly facing the camera.

Brooke's love of wildlife took her to the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, where she volunteered for over 15 years, caring for injured and orphaned animals under the direction of rehabilitator Trish O'Connell. While at the Center, Brooke used her photography to create educational as well as promotional materials. (She is shown here handling a Kestral (small hawk) while doing an educational program at the wildlife rehabilitation center.)



Brooke and Phil enjoy traveling and frequently visit Chincoteague, VA, and Casey Key, FL. where they photograph the wildlife and the landscapes. (Phil's photo of a Caribou walking nonchalantly along a road was taken in Denali Park in Alaska.)

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ue to share their love of phoexplore new locations and extensive variety of events. ward to mounting an exhibiwork, as we look forward to their engaging pictures.

Carol Ellis







#### **VOTE**

The Annual Inverness Village election meeting will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Three of the five positions on the Council are up for election.

The Village Council is the authority for management of all village affairs, and makes all decisions regarding the maintenance and conduct of life within Inverness.

Anyone who is interested in running for the Council should begin preparing now, as the time available for submitting one's resume for distribution will be relatively limited once the process is initiated by the Managing Agent.

Following the election, the Village President and other officers are elected by the Council members.

Hershey's Mill is managed by the Master Association (MA) which is composed of the village presidents. Within the MA, a five person Board of Directors (BOD) develops agendas for consideration by the larger body.

The present members of the BOD are:

President Bob Greco

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Boyd Mackleer

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Harry Stoller

Treasurer Joe Bove

Secretary Priscilla Burt

The minutes of the BOD meetings can be found on the web at:

http://hersheysmill.org/the-mill/ master-association/

## Village Council Members

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