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From the Editors

The fall season reminds us that change is a reality of life which we have to accept, even though it often seems to be a human trait to prefer life to remain just as it has been. Some changes are very sad, as when we lose a cherished neighbor or one moves away. While we mourn our losses, we must remember that other changes can bring positive attributes to our neighborhood.

As a number of units turn over, we note the arrival of newcomers who will bring new spirit and new energy to our village. We welcome them and encourage them to become involved in our activities. They are sure to find that Inverness is a great place to live, populated by friendly and helpful individuals.

We think you will find a number of items of interest in this issue, including profiles of two neighbors frequently seen "out and about" in the village, and an introduction to more neighbors still active in their careers. Also, you will find a description of a novel car purchase, and a new feature which describes architectural interests from around the world. Of course, we include many of our popular features such as new neighbors, a beloved cat, and an important recap of the Master Association meetings.

We look forward to seeing each and every one at the Chili Supper and the Holiday Party.

Barbara and George Colby

From The Village President

My personal thanks to Bill Henderson (#763) for his many years of service to Inverness Village. Bill is stepping down as Chairman of the Light Bulb Committee. His sage counsel was very helpful over the years, and will be missed.

The Finance Committee is beginning work on the 2015 village budget. Tom Delaney (#767) as Village treasurer is chairman along with Al Nichols (#706) and Jim McArdle (#703). Managing Agent Jeff Bevan will assist with facts and figures. This year the potential items increasing will likely be the insurance and water. The final village budget will be available to the entire community prior to the open Village meeting scheduled for November 5, 2014, at the Community Center.

Items identified by the Landscape Committee during the spring walk through have been largely completed. Remember to get approval from the committee chair, Judy Amand, for any personal landscape requests PRIOR to beginning work.

The Master Association is still hard at work with the Vision Quest decision making process. Any decisions will be voted on by all the Presidents.

Many thanks to all residents for remaining current on their accounts.

As I discussed in the April 2014 edition

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Around The Village

Inverness Village Meeting: The annual budget meeting will be held in the Community Center on **Nov. 5th at 7:30 PM.** Plan to come at **7:00** for the social hour which precedes the formal meeting.

Were you there? A lovely and successful dessert buffet was held on September 30th at the Community Center as a fundraiser to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. **Terry Marran (#741)** was co-chair of the event. She notes "It's not too late to make a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation either by check or online at <http://www2.michaelfox.org/go-to/theresaMarran.>"

In Memoriam
Jennie Malandra
September 11, 2014

Our sincere condolences
To her family.

A Letter To All My Friends

Words hardly seem sufficient to thank you for your prayers, comforting words, and many, many acts of kindness during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness has touched me deeply.

Sam Malandra

From The Village President (cont.)

of the "I", Sullivan House has gotten a new lease on life. The Sullivan House Committee has been hard at work opening the building to new uses as well as a catering contract which will augment the income to maintain the structure for the future. Inverness Council has held a council meeting in the Sullivan House with another in October. Thank you again for your responses which allowed me to have village backing for support to keep the Sullivan House operating.

Council is looking ahead to future long-term needs of the Village, such as roofs, sidewalks, along with vegetation and tree removal. Shorter term needs are dryer vent cleaning and fireplace cleaning. More information will be forthcoming.

For newer residents especially! It is necessary that any requests for outside architecture, propane fireplace hookup or landscaping changes must be sent to Management Office in writing before beginning work. A sketch must accompany these requests, as well as a contractor to do the work and insurance certificates. Most requests are approved when owners are paying for them.

Boyd Mackleer



Neighbor Profile

While we have a village with residents of many backgrounds, interests, and talents, I am not aware of many whose activities have ranged from fly fishing in the backwoods of Maine to entertaining an elderly beloved relative for frequent and extended visits. I speak here of one of our faithful dog walkers, **Jini Pettijohn**, (#740) whose life experience



has led her to enjoying peace and serenity here in Hershey's Mill.

Jini was born in Philadelphia, but the family relocated to Baltimore where she stayed throughout her school and early working

years. Following graduation, Jini accepted employment in the office of a local insurance company, and subsequently with Tate Engineering, a full-service mechanical equipment and systems provider.

Family considerations led to a move back to Philadelphia and a position with Keystone Shipping, a world-wide ocean-going tanker/shipping operation. Jini worked in the maintenance and repair department which oversaw dry dock and other repair work for a wide variety of vessels.

While working there, she met the man who was to become her husband. Bill performed multiple engineering and accounting tasks, kept track of ongoing repair work and its cost, and also oversaw the company pension plan.

Bill was a widower with three school-age children, and Jini became the at-home parent at Bill's home in Haddonfield, NJ, where she kept the family life moving smoothly. Jini was not one to be confined to the house, and became

very active volunteering with the West Jersey (now Virtua) Hospital Auxiliary. These activities included being in charge of the consignment operation one day a week, contributing hand-made articles for sale at the Auxiliary's fund-raising house tours, serving as chairman or co-chairman at times.

Also during this period she played a major role in the twice-a-year Haddonfield Red Cross Blood Drive, contacting donors, scheduling appointments and record keeping. Jini served several times as chairman of the drive.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman, and a favorite vacation involved fly fishing in Maine. He found a cabin on Grand Lake Stream, where LL Bean has a fly-fishing school each year. This became a favorite vacation spot for two weeks each year, and Jini, the good sport, even took up fly fishing. Other vacation trips included visits to friends in San Diego, Florida, and a small-ship voyage to Alaska.

In 2003, they decided it was time to downsize, and after looking unsuccessfully for acceptable adult communities in New Jersey, Jini's sister, Linda, who lives in Paoli, recommended Hershey's Mill. The security and park-like surroundings were appealing.

Bill passed away in 2011. Two of their children, a son and daughter, live in New Jersey, and another daughter lives in Connecticut. Completing the family are four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Jini now frequently has her 96 year-old aunt Sue, with whom she has always been close, as a house guest to give her a welcome change from life in center city. Jini's comfortable home makes such entertaining a pleasure.

George Colby

Barbara Johnson (#757) remembers enjoying the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* and especially admiring the actor Gregory Peck, who portrayed the lawyer Atticus Finch. So when she adopted a



dignified older orange and white tabby cat, she recalled the movie and named her new companion **Atticus**. She says it's an appropriate name for him because

he is very friendly and has such an even disposition. "He's a good, comfortable cat," she said.

Barbara adopted Atticus from the SPCA where she went looking for an older cat and not a kitten. She knew very quickly after seeing him that he was the one she wanted to adopt. She isn't sure what caused this reaction in her; she just knew. "What attracts you is something you think about later," she explained.

Atticus is now about 10 years old and takes a walk with Barbara a few times a day. He walks on a leash, and he and Barbara stay around their home and their cul-de-sac. According to Barbara, Atticus enjoys these little excursions very much. He also enjoys bird watching, which he does everyday from the sunroom windows.

At the age of thirteen, Barbara found her first cat and this was "the beginning of my love affair with cats," she said. Over the years she has had many cat companions and says that they have added so much happiness to her life that she can't imagine being without one.

Carol Ellis

Making Car Buying Fun

So I was thumbing through our AAA magazine and saw an article about buying a car in the USA and picking it up overseas. Becky and I had been talking about a new car since our 2004 Escape was closing in on 135,000 miles. How cool it would be, we thought, to drive our own car in Europe. We determined Volvo had the best program, begun in the mid 90's, and visited a local Volvo dealer for details and bought an S40, which we picked up in the "delivery



room" (see photo) at the Volvo factory in Gothenburg, Sweden, after a complimentary lunch including Swedish meatballs. Volvo calls it the "delivery room" because they wanted us to think of our car as our "baby" and be fans of Volvo for life. We spent 15 days traveling through Scandinavia and put 1900 miles on our new car. To this day we still say "it was the most fun we ever had buying a car".

Bob and Becky Bell



Getting To Know You



Ed and Eileen Isselmann (#715) moved to their new home in late June. Those residents who attended the Village ice cream social had the pleasure of meeting this lively couple.

The Isselmans moved here after residing in Drexel Hill for 33 years. There they raised four boys and two girls.

Ed is still part of the work world as Director of Education at the Lincoln Technical Institute in Moorestown, NJ. Eileen retired after 20 years with Independence Blue Cross/Blue Shield as Networks and Training Coordinator.

When asked how they chose Hershey's Mill, they responded with several reasons: Eileen's late sister had lived here several years ago, the Mill offered a nice variety of housing with a lovely natural environment, and it is in relatively close proximity to their family members.

Ed and Eileen are an interested and energetic couple. With 10 grandchildren nearby, some energy will be expended with them, but Eileen is interested in learning about her new opportunities and becoming involved.

We are glad they chose Inverness and you can look forward to meeting them if you haven't already!

Barbara Colby

Upcoming Social Committee Events

Chili Supper

The annual Chili Supper will be held on October 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center. The menu will include several varieties of chili – mild, spicy, red chicken chili and white chicken chili – corn bread, tortilla chips, crusty bread, salad and dessert. Iced tea, soda, and coffee will be included.

The fee of \$10 per person includes \$75 for the rental of the Community Center. Reservations and checks or cash are to be placed in the basket on the Klanderma's porch (#773) by October 11.

The Chili Supper is always a festive event, allowing Inverness residents to socialize and enjoy a delicious meal.

Holiday Gala

For a special treat, this year the Holiday Gala will be a catered affair to be held on December 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Community Center. Colonial Caterers will prepare chicken Marsala, roast beef, string beans almondine, roasted potatoes, and Caesar salad. The Social Committee will provide light appetizers, punch and set ups for BYOB, and dessert.

Reservations will be \$15 per person, with the Social Committee helping to subsidize the party. Further information and reservation forms will be forthcoming in late November.

The Holiday Gala will be a joyful celebration with holiday decorations and music.

Carol Ellis

A Hobby Yields New Newsletter Feature

The discovery in our midst of an avid pursuer of self-guided travel, who when home, has, among other activities, become a prolific 3D puzzle constructor. This has led to a proposal to add a new column to the newsletter. Each column will feature descriptions of architecturally significant buildings from around the world, using a 3D model to illustrate its features. The first such column follows this introduction.

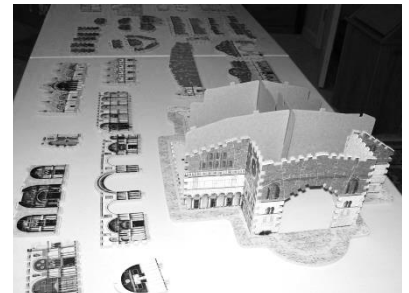
Our puzzle constructor and narrator will be our beloved Dear Gramps, **John Klanderman**, who shares his time at home between philosophizing, trip planning, and this hobby. John likes to arrange his own travel and has visited the places which will be discussed. He allows time to wander and take in the beauty of each locale. Such sightseeing has fueled his appreciation of the uniqueness of each venue, and a desire to construct models of significant buildings.

As an introduction we will first describe the puzzle constructing process which yields models of buildings.. 3D puzzles come in various sizes with differing degrees of complexity. The puzzles used in our features consist of from 500 to over 1000 pieces, and produce models ranging up to 36 inches in height. Such puzzles can be purchased new from Amazon, or previously used from ebay, at a cost in the range of 35 to 100 dollars.

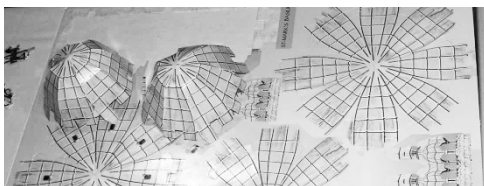


Assembling the model requires a sizeable workspace where the pieces can be laid out and sorted by color. The first step is joining pieces to form the building foundation. This is followed by construction of a side of the model. The box that the puzzle comes in serves as a visual aid, as does the included illustrated instructions.

The substructure, attached to the foundation, serves to give the necessary rigidity. When completed, the sides are attached, followed by completion of the roof and attachment of special details.



While the construction of the sides is relatively straightforward, building up specialized architectural adornments, such as domes, is trickier. In the case of a dome, it is generally necessary to reinforce the inside of the constructed dome to ensure its integrity when attached to the roof.



The models are usually constructed on a piece of foam board to facilitate moving them to the place chosen for display. The photo on the right shows a completed puzzle. The box it came in is retained for storage when the time comes to dismantle the model.

The colors of the models are like those of the real buildings, which makes for a vibrant and satisfying display. We can only encourage you to visit John's workshop and enjoy the real thing in living color. As you will see, he has been hard at work, and has a great variety of completed puzzles for you to view, with more coming. Perhaps you will be inspired to take this up as a new hobby!



George Colby

Venice is a world ikon and a great travel destination either as part of an organized tour or as a place to spend a week or two and "live like the natives" as we do. You can walk to almost everything, English is spoken throughout the city, and the food and hospitality are wonderful. May is an excellent month to go because it has statistically shown to have very limited, if any, flooding. You will also be ahead of the deluge of summer tourists. However, Venice does have a lot of bridges which all have a lot of steps, and the water transportation can get pretty pricey, unless you can plan your moves carefully to make unlimited use of day or week passes.



This 3D puzzle of **VENICE** has 1580 pieces and is a typical romantic image of this beautiful eternal city, including gondolas, canals and arched bridges. Water in Venice is so omnipresent that boats are the only means of transportation. Emergency vehicles and public workers, from ambulances to trash collectors, must all use the water ways. Small motor boats are available for those in a hurry.



However, for a leisurely sightseeing tour, hop on board a vaporetto, the equivalent of a floating bus. But the famously renowned gondola, propelled by a gallant, pole-plying gondolier, still remains the most popular, if not most expensive, way of transportation for tourists.

On November 4th, 1966, a great flood, called the aqua alta, submerged the city of Venice, placing its water level at an astonishing 6 feet above sea level. Electrical and telephone lines were drowned and Saint Marc's Plaza was lost under four feet of water.



Restoration and architectural protection programs were immediately setup by all levels of government to protect Venice from falling into the sea. These programs are still very active and hopefully will ensure a long and prosperous future for one of the world's most beautiful and unique cities.

St.. Mark's Basilica, which is situated on the huge Piazza San Marco in Venice, is also well known for the Pala d'Oro which is one of the richest and most precious altar screens in the world. It is covered with more than 3000 precious stones and enamel ikons inlaid in gold. This 3D puzzle of **SAINT MARC'S BASILICA** has 731 pieces. This basilica is reported to be the perpetual resting place of St. Mark the Evangelist. In 828 two merchants of Venice smuggled his mortal remains from Alessandria (Egypt) and they were placed in a small, simple church. The church later suffered damage by fire and was then restored and modified many times to adapt to Venice's evolution of power and wealth. Eventually, the church became St. Mark's Basilica which continued to be modified throughout an entire century.



Model



Photo of the real thing

Neighbor Profile

If you have wondered about the early morning ladies' walking group in the Village, the leader is recently retired, 16-year resident **Shirley Marengo** (#745).



Shirley had a career both in property management in Berwyn (13 years) and later in inside sales and customer service at Formosa Plastics (13 years)

which was located in Eagleview, Exton, PA.

She was born and raised in Pittsburgh, where her mother still resides as well as two brothers. Her sister lives in Chicago. Still being an avid Steelers fan, she recalls that she had the pleasure of being at the memorable game in December of 1972, when Franko Harris threw the Immaculate Reception in 5 degree weather, which led to the team going on to compete and win the Super Bowl!

In 1975, her husband was transferred from Pittsburgh and the family settled in Tredyfrin, where her two sons graduated from Conestoga high school and matriculated to Lehigh University.

Shirley took up the game of golf in the early 1980's. She became involved in the Philadelphia chapter of the Singles Golf Association in early 2000 and became president from 2002 to 2007.

Having been recognized for her abilities, she applied for and was offered a posi-

tion as assistant to Leonore Annenberg at her home, but upon consideration, Shirley concluded that she preferred to work in an environment that exposed her to a larger number of people on a daily basis and declined.

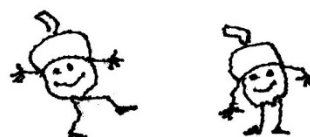
If one were looking for a role model for a retiree, Shirley is it. She loves being with her grandchildren. One son who now lives in Manhattan has two boys, whom Shirley enjoys visiting and partakes of the big city and all it has to offer as well. Closer by in Wayne is her other son and family which includes three girls.

Other times, one would find her on the Hershey's Mill golf team where she participates in playing competitive golf, or you might find her at the club playing bridge or on a winning team for Trivia evenings.

When asked if she made winter plans, she responded that she is very committed to a bowling team and her absence could be a problem. But she has done a fair amount of traveling in the past both for her work and recreation.

Oh, yes! She also loves to cook and garden. Can you tell by now that she is a high energy person??!! She suggests that new additions to the walking group would be welcome. They leave the Village at about 7:30a.m. and walk approximately 45 minutes. She would be happy to hear from you.

Barbara Colby



Hershey's Mill Master Association

(For the benefit of newcomers:

Hershey's Mill is governed by a Master Association (MA) consisting of the Presidents of the villages. Matters to be considered by the MA are formulated by the five-member Board of Directors (BOD) for consideration and action by the MA.)

Editor's note: The minutes of the Master Association meetings are posted online in the MA website when available. We provide an abbreviated summary from time to time for those who do not have internet access or have difficulty finding the information. This report is strictly the interpretation of the editors, and is not to be considered an official report.

At the HM **Board of Directors** meeting in June the board met with town officials to discuss alarm system requirements when an alarm system is being upgraded or when a unit is sold. New systems must comply with the current East Goshen code.

As there was no contest, **Joe Bove** and **Boyd Mackleer** were reelected for two year terms. Joe continues as President, and Boyd is First Vice President.

Two **Board of Directors** meetings were held in August. Early in the month a status report on the Vision Quest feasibility study was presented by **Tom Daley**, the architectural consultant. He presented sketches of the three options

which have been brought forth during the Vision Quest study meetings. These include: a new pool house, year-round sports-area restrooms, multi-purpose room, meeting space, admin office, etc.

The BOD requested that he produce a fourth option, which would include some elements of each of the existing three options arranged in a slightly different format. "Order of magnitude" cost estimates were reviewed for each option which were surprisingly similar in scope.

A policy was adopted regarding the use of the tennis courts for the purpose of giving tennis lessons for a fee. Consistent with other practice, 10 percent of such fees shall be paid either to the amenity fund associated with the activity, or to the Master Association.

At the **Board of Directors** meeting held at the end of August, Tom Daley presented the Option #4 requested during the Vision Quest discussion earlier in the month. The components of this option include, in no particular order:

1. A rebuilt pool house
2. A new "Events Building" with divisible multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, meeting rooms, office and storage.
3. 30 – 50 additional parking spaces
4. An elevator for the Community Center.

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Hershey's Mill Master Association

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Daley will refine this master plan option for presentation to the MA at the October meeting along with a review of the other options that were considered previously.

In other actions, a final draft of the 2015 budget for the MA was reviewed. The BOD is endeavoring to hold the MA assessment at \$141.33 per house per month for another year. (This amount is included in your condo fees.)

Security issues were discussed. Gate mechanisms have been replaced, and the Gate Entry phones will be replaced.

It was reported that the Sullivan House committee has selected Brandywine Caterers as a sole supplier for any non-resident use of the house.

The **HM Master Association** met on September 4th. Insurance issues were discussed at length, as costs have risen significantly. It was reported that the new gate phones have been ordered and will allow guests to look up residents by last names.

A new set of vehicle regulations have been adopted covering the main roads and the amenity areas. An agreement with a towing firm to tow vehicles if those regulations are violated takes effect October 1.

In connection with the Vision Quest presentation to the entire Master Asso-

ciation, slated for October 2nd, it was noted that "Members may share the information and get feedback from councils and residents as they find appropriate."

A study of the Stormwater management system by a consultant, and various other items were also discussed.

(As you can see, there are many items under discussion which may impact all of us. It is worthwhile and important to be informed.)

George and Barbara Colby

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon for Inverness residents will be held on Saturday, October 25. This event, which is always very popular, is held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

The luncheon is organized and overseen by **Doris Harry**. A flier with reservation information will be forwarded in the near future. Be sure to sign up for this notable event.



Our Working Neighbors

In our July issue, we featured nine working Inverness residents. In this issue we continue with five more residents who continue to work. Approximately twenty-nine percent of Inverness residents work outside the home at full-or part-time jobs. Many are consultants, while others are in positions they have held throughout their working lives. Several residents have broken tradition by taking vastly different positions after retiring from lifelong careers.



DAVE BAKER (#779) has worked for the West Chester Area School District for 14 years as a HVAC mechanic. Presently, he is employed full time and is responsible for 16 buildings, which keep him very busy, especially in the fall and spring with seasonal changes. Although he really enjoys his work, Dave says thoughts of retirement are enticing.

ROZ BAKER (#779) commutes to Norristown everyday where she is employed in title insurance for Central Montgomery Abstract Company - a job she has held for 42 years. Roz likes her work and commented, "My favorite part is conducting the closing. You try to make it as pleasant as possible." However, she, like husband Dave, has been entertaining thoughts of retirement.



HARRY MAJESKE (#751) began his career as an upholsterer 74 years ago at the age of 12, when he was apprenticed in his family's Upholstery business. The only interruption in his long career came when he served in World War II and later when he developed some of his inventions. Today he works a nine-hour day, five days a week at Media Upholstery. "It's very creative and very interesting - not boring. Every day there's a new challenge," he said.

SHIRLEY JOYCE (#778) works part time as a tipstaff for the Chester County Court System. She explained, "In court I say, 'All rise. Oyez, oyez, oyez, the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County is now in session. The honorable Judge — is presiding. God save the Commonwealth and this honorable court. You may be seated.' I sit next to the jury and take care of them." Shirley has found her job to very interesting and commented that she has worked at some very intriguing trials.



MARY LANCIANO (#772) is in her 29th year as a teacher of special education for students in kindergarten, first and second grades. Her present assignment is at Ithan Elementary School, where she has taught for 11 years. "My favorite assignment was full-day kindergarten at Simon and Jude," she said. Although Mary conceded "it is hard work," she said, "I've always loved teaching."

Random Musing

The following comments are those of the undersigned only, and do not reflect any position of either the newsletter or the village.

In talking with various residents, a frequent topic is the Vision Quest study underway by the Master Association. In lieu of concrete information, rumors are circulating. The concern expressed is that these projects will be very costly and ultimately result in large increases in condo fees.

(It is interesting to note that an extension of the walking path does not seem to be included, much to the consternation of walkers and drivers who must dodge each other along our stretch of Chandler Drive.)

As far as we can tell at this time, the plans will be discussed by the Master Association this fall, and acted on by a vote of all the village presidents.

Interesting Note: A unit for sale in Inverness recently was pursued by SEVEN bidders! We certainly seem to be a desirable place to live!

George Colby



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

Inverness Directory Update

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Cat o'nine tails