

The Inverness "I"

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From The Editors

Like others we know, this has been the first time in many years that we have not gone south for an extended period. We are happy to report that we have no regrets about staying put these past few months. We have been blessed with mild weather, and the company of many good friends who have helped pass the weeks and months quickly. Living here is a blessing.

As we write this, spring certainly seems to be in the air, the temperatures have moderated, and the days are noticeably longer, which is so apparent now that daylight savings time is in effect. Spring is such a good time to be alive. The budding of the trees, the plants springing up from the ground, and the arrival of summer-time birds, all remind us that life has much to offer in terms of beauty. We should always take time to relax and smell the roses.

Now that it is pleasant to get out and about one notices many changes that are coming about. The fourteenth hole of the golf course has been significantly upgraded with new tees, sand traps and an extended cart path. A new walking path has been constructed from the Magnificent Seven area down to the East Gate, and will eventually be extended farther toward Merrifield Village. The pool house renovation is nearing completion, and the new meeting room will be most welcome.

We are seeing significant turnover of units in the village, and we welcome all new residents. The infusion of fresh faces and ideas enlivens life here, and provides a new sense of vitality. As we meet residents of other villages, we increasingly hear of how friendly and inviting Inverness Village is as a place to live. It always warms our heart to hear these comments, and we congratulate all our residents who go out of their way to make this the nice place that it is.

Barbara and George Colby

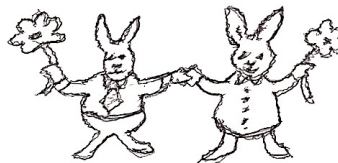
From The Village President

VILLAGE OPEN MEETINGS will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017, and Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at the Community Center. Social time begins at 7:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The May meeting will be an election for Council members and the October meeting will be the annual budget meeting for 2018.

The new provider for TELEVISION, PHONE and INTERNET service will be Verizon Fios. This service is commonly known as Triple Play. The final cost for all three will be \$67.45 per house per month beginning in 2018. At the most recent Master Association Meeting (March 2, 2017) discussion resulted in a unanimous vote by all village Presidents to authorize Master Association President Boyd Mackleer to execute the contemplated agreement with Verizon on behalf of the Master Association when the document has been finalized and properly reviewed by the Association's attorney. MORE DETAILS WILL OBVIOUSLY FOLLOW.

Due to the mild February weather, the walking path from the East Gate up Chandler Dr. to the Inverness Annex was completed and is now open for all to use. The path will have plantings and grass as spring fully arrives. A fence along Route 352 is contemplated as well. The next link in the walking path additions will be completed in the spring and will run along Chandler Dr. from the East Gate to connect with the existing path at Merrifield Village.

The Swimming Pool/Recreation Center project will probably be finished for use during April 2017. As of mid March, the counter tops are being set, appliances have been ordered and tile and VCT work are ahead of schedule.



Happy Spring!

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From The Village President (Continued)

February 25 was the date for the annual indoor mini golf inside the Hershey's Mill Golf Club. Eighteen holes are set up using both levels of the clubhouse for competing teams of four players. Several Inverness Village residents made holes in one during the contest. They are Bill Henderson #763, Judy Mackleer #698 and Barbara Poole #760. Former Inverness resident Pat O'Brien made two holes in one as well.

A sign similar to the "Resident Access Only" sign at the East Gate will be added near the West Gate.

The Village needs volunteers for the light bulb replacement committee. This committee replaces light bulbs on the garages as well as lights along roadways of the Village. If you are able to help out, call Boyd Mackleer at:

As requested before, PLEASE bring your HOA balance up to date and avoid fines which will be added after the 10th of the month of April.

Boyd Mackleer

Ice Cream Social



The annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Inverness Social Committee, will be held on **Wednesday, June 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Community Center.**

This popular event gives the guests opportunities to make some real dessert creations utilizing the many flavors and varied toppings that are offered. It surely will be fun!

Barbara Colby

RECYCLING GUIDE

Here is the recycling guide we promised in the last issue. Inverness uses **Republic Services of King of Prussia**, which utilizes advanced sorting equipment for an All-in-One Recycling™ system. This means that sorting is not required by our residents. Plastics, metal, glass, paper and cardboard can be commingled. More information is available at: republicservices.com.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Paper: (staples OK), newspaper, envelopes, junk mail, phone books, brochures, magazines



Cardboard: Boxes (including frozen food), milk cartons, file folders, poster board

Plastic: Water bottles, take-out containers, soda bottles, bagged-firm plastics. (Plastic shopping bags should go back to the store for recycling)

Metal: Aluminum beverage cans, food cans, scrap metal

Glass: Bottles (clear, green, brown), jars

DO NOT RECYCLE

Aerosol cans, aluminum foil, batteries, food waste, mirrors, stickers and address labels, Styrofoam, tissue, paper towels, napkins, and items below which require special handling.

SPECIAL HANDLING: Take only to special town or county recycling events.

Light bulbs, computers, electronics, needles, paint, hazardous waste, toxic materials

BIG ITEMS: You can arrange for pickup of big items at a cost of \$15 each, after **one free item per month**. Items with Freon are \$80.

Call Republic Services at 610-265-6337 with questions.

Our comment: Gratuities for assistance with big items are always appreciated.

George Colby

The Inverness "I" Newsletter Staff

A Bit of History from Barbara and George Colby, the Founders of the Newsletter

When **George and I** moved from Massachusetts into Hershey's Mill and began to assimilate into life here, we realized that we had quite a learning curve ahead of us. After settling in, we found that we were unaware of things like the Hershey's Mill Social Club, the community garden, and a general sense of how village life is conducted.

More importantly, we discovered that many residents were not familiar with other residents, and that there seemed to be a need to develop a sense of community within Inverness. In late 2009, we approached our next-door neighbors, **Carol and Jim Ellis**, with the idea of creating a village newsletter. With their encouragement, a proposal was made to the village president, **Boyd Mackleer**, to secure endorsement and financing for printing and distribution of a quarterly newsletter. Boyd was supportive, and the first newsletter was published in January 2010. It had a total of six pages!

With some residents writing columns and others contributing their services and talents, the newsletter is now typically 12 pages, and village communication is better than ever. The regular contributors are shown below. Many other residents contribute articles and items of interest, and you will note credits in their names in the newsletter. The editors are most appreciative of all their efforts.

Barbara Colby



Barbara and George Colby
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Wilbur Amand DVM
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Terry Marran
E-mail Info Chain and
Newsletter Index



John Klanderma, Ph.D
"Dear Gramps" Column

Village Communications

With the quarterly publication of the *Inverness "I"* newsletter, we try to keep everyone in the village informed about events and other happenings within Inverness. But periodically there are notifications which we feel are important to be shared with the Village that are time-sensitive and cannot wait for the next newsletter.

These communications are sent out via email by **Terry Marran**.

We have reviewed the distribution list and want to be sure that it is complete, so we ask the following:



- If you **have an email account** but are not receiving these notifications, please contact Terry. **Provide her with your email address, and she will add you to her distribution list.**
- If you **do not have an email account** but would like to receive the Village notifications, **send a request to Terry asking to receive paper copies of the notifications.**

You can drop off a note at Terry's house (#741), reach her by phone at _____, or if you have an email account, you can email her at terry.marran@gmail.com.

A big thank you to Terry for the excellent job she does in keeping the Village informed.

Showcase of Homes, Thursday, May 11th

The Hershey's Mill annual house tour, which benefits Paoli Hospital, will take place on Thursday, May 11. Tickets are \$25, and provide you with a self-guided tour of six unique homes in the Mill that you can visit at your leisure between 10 AM and 4 PM. A buffet lunch is available at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club between 11 AM and 2 PM for an additional cost of \$25. Club membership is not required, but a luncheon ticket must be purchased in advance.



Whether you partake of the buffet lunch or not, be sure to stop by the Hershey's Mill Golf Club between 11 AM and 4 PM for the Boutique Vendor Show. This show is presented by local retailers, who donate a portion of their sales to the hospital. There will also be a variety of raffle baskets available. All proceeds benefit Paoli Hospital.

Ticket sales begin in April. Look for more information in the April issue of the HM Digest, and on Channel 20. This is a wonderful not-to-be-missed event!

Mary Lou Perry

We Welcome Your Feedback

Mary Lou Perry

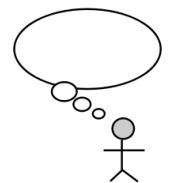
Since I took over the layout and design of the newsletter last summer, I have become involved in the quarterly meetings and brainstorming sessions where Barbara & George Colby, Carol & Jim Ellis, and I discuss content for the next issue. Our main goal is to keep everyone informed of events and happenings in Inverness and Hershey's Mill, and to some extent the surrounding West Chester area, and also to provide other interesting and informative write-ups.

We like to include human interest articles, such as: profiles of new residents and long-time residents; commentaries and photos from Village

socials; what residents are reading; where they have traveled; their hobbies and collections; and various and sundry other topics such as resident dogs! We do our best to keep the content fresh and interesting.

We always appreciate your feedback and ideas! We also welcome questions you may have on Village matters. Please direct your comments and questions to:

Barbara and George Colby
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Getting to Know You



After living for the past 13 years in Sarasota, FL, **JoAnn and Paul Kincade (#711)** decided it was time to move back to this area to be near family. Both widowed from their first marriages,

JoAnn and Paul met when JoAnn was employed in the Volunteer Services Department at Paoli Hospital, and Paul came in to volunteer to fill some of his empty time. The Kincades have been married for 15 years, with 9 children between them. Six of those are Paul's, who also has 19 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. JoAnn has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Many live in the area, while a few are a bit farther away.

JoAnn lived near Hershey's Mill for many years while she raised her family. In addition to working at Paoli Hospital, she had also worked at Bryn Mawr Rehab. Paul grew up in the Boston area and lived in several states in the northeast before a business transfer brought him to PA, where he and his family settled in the Ardmore area. After spending a couple of years in the Army in Korea and Japan, Paul worked in marketing pharmaceuticals for Smith Kline.

The Kincades have friends who live in the Mill and had visited them often and became familiar with the many amenities we have. They love the people here and the beauty of the Mill, so the decision to make this their new home was easy.

When asked about hobbies, Paul jokingly replied that JoAnn is his hobby. A lot of Paul's free time over the past 40 years has been spent as a Lecturer, Eucharistic Minister and member of the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Church. He also enjoys doing crossword puzzles. JoAnn loves to walk and play mah jongg, and looks forward to some mah jongg games here in the Mill.

We welcome the Kincades to Inverness. They are a delightful couple, and I am happy to say they are my new next door neighbors!

Mary Lou Perry

Getting to Know You



Iris Fairbairn (L) and Eileen Gradwell (#759)

Born in Ireland, Iris and her husband moved to the USA in 1954, and for many years lived on a farm in West Chester where they raised their three children. Iris has lived in

Jefferson Village for several years, and recently moved to a larger home in Inverness, and her daughter Eileen has moved down from Boston to join her here. Iris' profession was as a nurse, but she is accomplished in many areas.

When I arrived to interview them, Iris was in the basement sewing ... just one of her many skills! She also knits and quilts, and makes many items to benefit mission work. When not engaged in her crafts, Iris can be found in the kitchen baking and cooking meals for those in need from her church or elsewhere. Besides her daughter Eileen, Iris has a son in Coatesville, who runs a black angus cattle farm with his family, and a daughter in Wisconsin, who has a dairy farm.

Eileen worked as a registered nurse for many years, and then moved into the pharmaceutical industry. She now works for Biogen, a biotechnology company in Boston, where she manages clinical research trials (luckily she is able to work from home). Eileen has three children, a daughter in Boston who does mental health counseling, a daughter in North Carolina studying to be a physician assistant, and a son in NYC, who works in the film industry.

Eileen is a board member of Villages in Partnership, a non-profit organization that helps people in Malawi, Africa. Eileen's involvement includes trips to Malawi where she runs medical mission clinics. At this time, Eileen's busy life does not allow much time for her to engage in HM activities.

Joining this lovely and fascinating mother/daughter duo is Zoe, an adorable 5 month old black Bouvier. Be sure to stop and greet Eileen and Zoe when you see them out walking.

Mary Lou Perry

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Inverness Village has many avid readers whose interests are quite diverse. They read novels, scientific books, biographies, histories, classics, and religious works. Their recommendations come from books that they have enjoyed and believe others would, too.

Carol Ellis

ALMA DELANEY – I enjoyed reading *A Lowcountry Heart (Reflections on a Writing Life)* by Pat Conroy, author of *The Great Santini* and *Prince of Tides*, and I enjoyed *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, a spy thriller from WW II - excellent. I would also recommend *Every Fifteen Minutes* by Lisa Scottoline and *The Bridal Chair* by Gloria Goldreich, a biographical novel about the artist Marc Chagall.



AMORY STEDMAN – Recently I read "*Cry the Beloved Country* and *Too Late the Phalarope*, both by Alan Paton. Both tell beautiful stories about South Africa - emotional and insightful tales about the troubles of race in that country. Both are beautifully written. They are the kind of stories that stay with you forever. The characters are unforgettable. The plots are riveting.

And now I am reading *War and Peace!* Amazing how apropos it is today. The book goes back and forth between the characters as they socialize in upper class Russia and as they engage in the grotesque horrors and the pointlessness of war. This huge book is a general commentary on the period's superficial society and the way men glorify battle but find it, in the end, devastating and futile. At the moment, for some reason, I'm loving period books -- probably influenced by the wonderful productions on PBS' Masterpiece Theater?

Derek Stedman – *Go Stand Upon the Rock* by Samuel M. Lemon is my current read. This thoroughly enjoyable book shares, "... stories handed down by my grandmother about how our ancestors fought to be free." I have enjoyed the keen pleasure of having had two lengthy conversations with Sam Lemon, so his prose is even more inviting and personable. Sam's characters, his family and the people they knew are so well drawn that the reader grows to care deeply about them. The book moves along in its plot lines at a fine pace and the history of slavery shown to the reader gives a graphic picture of the realities lived by Sam's family. It is a most worthwhile and poignant read.

PHILIP BANKS – I recommend *Eisenhower*, by Carlo D' Este; also *Whistler*, by Stanley Weintraub, about the artist James A. McNeil Whistler; and *Life of the Party*, by Christopher Ogden.

JOHN and JUDY KLANDERMAN – We avidly read the Commissario Guido Brunetti detective series by Donna Leon. She certainly captivates us with the vivid descriptions of the nooks and crannies of Venice. Richly atmospheric, her books are an exquisite and subtle detective series. We are delighted with her wonderful characterizations of the people Brunetti meets across his path of investigations as well as his colleagues and his family members. He is a moral compass within a city of corruption beneath the surface. To date, Donna Leon has written twenty-four Commissario Brunetti books, as well as several novels and a Brunetti cook book.



BOB BELL – I am only reading one book, and have not finished it due to being absorbed in the football season, and other couch potato venues. It's a Christmas present from Becky; Thomas Friedman's *Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations*. I should be finished by next Christmas!

What are you reading? (Cont'd)

BECKY BELL – Anyone who loves books should look for *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, by Robin Sloan. This is an intriguing adventure story with a modern twist which needs to be discovered! The characters are interesting, some unusual like the boss, Mr. Penumbra, and the story is fast-paced.



I thoroughly enjoyed *The Accidental Empress*, by Allison Pataki (daughter of George Pataki, past Governor of New York). This historical fiction begins in Hungary and in Austria in 1853. The author completed years of extensive research for this fascinating novel. This story is rich in royal history and surprise as evidenced by the title. It is a long story but was an easy way for me to review this period of European history.

I recommend *Tea Time for the Traditionally Built*, by Alexander McCall Smith, one in a series by this Scottish author. He writes with great humor (always evidenced in his titles) and his characters are good-natured and endearing. If you want to curl up with a small book, choose any book in McCall Smith's many series for a happy read.

TERRY MARRAN – The first book that comes to mind is *Dead Wake*, which I just finished - more than just the story of the sinking of the *Lusitania*, it was an amazing "documentary" that gave me a new perspective on that part of US History. Eric Larson, the author, also wrote *The Devil in the White City*.

Also, I'm happy to recommend: *A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin. It's the true story of a family escaping the Ukraine when the author was about nine years old. From the Amazon website: A compelling story of two intertwined journeys: a Jewish refugee family fleeing persecution and a young man seeking to reclaim a shattered past. In the twilight of the Cold War (the late 1980s), nine-year old Lev Golinkin and his family cross the Soviet border with only ten suitcases, \$600, and the vague promise of help awaiting in Vienna. Years later, Lev, now an American adult, sets out to retrace his family's long trek, locate the strangers who fought for his freedom, and in the process, gain a future by understanding his past. Very worthwhile, well told, and touching (IMHO).



THERESA CARRONE – I enjoyed *The Good Daughters*, by Joyce Maynard. It is the story of two girls who were born the same day in a small New Hampshire hospital into families that were hardly alike. Ruth Plank's parents were farmers; Dana Dickerson's parents were drifters. Their parents kept in touch with each other on the day of their daughters' birthday each year. These "birthday sisters" make their way from the 1950s to the present while dealing with the challenges of childhood, adolescence, marriage and parenthood until past secrets come to light. *The Good Daughters* is an unforgettable story about the ties of home, family, love, and forgiveness.

MARY LANCIANO – I would recommend *The 36-Hour Day* by Nancy L. Mace and Peter V. Rabins. This book is a guide for anyone who has a family member suffering with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or memory loss.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is a book that when it was written was very influential in the movement to break the bondage of slavery. I had always been curious about the book and finally read it.

The Kitchen House, by Kathleen Grissom, takes place in the South and gives a picture of plantation life for the owner and the bonded workers.

Station to Station by Gary Jansen is a devotional book for the Stations of the Cross through the Ignatian teachings. It is a good practice for Lent. *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado, is a good book to help your journey through the Advent season.

What are you reading? (Cont'd)

CAROL ELLIS – *Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow, is a fascinating read with a pace that keeps one moving right along. It is 731 large pages but worth the read.

Another book I highly recommend is *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman. On the bestseller list for months, this short novel is the story of a Swedish curmudgeon who, after being widowed, learns to find meaning in his life through his relationship with an unusual cat and some loving neighbors. A funny and touching story.

I also liked *The Wolves at the Door*, by Judith L. Pearson, which is the true story of an American woman who worked as a spy for British Intelligence during WW II and was sent behind the lines into France.

Jim Ellis – For the cat lovers among us, *Julia's Cats, Julia's Life in the Company of Cats*, by Patricia Barey and Therese Burson, relates the story of Julia Child and her cats. Julia's story is interwoven with descriptions of her recipes and her life in Paris and the U.S.

I have also enjoyed all of the Patrick O'Brien books about the British navy and Captain Jack Aubrey during the Napoleonic Wars. The first book in the series is *Master and Commander*, which was made into a film starring Russell Crowe.

QUOTES FROM 1955

Courtesy of Boyd Mackleer

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10."



Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000 will only buy a used one."



"I never thought I'd see the day that all our kitchen appliances would be electric.

They're even making electric typewriters now!"

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since Clark Gable got by with saying DAMN in *Gone with the Wind* it seems like every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it."





**TO KNOW BIRDS IS TO LOVE THEM
WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD**

Around Inverness: The winter of 2017 has been fairly mild which seems to have reduced the number of times I have had to fill my feeders. The activity associated with the changes made to the 14th green/hole has seemed to severely reduce the interest in birds using the feeders I provide just on the edge of the 14th green. Hopefully with completion of this Golf Club improvement, birds will feel safe in returning to the area. That said, I still noted a varied number of species in the area. One species, the red breasted nuthatch, seemed to be here in large numbers in November through mid-December and then seemed to disappear entirely. Juncos seemed to be present in large numbers until just recently. Blue birds were seen more frequently than during past winters. And just recently I observed a few red-winged black birds traveling with a small flock of European starlings.

Jefferson pond, and other nearby ponds, was quite active with a variety of waterfowl over the past several months. In addition to the usual large number of Canada geese, there were significant numbers of Ruddy, Bufflehead, Ring-neck, and mallard ducks. One of our neighbors also reported sighting a few Snow geese among a flock of Canada geese that settled on the 14th hole.

If you sighted an unusual species near you, I would be interested in hearing from you.



West Chester Bird Club Christmas Bird Count: The West Chester Bird Club Christmas Bird Count, part of the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, took place on Saturday, December 17, 2016. The count commences at 12:00 AM and ends at 11:59 PM. The weather on the 17th (snow before dawn followed by freezing rain, then rain and finally rain/drizzle) had a serious effect on the number of people in the field (87 last year to 26 this year) but had a much lesser effect on the number of species observed (76 species in 2015 and 71 species this year).

Hershey's Mill is within the count area (Team #1). Unfortunately, the weather interfered with Inverness neighbors taking part in area field counts; however, several of us were able to participate by providing counts at our feeders. The following species were recorded at Hershey's Mill:

Turkey Vulture	Canada Goose	Mallard Duck	Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead duck	Ruddy Duck	Cooper's Hawk	Ring-billed Gull
Mourning Dove	Red-Billed Woodpecker	Downy Woodpecker	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker	American Crow	Carolina Chickadee	Tufted Titmouse
Wh. Breasted Nuthatch	Carolina Wren	Eastern Bluebird	American Robin
European Starling	Song Sparrow	Wh-Throated Sparrow	Dark-Eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal	House Finch	American Goldfinch	House Sparrow

The 2017 West Chester Bird Club Christmas Bird Count will be on December 16. Hope some of you will be able to participate.

Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC): The Audubon Society, The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and Bird Studies Canada cooperate in sponsoring an annual worldwide GBBC. This year the count covered the period of February 17 - 20. This activity is a great opportunity for individuals to complete checklists of birds/numbers they observe and submit them to be tallied along with others throughout the US, Canada, and many other countries.

This year participants set new records. As of March 3, 2017, the total number of checklists submitted was 173,829 (162,052 in 2016). Total species recorded was 5,940 (5,689 in 2016). And the estimated number of participants was 214,018 (163,763 estimated in 2016). Pennsylvania was second among the top 10 states in the US submitting checklists (6,983) and recording 147 species. The undisputed winner for number of species reported was Colombia (955 species) followed by India (801 species) and Mexico (774 species).



The next GBBC is scheduled for February 16-19, 2018. Consider participating!!

Ladies Luncheon

In keeping with the spirit of the Social Committee, a ladies' luncheon was held on February 27, at the McKenzie Brew House in Malvern. We were experiencing one of our warmer days, and it felt like a spring afternoon. The private dining room, the Oak Room, was set in two long tables, which encouraged lots of conversation. In fact, at the end of two hours, the ladies were still chatting.

McKenzie's allowed the ladies to order from the menu and to receive individual checks, a plus for all concerned. Orders included crab cakes, Cobb salads, flat breads, fish tacos, and various sandwiches. Everyone reported the food to be delicious and reasonably priced. The Ladies' Luncheon was an event enjoyed by all.

Carol Ellis



Alma Delaney, Jane Auer, Joanne O'Connor



Barbara Colby, Betty Jane Rodgers, Dorrie Ritchie



Pat Aubry, Terry Marran, Carol Ellis, Maryjane Hahn



Mary Lou Perry, Marlene Vergillo



Barbara Poole, Mary Ann Henderson

Photography by Mary Lou Perry

Observations On The Passing Scene

As a result of the surprising election of a long-shot, and controversial, presidential candidate this past November, it has become obvious that there are extremely strong differences of opinion among our citizens regarding the path forward for our nation. Little that has happened in the intervening months has served to moderate these differences. This has led to intense pressure on our elected representatives in Washington to take strong and uncompromising stands on issues. The success of any democracy depends, ultimately, on the art of compromise. Nowhere in life does anyone get everything that is desired; we all are forced to accept the best compromise that can be found. This should certainly be true in the running of our country.



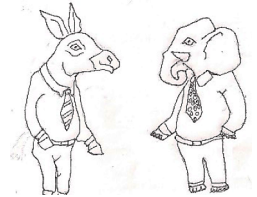
This raises the question of what we, as ordinary citizens, can do to improve the situation. I recommend avoiding becoming a victim of the ever-present 24-hour news cycle, and losing sight of what is really important in our lives. The media is a collection of information/entertainment sources all vying for our attention. Whatever the medium, everyone wants your attention. This is not because they are intent on doing a public service. They are intent on increasing viewership/listenership for the simple reason that their ability to produce income relies on the number of followers. It is a very free-enterprise undertaking.

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The media does what increases income, and leaves good works to others.

So accept enough information to know what is going on in the world, but do not base your life on reacting to the latest bit aimed at exciting you. Dig deeper into the issues that interest you, and do significant fact checking. There are a lot of misstatements floating around.

Also, recognize the differences of opinion among us, but do not allow them to become obstacles. Recognize that no one political party is always right, and the others always wrong. There are strengths and weaknesses everywhere. Feel free to express your opinions, but respect the fact that others differ. Encourage our elected leaders in Washington to seek the compromises that democracy requires. Our nation's future depends on that.



And relax. We live in a wonderfully friendly, caring village. We know we do not all think alike, but that does not keep us from enjoying each other's company, or caring about each other. Let us respect our differences, and accept their validity. Welcome new residents wholeheartedly, and take time to listen to older ones who may need a helping hand. When we do this we will maintain our image as the best place in Hershey's Mill to live. Other villages should be so lucky!

George Colby

Hershey's Mill Amenities Fair

Are you looking for activities to fill your spare time? Are you new to HM and interested in meeting more people? The Amenities Fair will feature members of the various clubs, activities and sports groups in the Mill, with each group hosting a table with information about their activity. In addition to the traditional clubs and sports groups, there will also be representatives from the Community Garden, the HM Railroad Group, the Woodshop, Bus trip committee, Library, Sullivan House, and Pool.

So come out to the **Community Center on Saturday, May 6 from 1 to 4 PM** to meet other residents and discover activities in the Mill that interest you. For me, involvement in pastimes that interest me, with neighbors and friends who share my love for our community, is what makes Hershey's Mill such a special place to live!

Light refreshments will be served.

Mary Lou Perry

Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Hershey's Mill Amenities Fair

Saturday, May 6, 1 PM - 4 PM
Community Center

Inverness Open Meeting

Tuesday, May 9
Social, 7 PM; Meeting 7:30 PM
Community Center

Hershey's Mill House Tour

Thursday, May 11, 10 AM - 4 PM
Proceeds benefit Paoli Hospital

Hershey's Mill Community Open House

Sunday, May 21, 2017
For prospective buyers

Pool and New Pool Building Open

See upcoming TV Guides for information

Memorial Day Events by Sports Area

Monday, May 29, 8:30 AM - Noon
Sports, Snacks and Socializing
\$5.00 donation

Barbone Street Jazz Band

Sunday, June 4 (rain date June 25)
HM Golf Club Parking Lot

Inverness Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 14
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Community Center



Local Area Events of Interest

West Chester Area Community Chorus Concert

Saturday, April 8, 7:00 PM
East High School

Note: The Director, George Waldie, lives in HM, and several HM residents are members of the Chorus

Immaculata Symphony Spring Concert

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 PM
Alumnae Hall, Immaculata

West Chester Gallery Walk

Friday, May 5, 5 PM - 9 PM
Downtown West Chester Borough

Includes receptions and exhibits of more than 20 artists. Their work is displayed at galleries, shops, banks, and restaurants throughout downtown.

Recycling Day (Electronics) - Anything with a Plug™

Saturday, June 10, 9 AM - Noon
East Goshen Township Park

See East Goshen Spring 2017 Newsletter, page 11, for details on what will be accepted

In Memoriam

Morfydd Neal (#736)

January 20, 2017

Our sincere condolences to her family.

Mark Your Calendars

Ice Cream Social - Wednesday, June 14

Chili Supper - Thursday, October 12

Holiday Gala - Saturday, December 9

Travel Adventure Film Series - New Venue

A few months ago West Chester University discontinued their popular Travel Film Series. The Series now has a new home at the Knauer Performing Arts Center at 226 North High Street in West Chester. For information on this and other events, visit:

uptownwestchester.org

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