

# The Inverness "I"

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## From The Editors

It takes a village comprised of individuals willing to extend themselves for the common good to make this the wonderful place to live that it is. Consider how many neighbors freely give of time and talents to committees and activities, to name a few:

- Architectural Committee
- Communications/e-mail,etc
- Decorating Committee
- Delivery Committee
- Finance Committee
- Inverness "I" newsletter
- Ladies Luncheon
- Landscape Committee
- Lighting Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Social Committee
- Village Council members
- Village Directory

And the list goes on.

If not already involved, we encourage you to make a New Year's Resolution to do so. If this is really not possible, at least resolve to appreciate and acknowledge those who do.

We thank all volunteers, and particularly those who have made a significant contribution to the newsletter, and whose names appear frequently herein. We couldn't do it without you.

On another note, April 16<sup>th</sup> is the date of the spring Inverness Village meeting. A main agenda item is the election of some Village Council members.

Barbara & George Colby

## From The Village President

The monthly meeting of the Hershey's Mill Master Association was held December 4, 2014, at 3:00p.m., at the Community Center. A motion was made and seconded to approve \$33,000 funding for the initial increment of the Daly and Jalboot pool house design proposal. This funding is to permit completion of the schematic design (\$10,000), the design development (\$14,400) and the civil engineering survey (\$85,000). A spirited discussion followed with a less costly cosmetic face being suggested as an alternate solution. Almost every member present had the chance to discuss and offer their opinion. Most did so. Many questions were asked, and the members were assured that they would have future opportunities to provide input to the architect during the schematic design phase. The question was called and the vote was in favor of the motion by a count of 14 in favor and 9 opposed. My vote as the Inverness representative was in favor of the motion. More on this subject in future reports to the Village. This project will not be rushed.

The firm of E.B. Walsh Associates has been engaged to study the best route and estimated costs for installing a walking trail from the East Gate up the hill to Inverness Village as an initial phase of a multi-year plan to add trails on the eastern side of Hershey's Mill.

Vision Quest was created to investigate

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Inverness Directory Update

Please welcome our new residents:

**Winnie Spoons #738**

Home Phone: 610-701-8247

Email: [spinnery@comcast.net](mailto:spinnery@comcast.net)

**Frank & Sue Castaldi #761**

Home Phone: 610-344-0322

Email: [frankcastaldi@comcast.net](mailto:frankcastaldi@comcast.net)

**Kathy Threlkeld #788**

Home Phone: 610-436-0846

If there are any changes to your contact information, please advise **Mary Lou Perry** 610-430-0320 or [perrym517@gmail.com](mailto:perrym517@gmail.com)

Bits of Wisdom

We don't stop playing because we grow old,  
we grow old because we stop playing.

Ignore your "to do" list once in a while.  
Life is more than chores !

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No one in the whole world is more special  
than you are.

Make the most of yourself, for that is all  
there is of you.

Courtesy of Trudi Roderick



From The Village President (cont.)

and begin funding various projects within Hershey's Mill. The money will come from the \$7.50 per month in the Master Association Budget Fee included in the Inverness quarterly fee along with the Capital Improvement Fee on the sale of homes throughout the Mill.

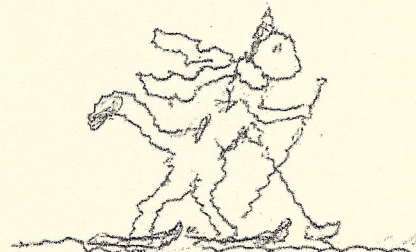
An elevator will be installed at the Community Center hopefully over the winter using this money. Please direct any requests for landscaping or architecture improvements that you wish to undertake at your home to Hershey's Mill Management Corporation at 484-883-8373 to get a request form.

A late reminder to unhook hoses attached to the outside of your house for the winter.

The 2015 Open Village Meetings will be held April 16 and November 9, at 7:00p.m., at the Community Center. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year and remember to look out for your neighbors during this winter.

**Boyd Mackleer**





## Village Budget Meeting

The annual Inverness Village budget meeting was convened on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm by the village president, **Boyd Mackleer**. In addition to Boyd, Village Council members **Janet Emanuel** and **Wilbur Amand** were present, as was the Managing Agent, **Jeff Bevan**. The absence of members **Atmore** and **Delaney** was noted.

Following recognition of new neighbors, the minutes of the last meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was delivered by **Jeff Bevan**, who noted that the reserve fund now totals approximately \$183,000. Boyd then gave an overview of the upcoming budget, noting the reasons for the increased costs.

As a member of the Hershey's Mill Board of Directors (BOD), Boyd described the current Vision Quest planning efforts which include an elevator for the community center (2015), a pool house replacement (fall of 2016), and initial work on an expanded walking trail (possibly 2015 or 2016). Boyd described the funding mechanism for this work.

**Jeff Bevan** discussed the remediation of carpenter bee and ant problems, and said that any requests for action should be communicated directly to his office. Other activities concern woodpeckers, sidewalk repairs, and gutter cleaning.

The Social Committee report was given by **Marge Brolly**, who described the upcoming Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party. **Roz Baker** asked for help in putting out the

Christmas decorations over the Thanksgiving weekend, and **Doris Harry** thanked attendees at the Ladies Luncheon. **Mary Jane Hahn** asked for a raise for the delivery committee, and Boyd jokingly offered to double the present non-salary.

**Janet Emanuel** described in some detail the status of town efforts relative to the HM dam and Sunoco pipeline expansions. We suggest you talk with Janet directly for more information. **Wilbur Amand** emphasized contacting **Jeff Bevan** on any pest control issues.

Boyd then noted the receipt of a petition to install a flag pole on village property. He did not comment further.

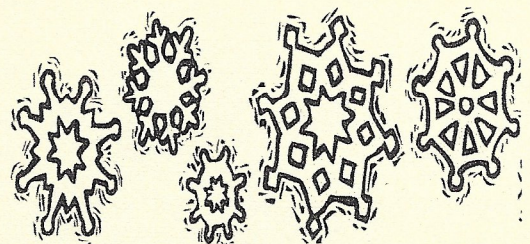
**George Colby**

### In Memoriam

**John Marran**

October 12, 2014

Our sincere condolences  
To his family.





One is always pleased to learn of the many talents of our neighbors, and this was once again the case when we had the opportunity to talk with Harry Majeske (#751). We found him to be a



rare individual who has not only worked in a single field for well over 60 years, but has also engaged in other innovative and productive activities all the while, and even consid-

ered pursuing a professional athletic career at one point.

Harry grew up in SW Philadelphia, began helping out after school in the family upholstery business at age 12, and over the next six years learned all about the business. When he reached age 18, he was drafted even though WW II had ended. While stationed on the West Coast, he played on the unit baseball team, and met a namesake, a NY Yankee third baseman then serving in another unit. That Hank Majeske, who later returned to the major leagues, advised our Harry not to pursue a baseball career as it was too demanding on family life. Later, Harry was shipped overseas to become part of the occupation force in the Philippines.

Following release from the service, he returned to the family business, Woodland Upholstery, and played serious softball in the Philadelphia league. This led to a romance and marriage to Mildred, whom he met at the games.

Harry became a partner in the business in 1953, which allowed him to explore additional business undertakings. Recognizing that the urethane foam used in

upholstery could also be useful in the construction field, Harry developed foam strips which became a preferred replacement for the oakum then being used to fill seams. He soon was selling urethane foam to builders nationwide.

Harry subsequently suggested that Dow Chemical make their polyethylene foam in round form for the construction field, and as a result became a distributor for Dow foam products. Later, he also became an award-winning distributor for GE silicon products, all the while maintaining the upholstery business. During this time, Harry received US patents for the many novel uses of foam.

The growing foam business necessitated several business moves over a period of time to ever larger facilities with machines especially designed by Harry. His partner requested to be bought out, and Harry became the sole owner.

As Mildred and Harry's three children neared their high school years, the family moved from Philly to Wallingford, where they lived until moving here in 1986. Mildred, having survived a kidney transplant for 14 years, succumbed to cancer in 1990.

The collapse of building trades in 1990 ended the profitability in selling foam, so Harry sold out and returned all his attention to his first business, upholstery. He joined Media Upholstery in 1992 and continues to work there full time. Over his long career, his high-quality work has been appreciated by Philadelphia celebrities and numerous Hershey's Mill neighbors alike.

Harry's daughter, Denise, and sons Mark and Gregory, are married, and have seven children between them, a source of great pleasure.

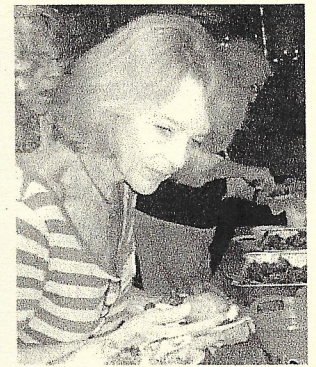
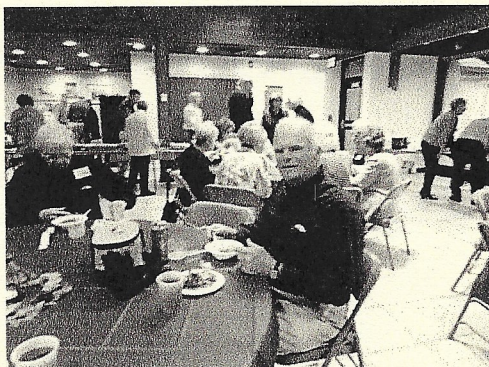
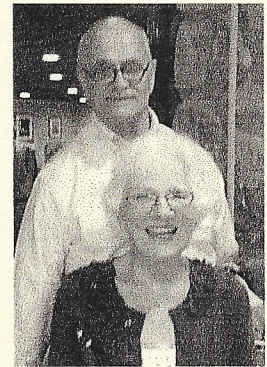
George Colby



Once again, the annual Chili Supper was a great success with 58 residents attending on October 16th. Diners enjoyed beef chili and red and white chicken chili with accompanying sour cream, cheddar cheese, tortilla chips, chopped onions, corn bread, and crusty bread. A caesar salad and various beverages were served, and the meal concluded with coffee and a variety of desserts. The various chilis were made by the members of the Social Committee.

For the first time, the new round tables were used, and they were festively decorated with lanterns surrounded by fall leaves, acorns, and pods. Guests were able to converse easily around the new tables, and the party lasted past its original ending time.

Social Committee members prepared the meal under the direction of Brooke Hamilton, Theresa Carrone, and Sue Kelleher.





Getting To Know You

We have another delightful new addition to our village in the person of **Marlene Vergillo (#758)**. She moved



here from Yardley, PA. While residing there over 32 years, she and her late husband raised two daughters.

Marlene was born and grew up in New Jersey and, in time, married her childhood sweetheart. After graduation she pursued a nursing career and became a registered nurse. Later, she went on to earn a degree in psychology.

Her career path shows that she spent 20 years in clinical nursing in an intensive care neo-natal unit. The past 10 years she has been employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a nurse manager for the east coast. She oversees nurse case managers, who coordinate services for those seriously injured and are insured under Workmen's compensation. Marlene's office is in Bala Cynwyd.

When asked what attracted her to Hershey's Mill, she replied that she had done a broad search of other "over 55" communities and she was drawn to the unique characteristics of the beautiful natural environment of Hershey's Mill and the surrounding Chester County.

Also, it is near one daughter's family with 2 grandchildren. Her other daughter lives in Annandale, VA. With limited free time, reading is a major interest for now.

Barbara Colby

Getting To Know You

Some of us in the Village already knew our new resident **Kathy Threlkeld (#778)**. Other resi-



dents had the pleasure of meeting her at the Village meeting and the Holiday Gala. As you might suspect, Kathy is warm and friendly and also very active.

West Whiteland was her previous place of residence. When she decided that her home was too large for just one person, her many friends, who already live in the Mill, encouraged her to move here. After consideration and viewing real estate possibilities, all things came together, and the unit previously owned by Winnie Vaules was just the right answer.

Kathy grew up in Aldan, Delaware County, and went to nursing school and college in Philadelphia. She worked for Visiting Nurses there prior to marriage and moving to Chester County. This was followed by work as a public health nurse, a discharge planner at Chester County Hospital and later as a parish nurse prior to retirement.

She is active in church, plays tennis, does water exercises, takes painting classes, and loves travel on land or sea, either in this country or abroad. And, even with all of that, Kathy said that she is looking forward to participating in activities within Hershey's Mill.

Be sure you introduce yourself when you see her, you will be glad you did!

Barbara Colby



**Inverness Ladies' Fall Luncheon**

Report, composition and photo processing courtesy of **Mary Lou Perry**

In today's world filled with technology and social media, we often forget the original way of maintaining relationships -- face-to-face contact. This year Doris Harry hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Ladies' Luncheon for Inverness. The tradition started back in 1995. Doris was at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club from time to time and would often see a few village women there having lunch with others from their cul-de-sac. And she thought, "Why don't we all go together?" Doris organized the first luncheon that year and has done so every year since then. Her able committee includes Rita Cordivari, Trudi Roderick, and Doris' daughters Roz Baker from Inverness and Rebecca Green from Jefferson. A big thank you to Doris and her team for another outstanding event!

The luncheon took place on October 25, 2014, at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club and was attended by 42 ladies. The event began with a social hour where residents reconnected with each other and also made some new friends. This was followed by lunch, including a delicious soup, choice of entrée, dessert and beverages. The ladies participated generously in the 50/50 raffle that helps to offset the costs for centerpieces, nametags and flyers. And four lucky ladies walked away with a little more money in their pockets!

Doris introduced two new village residents, and four original residents of Inverness were also in attendance: Mary Jane Hahn, Doris Walters, Rita Cordivari, and Doris Harry herself. Doris would like to thank everyone for supporting this annual event. Following tradition, Doris ended the luncheon with a funny joke, and everyone left with a smile on her face!



Doris Walters



Rita Cordivari



Terry Marran - Mary Jane Hahn



Doris and daughters Roz and Rebecca

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Inverness Ladies' Fall Luncheon (Continued)



Jane Auer - Elaine Ferrell



Jean Dimeo - Amory Stedman



Judy Pedrick - Janet Emanuel



Dodie Galbusera



Winnie Vaules



Joan Gallagher



Carol Ellis



Brooke Hamilton



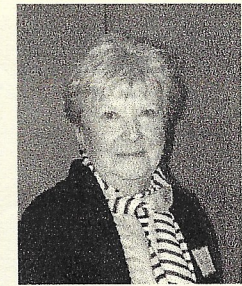
Sue Kelleher - Theresa Carrone



Betty Ann McArdle



Doris Harry



Judy Mackleer



Elva Andrews



Dorothy Lucas



Barbara Gorham



Betty Jane Rodgers -  
Barbara Poole



Judy Klanderaman



Dorrie Ritchie - Jini Pettijohn



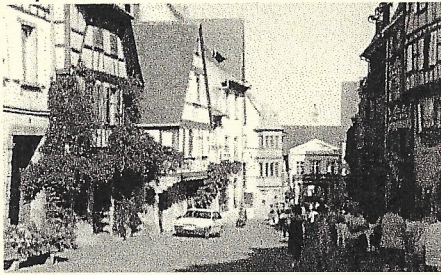
Judy Amand

***If you missed the luncheon this year, be sure to attend next year. You will not be disappointed!***



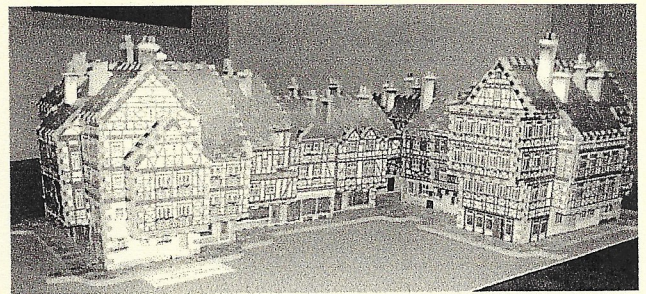
TRAVEL by PUZZLES:**"VILLAGES" by John Klanderman**

Through personal experience, Judy and I have found that visiting villages can be a wonderful way to experience the culture and ambience of a foreign country, particularly in most European countries



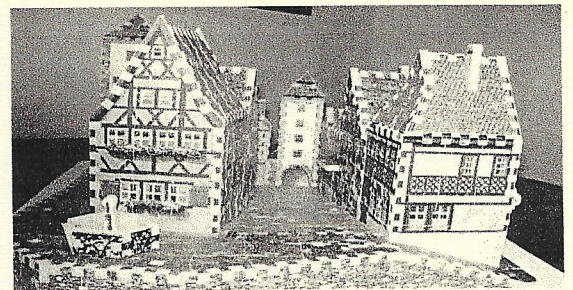
steeped in history, architecture and unique cultural customs. The point is to just wander the narrow streets, sit in a cafe, a bistro or a pub and simply watch the "world go by." Try the local food, investigate the shops and enjoy sitting in a small plaza. If you are part of a tour, try using your "free" time in this manner. Or if you are on a riverboat cruise, you may have several opportunities for doing this as the cruise boat will frequently stop by a small village or town, such as the one shown here in one of our many travel photographs.

One area of villages in eastern France, for example, is the Alsace region along the Rhine River. The villages here are the stuff of fairy tales and nursery rhymes. This area is a linguistic and cultural crossroads of Europe and is particularly noted for its famous *Route des Vins*; a winding road that runs North and South and passes through many Medieval villages and world famous vineyards at the rural foothills of the Vosges Mountains. Many tourists drive from town to town, taking in the sights of brilliantly painted half-timbered houses adorned with wisteria as well as following *degustation* (wine tasting) signs to sample the region's outstanding wines! This puzzle, labeled **ALSACE**, is typical of the "look" of the villages and has 957 pieces.



Another area of villages is Germany's *Romantic Road* which offers spectacular views of the Bavarian landscape. A trade route in the Middle Ages, this road winds through picturesque countryside, walled towns, and charming villages. It is home to Gothic cathedrals, baroque German, Renaissance, and Medieval architecture, as well as fairytale castles and the Bavarian Alps.

One of the villages along the *Romantic Road* is Rothenburg (shown in our photo above left) which is a Medieval village surrounded by fortified walls and towers. This puzzle of **ROTHENBURG**, 740 pieces, shown on the right, is a copy of the town square. To this day, the square's fountain holds the original fish cages used for centuries by fisherman to store their daily catches from the Tauber river.



Along the French Riviera, there are also many beautiful little villages to explore. This puzzle, **LA RIVIERA**, 880 pieces, is typical of many of these villages.. Several charming villages include Antibes, which is a Mediterranean fishing village with a quiet charm. Then there is Le Haut-de-Cagnes which is a Medieval hillside village with great views of both the Mediterranean and the French Alps. And not to be missed is the 16th century mountain

village of St. Paul-de-Vence.



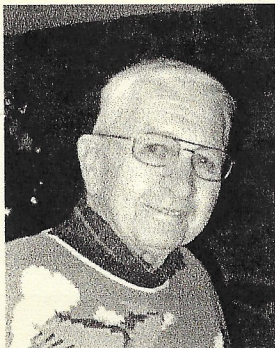
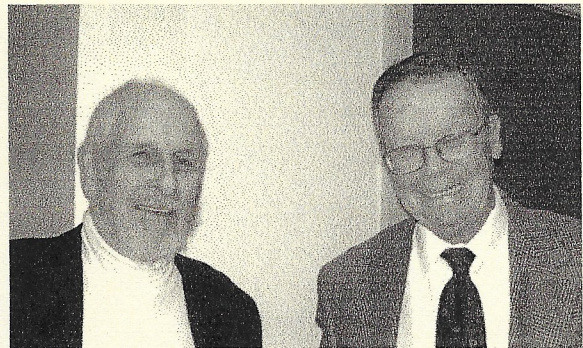
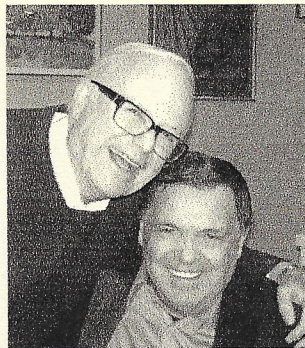
Holiday Gala Saturday, December 13th

The annual Holiday Gala was attended by a record 84 residents who enjoyed every minute of it, as they stayed to the very end.

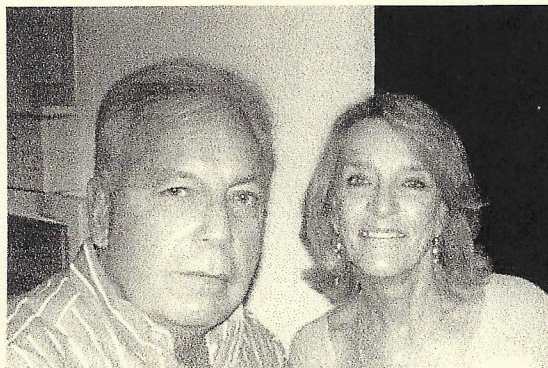
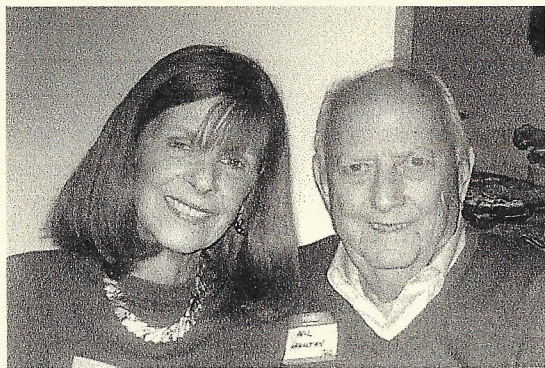
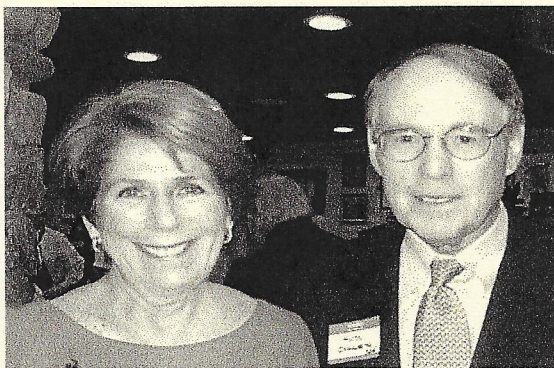
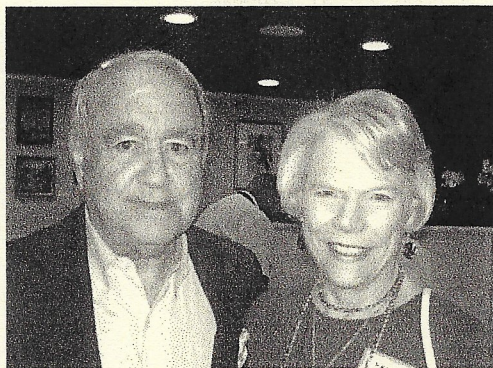
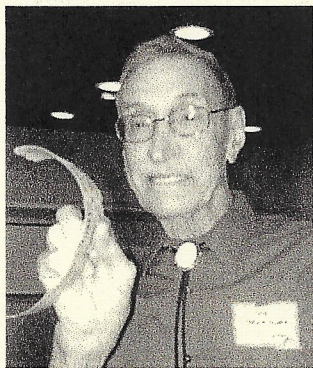
Jim Backes played all our favorite carols and selections throughout the evening, adding a festive feeling to the party. When dessert was over, Jim started everyone singing, using the songbooks created by Alma and Tom Delaney. A hit of the singing was "The Twelve Days of Christmas," with each table taking one of the twelve days.

Colonial Market catered the buffet dinner of roast beef, chicken Marsala, string beans almondine, roasted potatoes, and Caesar salad. The Social Committee provided punch, setups, a variety of appetizers, and an appealing dessert buffet.

The finale of the evening was the 50/50 and the awarding of the door prizes - the poinsettias from each table. The members of the Social Committee were recognized and commended for their work: co-chairs Marge Brolly and Carol Ellis, Barbara Colby, Theresa Carrone, Alma Delaney, Carol Ellis, Brooke Hamilton, Sue Kellerher, Judy Klanderman, Dorrie Ritchie, and Amory Stedman.









Newsletter Profiles

Our interest in publishing profiles is in promoting great sociability within Inverness Village. Everyone has an interesting story to be told, and we become better acquainted by learning about each other.

New residents are contacted by the village greeter, Barbara Colby, to determine their interest in having a profile published. If they respond positively, a brief interview is conducted, and a one column profile is prepared for inclusion in the next issue under the heading "Getting To Know You."

Longer-term residents are recommended for consideration of a full-page profile by our editorial board or by input from our residents. In making these selections, an attempt is made to cover all areas of the village. Some people, when asked, prefer not to be featured. If you are interested in being interviewed, or know of anyone you would recommend for a profile, please leave a note in the #696 mailbox. We are very open to suggestions.

George Colby

Inverness Village Web Site

[www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG](http://www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG)

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