

the LINKSLETTER

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER EDITED BY L. HUNTER AND L. ORAVECZ



Scott Hunter

Scott graduated from YTI in 2007 with an associate degree in golf course management. First in his class, he studied with PGA golf pros as well as with lawyers who taught him the ethics of golf. His courses in the business side of golf prepared Scott for The Links.



✧ Welcome Scott Hunter ✧

The Links at Gettysburg welcomes new golf pro, Scott Hunter, to manage the pro shop, to teach private lessons, to attract new business for golf outings, and to facilitate all golf events here.

SCOTT'S GOLF JOURNEY

Born in Tyrone, PA in 1971, Scott was lucky enough to have friends on the baseball team, a set of twins whose Dad was a fabulous golfer. This man, a "scratch golfer" who still plays well in his 60's, taught Scott the game. Scott was chosen to be on the golf team at Tyrone High School. He played a lot in his senior year and for many years after. When the glass plant closed where he had worked for 13 years, he decided to move to Carlisle to pursue his

now wife and took 2 years off to play golf 6 times weekly. Then Scott enrolled in the golf school in York. While studying there, Scott learned the invaluable lessons of the golf swing, respect for each golfer's abilities, and the open-minded philosophy that he keeps to this day. As a golf instructor, Scott adapts to each person's range of motion and athletic ability. When Dave Stegman retired from The Links, Scott became our full-time golf pro!

Scott's Recipe for Success & Happiness on the Golf Course

After much experience with the golf swing, Scott's approach to improving one's golf game is simple. The **first step** is to practice the "right" things, those specific aspects that your teacher wants you to improve upon.

The **second step** is to be open to change. The **third step** is to keep a cool head. Scott says just "let it go!" No one is perfect.





Monthly Activities at The Links

Bridge Group

2nd/4th Mondays

Bring A Project

3/10, 4/14, 5/11

Newspaper Recycle

3/20, 4/17, 5/15

Community Garden

John will plough by 3/31

Bookmobile

3/19, 4/9, 4/30, 5/21

Men's Book Club

Selected Saturdays

Social Committee

Contact Cindy Birdwell

Friday Happy Hours

details - Bonni Klein

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BREAKFAST

*3/19 - Negro's,
9:30 AM*

MANLY MAN'S
CIGAR CLUB

4/2 and 5/7

Women's Book
Talk Group

3/25, 4/22, 5/27

POKER NIGHT

3/27, 4/24, 5/22

Yoga

Bernadette Kesselman, certified yoga instructor, offers yoga classes twice weekly at 9 AM in the Community Center.



Here Gloria Stem and Bernadette execute a seated position known as the modified boat pose.



Holiday Party

Liz Zaic, Jim Gresalfi, and Alan Zaic share some holiday cheer this past December.



Social Committee's Cindy Birdwell and Lynn Wivell enjoy the evening's festivities. The Links sponsors a different activity each month.



Social Committee Activities

SPRING CLEANING BINGO



BINGO

On **Tuesday, April 21**, there will be a Spring Cleaning BINGO night from 6:30-8:30 PM in our Community Center.



PRIZES


Links' residents are asked to donate items for prizes up until April 10.

Contact Cindy Birdwell or Michele Williams for details.

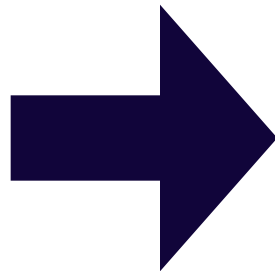


POOL OPENING PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 23
7:00 - 9:00 PM
WINE AND CHEESE



Bernadette Kesselman offers 2 classes in the Community Center, **weighted workout**, Mon/Wed, 9 AM and **yoga**, Tues/Thurs, 9AM. The fee is \$5 per 1-hr. class. Bring an exercise mat.



The Linkletter is published quarterly and will be sent out to all Links residents via e-mail. For those residents who need a hard copy, there will always be a printed stack both at the **Model** home on Battery Ridge Drive and at **The Clubhouse** on Clubhouse Drive. Take one! Thanks to Chris Denham for his assistance.

Linked by Music

DENNIS AND KATHY BOWMAN



Kathy and Dennis Bowman met each other 25 years ago through a then new musical group -- The National Christian Choir. Kathy was the accompanist for the group and Dennis sang tenor. They worked together on the choir's Board of Directors, where Dennis served as chairman for 7 years. Their friendship over the years proved to be a source of stability as each went through the pain of divorce – Dennis in 1997 and Kathy in 2002. In 2004, the National Christian Choir took a cruise to Alaska to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Dennis, who had been out of the choir since 1998, returned along with many other NCC alumni to participate in the cruise. It was during this cruise that the friendship Dennis and Kathy had shared over the years began to become something “more”! A year later they were engaged, and then on February 4, 2006 they were married here at the Links' Clubhouse. When their home at 17 Parkland Court was completed in April of that year, they became our neighbors.

Kathy has had and continues to have an amazing musical career. Born in Washington, DC in 1948 and growing up in Arlington, VA, she was gifted as a pianist from an early age. Inspired by her Dad (acoustic guitar), Mom, Carmenitta (piano, soprano) and Aunt Elouise (alto), Kathy practiced diligently and eventually studied with a private piano teacher, needing to be in DC every Saturday for an 8:30 AM piano lesson! She completed her undergraduate degree at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA and went on to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, on a full scholarship, where she earned her Masters degree in piano performance.

While teaching at Lee University in Tennessee, Kathy met her first husband. As minister of music/co-pastor and minister, they worked for 27 years in FL, DC, and MD in the Assembly of God Church and founded the Potomac Valley Assembly in Germantown, MD. They also had 3 children, Gavin, Aynsley, and Carrington. Two of Kathy's children live in Nashville and one, a drummer, aspires to a career in music. Over the years as a church musician, piano teacher, accompanist, strings teacher and vocal music teacher Kathy perfected her musical skills to a high level. She is grateful that her parents set lofty goals for her and also feels tremendously indebted to the broad range of experiences she has enjoyed as a church musician.

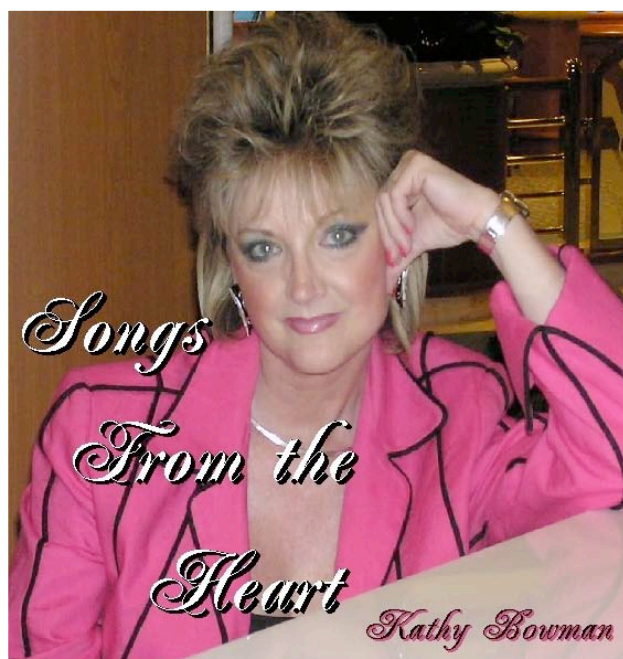
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Dennis was born in Frederick, MD and was raised on a farm of 1400 acres in Union Bridge, not far from here. He played trumpet in the band, sang in church, played soccer for Francis Scott Key High School (where the team went to state finals in '62/'63!), enjoyed skiing, travel, and eventually golf. Dennis also ran in 12 marathons, regularly training with two good friends, never letting bad weather deter his determination. Once while running in the freezing rain, Dennis and his friends were questioned twice by a local policeman, wondering why "sensible" fellows would run on such a night!

Dennis attended Bridgewater College in VA and then worked on his Dad's farm with his brother, Steve. Big Spring Farm was a 3rd generation dairy farm with 350 cows. In the early 90's, Dennis and Steve improved the farm into a state-of-the-art operation. Montgomery County Schools would bring students for farm tours and Russia even sent an exchange/businessman to their farm to study the dairy industry. When Dennis decided to retire, he sold the farm in 2000. Some of the land was sold to Wormald and is being developed as the Villages of Union Bridge. Dennis's mom, Mary Margaret, still lives in a house on the edge of the farmstead and is a healthy and self-sufficient 88 year old.

Dennis has two children from his first marriage and they both live nearby in Carroll County. Amy has two sons and David has one son. Dennis enjoys spending time with his 3 grandchildren.

Dennis has an artistic side and has become an excellent photographer. Not only did he create a Power Point presentation for his church's building program but he took this stunning photo of Kathy in 2004, while on that eventful Alaskan cruise! Kathy sat behind a white grand piano as Dennis snapped the photo. It will grace the cover of Kathy's CD, dedicated to her mom and slated to come out this Spring. We'll have to find out how we can obtain a copy of this stellar collection. Many of Dennis' other photos fill the family room shelves at home.



Linked by Music (cont'd)

“SONGS FROM THE HEART”

Kathy's dad always insisted that she be able to play *anything* in *any key*. Her demanding teacher from American University echoed the family's expectations. As an accompanist at church, Kathy has been improvising on the piano since age 10. Needless to say, the compositions and original arrangements featured on the collection of hymns for her CD stem from her rich musical and spiritual tradition. She currently practices on an old upright Yamaha and will record at Trinity Methodist Church in Frederick where she is Director of Music and Arts, overseeing 10 performance groups.

KATHY AND DENNIS AT THE LINKS

Linked by music, Kathy and Dennis have a special song, “At Last!” They also share similar musical tastes, including gospel, jazz, and classics. They enjoy eating out in Frederick (or anywhere else) and enjoy preparing dinner in their lovely kitchen at home. As Kathy cooks, Dennis sits in the kitchen as they share conversation and a glass of wine. The Links is a perfect small community for them with a closeness that they could not experience in suburbia. Dennis is serving his term on our HOA Board.



CARMENITTA CULLERS

Carmenitta Cullers, born on May 9, 1914, is Kathy's Mom. She lives at 1 Shiloh Court with her sister, Elouise, and brother-in-law, Paul. Carmenitta was captain of the basketball team at Bayard Hight School and was honored as salutarian at graduation. After her husband, Bill, died in 1959, Carmenitta and Kathy invited Elouise, Paul, and Charles, Kathy's grandfather, to live with them in Virginia. Carmenitta, Elouise, and Kathy always enjoyed singing together in perfect 3-part harmony! Carmenitta worked in DC for FDIC and still keeps in touch with her friends, Irene and Olga, who worked with her in the government office. When Carmenitta moved from Germantown to The Links, she was happy to be near her only daughter once again. Elouise and Paul share the cooking and Carmenitta helps. During the holidays, I was lucky enough to enjoy the beautiful Christmas village in their library, complete with music and trains. They have been collecting the village pieces, ice skaters and animated carnival rides for many years. Lovely!



by Lynn Hunter