



The Linksletter

Winter 2017-18 Edition

Upcoming Events (See articles for details.)

- Jan 22-24 and 29, 1p.m. – Valentine Day Workshops with Paula Kravits.
- January 24, 10 a.m. – Ladies' Book Club discusses "*Beneath a Scarlet Sky*" (CC)
- January 26, 5:30 p.m. – Last Friday Event is Mediterranean Dinner and cooking demo (CC)
- February 10, 4 p.m. – Wine Club (CC)
- February 13, 10 a.m. – Second Tuesday "SWAP" meet (CC)
- February 23 – Last Friday "Chili Cookoff (CC)
- February 28, 10 a.m. – Ladies' Book Club discusses "*Before We Were Yours*"(CC)
- March 13, 10 a.m. – Retro 2nd Tuesday gathering (CC)
- March 15 – Newsletter Deadline
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt in planning for Friday, March 30 (TBD)
- Gardeners interested in garden plots contact Bruce Bradshaw

POC Contact Information

For POC contact information, please refer to your Links Directory to protect individuals' privacy.

A special 'thank you' to all contributors to this edition.

Master Association Notes

The Members of the Master Association elected the following Board of Officers for 2018:

Bud Vance, President
Rick Klein, Vice President
Mike Koziski, Secretary
Gayle Dustin, Treasurer

There are four (4) recycling containers located outside the fenced area in the parking lot by the clubhouse. Waste Management empties the containers on Wednesdays. If the containers are full, please take the recyclables back home with you. Do not leave recyclable materials outside the containers and DO NOT use the container inside the fenced area for recyclables. This is a trash container used and paid for solely by the golf course. Please remember to always break down the boxes, so our containers do not overflow.

Our entire community needs volunteers to step up and assist their community. We especially need homeowners to volunteer to serve and assist the Community Center Oversight Committee, POC is any Board Member or Bonni Klein. If interested in serving your community, please contact any HOA Executive Board Member.

As the rules and regulations of the Links Community are reviewed and updated in the future, changes will be posted to the website, newsletter, and via emails.

Recent Community Activities

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit with the children and grandchildren of Links residents in December. As the Yule log roared in the background with festive sounds of the season, the kids had a wonderful breakfast and made Christmas tree ornaments and reindeer antlers.

Perhaps, the most important aspect was the Socks of Love donations made possible by Robyn Robinson that helped us all remember what this time of year is about.

The morning ended with Santa reading "The Night Before Christmas." Many thanks to Robyn and Wayne Robinson for their help in putting this fantastic event together for the children! Anna & Dave Domzalski



LINKS HOLIDAY PARTY: Thanks to Everyone who contributed to our successful Links festivities!



LINKS RED HAT OUTINGS:

In October the Links Red Hat Divas traveled to Baltimore to tour the Visionary Art Museum and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Rusty Scupper. Our December outing was to the new shop, Rosie's Collection, on Steinwehr Ave for a fashion show, shopping, and dinner afterwards at Sidney's Restaurant. Links ladies are eligible to participate in these events. To be added to the distribution list, contact Barbara Greeley.



Upcoming Links Activities

LAST FRIDAY EVENT:

The Social Committee has cooked up (no pun intended) another great evening of food, fun, and friendship. We have invited local Chef Subarna Sijapati to come cater our evening! Many of you know him from the classes he leads at the Adams County Arts Council. Chef Subarna will be presenting a Mediterranean themed 3-course dinner using local ingredients and sharing tips on how to cook healthy Mediterranean foods.

The event is on 26 January. Doors open at 5:15 with serving starting at 5:30 in the Community Center. Cost will be \$22 per person. As always, bring your own beverage of choice! RSVPs and payment up front is required by Monday, January 22. RSVP and payment to Sandy Negro, Karen Hollerich, or Pat Adair, by Monday, January 22.

VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP:

This is a class for anyone who would like to send a personal card or two to a loved one, spouse, grandchildren, parents, friends, or even yourself. The workshop is free and requires no special skills or talents. You will feel like a pro in two hours or less. All material is supplied and plenty of examples will be on hand for inspiration and ideas. Just bring yourself and enjoy the fun of creating a card or two for a special someone(s). Workshops fill up quickly. Workshops are scheduled for 1 p.m. on January 22, 23, 24, and 29. Contact Paula Kravits to reserve a spot.

THE SECOND TUESDAY GROUP:

In October, a group of fourteen Links ladies enjoyed lunch at the Pan Asia Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. In November, we shared information about events happening in the area and discussed our plans for the next few months. December 12 was our annual Cookie Exchange. As an alternative to cookies, some brought favorite family recipes for the holidays to share with the group.

February 13, 10:00 at the Community Center, we will be bringing back the ever popular "SWAP." This will be an all-inclusive swap (fashion accessories, holiday items, home décor, etc).

March 13, 10:00 at the Community Center will be "Retro Second Tuesday" and a planning meeting. This will be a throwback meeting to the roots of the Group as a Ladies Craft Group. Bring your craft and join us as we plan the next few months' happenings.

The Second Tuesday Group typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. If you have questions or would like more information about the group, please email or call Cynde Vance.

THE LINKS WINE CLUB:

The next meeting of the Links Wine Club is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The current schedule for the remainder of 2018 is May 12, August 11, and November 10. All meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host-organizer each quarter. If you are interested in hosting the February meeting or for more information, please contact Bud & Cynde Vance by email or by phone at. All interested Links Community residents are invited to participate. NOTE: The hosts get to choose the theme.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

The men's monthly breakfast usually falls on the same morning as the Ladies Breakfast. Notices go out to the Community the Sunday before. RSVP's are due to Stu Kravits by Wednesday noon. Car pools are set up using those men that reply with an "I can drive". We leave the Links at 9 a.m. The cost is between \$12 and \$16, which includes tax and tips. Thus far breakfast has included unlimited juice, coffee and tea, fine Danish pastry, fresh fruit, and a selection from 7-8 entrees. Partakers are never at a loss for conversation or the latest jokes.

Links Garden Plots:

Gardeners wanted for 2018. The Links has a parcel of land by hole #6 and #7 that Rick Klein has allowed our residents to garden on plots approximately 20 by 30 feet. The Links Garden Club started out in 2008 with twelve gardeners, and this number has shrunk to 6 hard-nosed gardeners. This next year will be our eleventh year of growing vegetables for families who just want to have garden-fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, onions, lettuce, peppers, beets, and zucchini. It is hard work, but when the harvest comes in, BLT's are to die for with freshly grown tomatoes. We do have to combat the elements including varmint's, pests and, drought; but when we get a harvest, it is very satisfying.

The zinnia flowers we plant have been beautiful and pulled in the butterflies and hummingbirds. Please let Bruce Bradshaw know if you are interested in participating this next year with initial plantings going in around the first of May.



LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies of the Links Book Club is looking forward to another year of monthly get togethers, when we discuss what we agreed to read the months before. The list of books we have enjoyed goes back to May of 2006! Our January 24 selection is "Beneath A Scarlet Sky," a novel by Mark Sullivan. For our February 28 meeting we will read "Before We Were Yours," a novel by Lisa Wingate. We invite our neighbors to join us every fourth Wednesday each month, 10:00 a.m., at the Community Center for our one-hour discussion. For additional information email: Claudia Clark.

YOGA CLASSES:

Yoga is alive and well at the Links! Through a series of poses these yogis are increasing their flexibility, gaining strength, and improving balance. The best part of yoga is the effects off the mat; walking with balance, maintaining posture, lowering blood pressure, and calming the mind. Some have found it improves their golf game! Classes are taught by Brenda Insalaco.



Links Community HOA News

The Courtyard's Public Offering Statement, Rules, and Regulations, page 3, number 18 was changed and approved at the October 2017 annual meeting. Please go to the Link's website: <http://www.linkshoa.org/courtyards-hoa-information> to read the revised rules and regulations.

Recurring / Scheduled Links Activities

Ladies' Exercise Class at the CC at 9-10 a.m.

- Monday: Aerobics
 - Tuesday: Yoga
 - Wednesday: Balancing Ball Aerobics
 - Thursday: Aerobics/Pilates/Cool-down
- (For more information contact: Bernadette Kesselman)

Men's Yoga Class at the CC Fridays at 9-10 a.m. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays at 10:30 a.m. (Brenda Insalaco)

Co-Ed Yoga Class at the CC Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Water Exercise Class at the CC pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 to noon, during pool season. (Connie Feldman)

Ladies' Breakfast on a Thursday each month, at the home of a Links' hostess at 9:30 a.m. (Betsy Dougherty)

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month, corresponding to the Ladies' Breakfast. (Stu Kravits)

Ladies' Book Club at the CC at 10 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

Ladies' Mahjongg Group on Thursday, 2-4 p.m. (Linda Feldman)

Links Wine Club at the CC, on Saturday afternoon, once a quarter. (Cynde & Bud Vance)

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 a.m. in CC. (Cynde Vance)

Ladies' Antiquing Group monthly outings. (Shelly Anderson)

Links Red Hat Divas monthly outings and activities. (Barb Greeley, Queen Diva)

Links Billiard League is active during the colder months. This winter, play will commence on January 3, 2018, every Wednesday night for 10 weeks. Preliminary warm-up/practice will take place in December. League play is 8-ball, doubles, and is open to all skill levels. A Singles Tournament will take place in October. (Gil Clark, League Commissioner; Andy Muenzfeld, Director of the Singles Tournament)

Men's Cigar Club meets monthly, usually on a Thursday at 7-9 p.m. on the patio outside the Pro Shop. (Joe Hunter)

Produce Gardens takes place in the warmer months. (Bruce Bradshaw)

The Links Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities such as the Halloween Festivities and the Easter Egg Hunt. (Stacey Rice/Cathy Short)

The Links Christmas House Tour. (Betsy Dougherty)

(There are other organized activities not listed above. Please let us know and we will include them in the future.)

This newsletter serves the entire Links community. Residents are welcome to contribute articles, photographs, and suggestions/feedback to the Links Newsletter. Please contact Jerry Wright or Kay Larson via email or phone. Deadline for articles, pictures, and updates for the Spring newsletter is March 15.

Distribution of this newsletter and announcements of community activities depend on accurate email and contact information. Please contact the Links Neighborhood Directory Keeper Cliff Feldman or your neighborhood HOA representative to ensure contact information is up-to-date.