



The Linksletter

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HOA CORNER

The brutally cold weather of last winter is now a mere memory, but it took its toll on our community giving us lots to do. We are now in the repair mode, starting with landscaping and lighting, and hope to get all repairs done before the first cold snap is upon us.

Meanwhile, the Master Association has added a weekend and holiday Life Guard: say hello to Martin when you are at the pool. In addition, the Association is adding to Recreation Area. The Horse Shoe toss has joined the tennis courts and the basketball court, and the bocce court is close to being finished. Last will

be the volleyball and badminton areas. The Association has contracted for landscaping throughout the court areas, and purchased court equipment, which is stored in a cabinet behind the tot lot.

The HOA Board will be conducting an open forum meeting this summer, date to be announced. Topics will include the Financial Strategy policy and the mid-year Budget vs. Actuals statement. These documents will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

Visit our website at www.courtyardshoa.org for HOA and community information.

Keep cool during the 'dog days' of summer.
Stu, Alice, and Liz

Upcoming Events

- 07/10 Cigar Club
- 07/16 Ladies Breakfast at Karen Landry's
- 07/23 Cigar Club
- 07/29 Bookmobile
- August Ladies Breakfast at Dianne Myers
- 08/12 Second Tuesday Group
- 08/14 Cigar Club
- 08/19 Bookmobile
- 08/27 Cigar Club
- September Ladies Breakfast at Deborah Thomas'
- 09/09 Second Tuesday Group
- 09/11 Cigar Club
- 09/24 Cigar Club
- 09/24 Ladies Book Club

FITNESS CLASS

For the past year we have had a fitness class here at the Links led by John Marconi (a certified personal trainer who works for the YWCA in Gettysburg and trains folks at his home gym). Class is on Monday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. It's \$10 a class, payable to John. We meet in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the community center.

With so many new neighbors, we thought it might be a good time to see if anyone else would like to join us. Right now we have a core group of 3 people, but we'd love to have more! This class is open to ALL ages!! John is a positive trainer. He'll push you to the max, but he's very supportive. Feel free to bring your own hand weights, mat, towel, and water! Please let me know if you're interested, email me at wards4m0@hotmail.com. We'd love to have more company.

Stacey Rice

LINKS LADIES BOOK CLUB

The book club will not be meeting again until September.

Lynn Hunter will begin leading the book club this month as Denise Regan steps down.

The books for September and October and the dates of the discussions are listed below:

September 24th—Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan

October 22nd—Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

Denise Regan

BOOKMOBILE

The Adams County Bookmobile comes to The Links every 3 weeks at these locations:

Parkland Court 2:15 to 2:45

Savannah Dr and Garrison Falls Dr 3:00 to 3:30

The next bookmobile dates July 29th, and August 19th.

There is a good variety of adult's and children's books, CDs, and DVDs on the Bookmobile. You may also call the Gettysburg Branch Library at 334-5716 to request any of these in advance and ask that it be sent on our next Bookmobile visit. An Adams County Library card can be issued on the Bookmobile by showing your driver's license. The Bookmobile is a great convenience.....and it's fun to meet your neighbors "on board".

Arlene Rosenberg

LINKS MANLY MAN CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club is focused on the enjoyment of a fine cigar and a complementary beverage with members of the Links community. Meetings are held from 7-9pm twice a month on the 2nd Thursday and the 4th Wednesday. We meet on the patio outside the grill.

Meetings are open to non-smokers as well who like to enjoy fine spirits and interesting discussions as well as don't mind cigar smoke.

I email participants the logistics for each meeting. If you are interested contact Joe Hunter at (Joehunter65@gmail.com) to join the group.

Second Tuesday Group

The Second Tuesday Group (so named as we typically meet the second Tuesday of each month) is more than a craft or project group. It's neighbors getting together to exchange information about upcoming events in the community; to exchange info about service people in the area, discuss projects or events that might interest the group, or talk about volunteer opportunities, to name a few. These things and more are possible. If you haven't attended one of our meetings, please feel free to do so - the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Community Center.

Here are some projects we want to tackle over the next few months: Links Community Cookbook. At this time we don't have enough interest for a professionally published Links Community Cookbook so the group recommends this as a Winter 2014/15 project. This will give everyone interested time to gather favorite recipes and it will serve as a project to help ward off "cabin fever" over the winter. More info will be forthcoming as we work out details but if you think you might be interested, start organizing those recipes to share with the community. If there's family history or a story to go along with the recipe, all the better.

The next event is on August 12th that is what we are calling an "Accessory Swap". We all have nice accessories in our closets (jewelry, belts, scarves, hats, gloves, hair accessories, etc.) that are in good condition but perhaps just don't work with our wardrobe any longer. So the solution is to bring some things you can part with to the swap. Someone else may have something you would like, so the idea is to take turns selecting items to give all of us some new items. This should be a lot of fun and give everyone some "new" wardrobe accessories.

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The Gettysburg Walk to End Alzheimer's is coming up October 4th. Karen Landry started a Links Team and so far we have three walkers - Karen Landry, Cynde Vance, and Coyd "Bud" Vance. If you are interested in either walking or donating to this important cause, you can go to: walktoendalzheimers.com. Enter "Links" as Team Name and then a Walker's Name. Contributions in a specific walker's name will help each person earn a t-shirt to wear for the event. If you are interested, sign up as a walker and join us for the event.

If any of these are of interest to you or you have other ideas, join us for the Second Tuesday Group. We are always open to new suggestions and ideas.

Cynde Vance, Coordinator

Wine Club

WINE CLUB, ANYONE?

Are you interested in wine? Would you like to know more about it? Would you like to share your wine knowledge? How about just getting together for wine tastings? If there is enough interest in the community we would like to start a wine club. The idea would be to meet on a recurring basis, say once every other month or once a quarter, to discuss and try wines from different regions and/or countries. Club members would organize into smaller groups and coordinate various wine events. We could share information about the various wines, host wine tastings, and enjoy each other's company. If this sounds like something you might like to do contact Bud & Cynde Vance at bacvance@gmail.com with your name and e-mail address.

POOL RULES

The Pool Rules have been updated and are posted on the HOA website at courtyardhoa.org under the Community Center tab. Please review the rules before using the pool & hot tub, also share the rules with all your pool & hot tub guests.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

EASTER EGG HUNT & OLYMPICS

Our Easter Egg Hunt & Olympics was held on April 18th and it was a huge success! We had about 15-20 children of all ages participating in the Egg Hunt and they found more than 200 goody-filled eggs that afternoon. They also enjoyed the sack race and jelly-beans-in-a-jar guessing game in the Olympics, too!

POTLUCK DINNER & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Family Activities Committee also hosted a Potluck Dinner/Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 24th. The party began at 4 p.m. Everyone's contribution to the potluck was yummy and the ice cream delectable! It is now "officially" summer!

We hope everyone had a wonderful time! We hope to see you at the pool this summer.

Many thanks to Stacey Rice & the Family Activities Committee!!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To see the Community Calendar, all homeowners can go to www.thelinksatgettysburg.com (spell out *at*, do not use the @ sign). Click on members club. Put in your last name and the password LINKS. Then click on Calendar for golf club events or Community Center calendar for Community Center events.

WINE, CHEESE AND SO MUCH MORE PARTY

The Links hosted its 4th Annual Wine, Cheese and So Much More Party on May 31st at the Links Community Center. The event was well attended. It was wonderful to be able to get to talk to some of our new neighbors and to see “old friends”. The conversations were very enjoyable and interesting. The appetizers were delectable and the desserts were scrumptious, as usual. A lovely evening was had by all. Kudos to all who made the event possible!!





LINKS RED HAT DIVAS

The Divas have had some very interesting events so far this year. In April, we went to the Kitchen Shoppe in Carlisle for a Springtime Luncheon demonstration, May saw us touring the beautiful Ladew Gardens above Baltimore, and in June we enjoyed a Tea at Downton Abbey Formal Tea in Gettysburg. More exciting events are planned for the rest of the year. Any Links ladies, who would like to join in the fun, please contact Barb Greeley at ky83gal@gmail.com. Some pictures of our excursions are on page 10.

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WOUNDED WARRIOR BIKE RIDE

The "Face of America" bike ride once again passed The Links on its way to Gettysburg, PA, around 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 27 April. This year about 125 disabled Vets were among the over 600 riders who made the trip.

The route of the ride, which starts in Washington, DC, has changed each year, but the riders always want to pass The Links because of our large turn out and the welcome and support that we always provide. Many disabled veterans actually re-mounted their bikes at the Rock Creek Bridge just so that they could pass our flag-waving crowd.

Our community's vigorous flag waving has become a moving tribute to our wounded veterans and active duty participants. Waving flags and shouting "Thank you for your service" makes everyone's hearts beat a little faster and brings tears to all eyes. Lots of our kids and grandkids were also on hand on this special day to share in showing our support for those who have laid it on the line in defense of our country!

Bruce Bradshaw and Stu Kravits



