



# The Linksletter

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## HOA CORNER

A decade has passed since the first home was sold at The Links, and we are beginning to see the results of our properties aging. We anticipated that pavers would require ongoing maintenance, and we will be continuously monitoring them. Our common area plants also require constant attention. One area that has become a major problem is our street lights. The HOA Executive Board will be taking an in depth look throughout the community and authorizing much needed repair and/or replacements when decent weather permits.

We are glad that so many new families have moved into The Courtyards during the past year. Welcome Aboard!! We now have only fifteen (15) more lots to be sold; some re-sales are also available.

Bud Vance is a welcome addition to the Board and has taken on the responsibilities of snow removal, paver repair, sprinklers, and common area landscaping.

We encourage all residents to review our website at [courtyard-shoa.org](http://courtyard-shoa.org). Click on the Courtyards HOA Info tab, Courtyards\_Oversight\_Chart\_1-2015 for a listing of Board Member responsibilities. Please contact any Board Member for assistance as needed. Our website also contains updated information for submission of Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Requests. Please review the updated ARC guidelines if you are considering any projects in the near future.

The Snow and Ice Policy is also available on our website for your information. Although we treat for ice on driveways and walkways, in accordance with the guidance provided in this policy, we strongly recommend residents keep a small supply of ice melt on hand. As you know, when snow accumulation is less than 2 inches, it is not removed by the HOA, and there are also times when areas which have been cleared may need more ice melt.

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe Year.

Stu, Bud, and Liz

## Upcoming Events

- Feb - Ladies' Breakfast - Paula Kravit's
- 02/17 - Bookmobile
- 02/25 - Ladies Book Club
- March -Ladies' Breakfast - Barb Greeley's
- 03/10 - Second Tuesday Group
- 03/10 - Bookmobile
- 03/25 - Ladies Book Club
- April - Ladies' Breakfast - Connie Feldman's
- April - Cigar Club Restarts
- 04/14 - Second Tuesday Group
- 04/21 - Bookmobile
- 04/22 - Ladies Book Club

## WINE CLUB

The Wine Club held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM at the Community Center. There were over 30 participants at the meeting. There was a presentation of four East Coast US wines (our theme for this meeting) - Red (Fischer & Dustin) and White (Greeley & Obreiter). The presentation was followed by a social time where we shared wonderful appetizers, wine, and desserts provided by Wine Club volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to present, provide appetizers, wine, or desserts or to help with set up/clean up. We can't have a successful Wine Club without the help of all.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The theme for the May meeting will be South American wines.

Please share this information with other Links residents. Let us know of others who are interested and we will add them to our distribution list. If you have questions feel free to e-mail us at [bacvance@gmail.com](mailto:bacvance@gmail.com) or give us a call 359-0366.

Bud & Cynde Vance



## NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

Did you know Links has a newspaper recycling program?

Bundled or bagged papers, (no glossy advertisements) can be dropped off at Frank Negro's house any time prior to the arranged pick up date and time each month.

Gettysburg Boy Scout Troop #78 will pick the papers up and deliver them to Mason Dixon Farm. The Farm will accept newspaper as well as professional mover's packing paper. The Farm pays the troop \$95.00 for every ton of paper delivered. We currently contribute between 400 & 500 pounds of paper per month.

This past October we reached an all-time high, 1080 pounds of paper was contributed by residents of the Links.

**Remember:** Bundle or place newspapers in paper bags and no glossy advertisements. Drop off at 8 Parkland Ct. by the designated Friday of each month. For further information call Frank Negro at 717-359-8737.

## BOOKMOBILE

The Adams County Bookmobile comes to The Links every 3 weeks and will be at the following locations on February 17th, March 10th, April 21st, and May 12th:

Parkland Court from 3:00 to 3:30

Savannah Drive and Garrison Falls Drive from 3:45 to 4:15

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

Arlene Rosenberg

PS: If you have any books to donate to the Library, they may be brought to the Bookmobile.



## LINKS MANLY MAN'S 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 7pm to 9pm twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and will start up again in April. The club meets on the patio outside the grill. Meetings are open to non-smokers as well who like to enjoy fine spirits and interesting discussions and don't mind cigar smoke.

Joe Hunter will email participants the logistics for each meeting. If you are interested, contact Joe Hunter at [Joehunter65@gmail.com](mailto:Joehunter65@gmail.com) to join the group.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To see the Community Calendar, all homeowners can go to [www.linksatgettysburg.com](http://www.linksatgettysburg.com) website (spell out *at*, do not use the @ sign). Click on members, then members club. Enter your email address and your password. Then click on Calendar for golf club events or the Community Center calendar for Community Center events.

If you are not identified as a member in the Links at Gettysburg website, you will not be permitted access. Please contact The Links at Gettysburg at (717) 359-8000 so you be added to their database as a member. You will then be able to enter your email address,

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The first-ever Links Halloween potluck and hayride was a success!! The kids had a great time. The food was delicious. It was nice to share the evening with our neighbors and our friends!

A HUGE thank you our own John Long and to Scott Rohrbaugh from Evergreen Landscaping for providing two awesome hayrides!!! The kids LOVED them! A HUGE thank you to Rick Klein for lending the tractor and some equipment to John!! The kids thoroughly enjoyed the hayrides. And the older kids chasing the tractor along, "scaring" the little ones. It was Awesome!





## LINKS RED HAT DIVAS

The Divas had a busy fall. In October we went to the Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA to see the Marvelous Wonderettes stage play. November saw us on a delightful bus trip to the Winterthur Museum in Winterthur, DE. We toured the museum, saw the Downton Abbey exhibit, and shopped (we seem to do that a lot!!). In December we enjoyed a day trip to Savage Mill MD for a day of (you guessed it) holiday shopping and dining. Much thanks to the hostesses for each month!

The Links Red Hat Divas is open to all Links ladies. If you have any questions about this group and are interested in joining, please contact Barb Greeley at [ky83gal@gmail.com](mailto:ky83gal@gmail.com)



## SECOND TUESDAY GROUP

The 2nd Tuesday Group is a group of Links neighbors who get together typically on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in the Community Center. We welcome new people to join us and spend a little time with neighbors and learn about activities going on in the area or work on a craft project.

Over the past few months we have had several 'swaps' which attendees have found fun and interesting. In August we had an accessory swap where we exchanged ladies fashion accessories; in November we exchanged home décor items. Here are some upcoming events the group is planning.

The February meeting was on the 10th at 10:00 - just in time for Valentine's Day. The meeting featured a cookie exchange. There were many of our favorite cookies, bars, and candy accompanied by recipes we got to share with each other. It was a fun time with lots of good eats.

If you have any questions about the group please feel free to contact me at [bacvance@gmail.com](mailto:bacvance@gmail.com) or [cmvance1121@centurylink.net](mailto:cmvance1121@centurylink.net).

## LINKS LADIES BREAKFASTS

Each month, the ladies of our community enjoy a social breakfast at one of our neighborhood homes. The hostess, who has volunteered to open her home for the breakfast, has five or six food helpers. We have enjoyed many amazing breakfast dishes and have exchanged numerous recipes. An email at the beginning of each month announces when and where the breakfast will take place and reminds attendees to bring their drinks in travel mugs. At each breakfast there is a sign-up sheet, so ladies may volunteer to bring a dish at a later date.

The October breakfast at Yuthud Oberdick's home was a grand time for all. The Autumn/Halloween decorations amazed everyone and the food was delicious, as always. We again enjoyed the wonderful food and Holiday decorations in November at Jane Jensen's and in December at Carol Jean Lee's.

Many thanks to all our hostesses during 2014!!

Betsy Dougherty





## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has two new members. They are Lenn Fagan and Mike Sheppo, they join Chairman Gil Clark and Bettye Baker. Lenn is a replacement for Bud Vance, who is now a member of the HOA Executive Board, and Mike's addition expands the ARC to four members. Lenn has taken over the responsibility of maintaining the files and records. Residents who want to submit Requests for Approval of additions or changes to their home should drop the request form and supporting documents off at Lenn's, or you may email the request form and supporting documents to him at [lenn.fagan@gmail.com](mailto:lenn.fagan@gmail.com)

## LADIES MAH JONGG

The Links ladies play Mah Jongg almost every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. They always welcome new players and will teach anyone who is interested in learning how to play the game. They usually have at least one table of players; if they get more players, they set up another table. New players are always welcome.

If you are interested in playing or learning to play, please contact Linda Feldman at 717-359-4858 or [220lnf@centurylink.net](mailto:220lnf@centurylink.net)

## VALENTINE CARD CRAFTING

Make-your-own-valentine cards was the theme of a week's worth of workshops conducted by Paula Kravits.

20 residents attended, constructing over 50 different cards to send to their loved ones.

One resident stated that 'being shy, she really enjoyed the time spent with neighbors having a great artistic experience and getting to know such wonderful people'.

Paula has conducted these classes for the past few years to encourage the artist in everyone.





## GETTYSBURG CARES

A number of Links residents, who are led by Lynn Wivell, are volunteering to serve breakfast every other Wednesday at the CARES emergency shelter in Gettysburg. Many more Links residents are contributing food supplies for the breakfasts. This emergency shelter in Gettysburg is now in its third year of caring for the homeless during the cold months. This season the shelter has been open for more than 95 consecutive days thanks to the many Gettysburg residents that have been willing to give of their time, talent or money to make sure this program is successful.

Lynn was also able to provide the Resource Center at the Shelter with extra supplies because of a generous donation from a Links neighbor. The Center now has plenty of laundry detergent, toilet paper, bath supplies to keep them going for a good while. Other residents have donated coats, hats and scarves.

If you are curious about what Gettysburg Cares does go to <[www.gettysburgcares.org](http://www.gettysburgcares.org)> or visit the emergency center at the Slentz House at 117 York Street in Gettysburg. You do not have to be a member of a parish in Gettysburg to volunteer to help.

In the words of Winston Churchill, *"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."* Thanks again to all that have supported Gettysburg Cares.

## LADIES BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 o'clock in the Community Center. All lady book readers are welcome, come and enjoy the discussion, even if you have not read the book!

Books selections for coming months are:

February - Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

March - Zoli by Colum McCann

If you are interested in joining the book club or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn Hunter at [lynnie.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:lynnie.hunter@gmail.com)

## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

The Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 13, 2014 was a wonderful celebration of the season. Linda Feldman, Bud & Cynde Vance, Mike & Karen Sheppo, Bruce & Cathy Terry, and Jerry & Betsy Dougherty opened their homes for the tour. More than 60 community members helped host families with delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The participants toured the beautifully decorated homes and enjoyed an evening of socializing with friends





## MEN'S BILLIARD LEAGUE

The Links Billiard League started play on January 7th. A record number of new members have joined the League, which has expanded from 23 to 31 members. If you would be interested in joining the Men's Billiard League new year, please contact Gil Clark at [gilclark7@comcast.net](mailto:gilclark7@comcast.net).

