



The Linksletter

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HOA CORNER

As we come to the end of 2013, we have seen the lights brighten our Community and the snow arrive. We welcomed new neighbors and said goodbye to friends. That is why they call this a "Development:" new things are developing every day. One thing, which is always good to announce, is that the Courtyards Homeowners Association is in great financial shape. This will keep the 2014 HOA fee the same as it was in 2013.

The 2013 Annual Meeting was well attended, and many topics were discussed. Actions for the Board were noted and are all being addressed. One of the most important is the establishment of a Financial Advisory Committee. Because our investments are growing at a decent rate, we felt it prudent to

seek advice from a committee made up of homeowners. We are preparing a letter to ask those who are interested to apply for the positions. This will be sent after the first of the New Year.

If December is any indication, we are in for more snow. Liz Zaic is now in charge of making the call to the plowing contractor. If there is anyone who needs to get snow removed in an emergency, please contact Liz. Please take caution if you must be out in a storm. Pavers do get slippery.

Have a Safe, Healthy, Happy Holiday and we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Stu, Alice, and Liz

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Upcoming Events

- January Ladies Breakfast at Claudia Clark's
- 1/8 Men's Billiard League begins
- 1/14 Second Tuesday Club
- Weekend Book Club at Jill Bordatto's
- 1/25 Ladies' Book Club
- February Ladies Breakfast at Cynde Vance's
- 2/14 Second Tuesday Club
- 2/22 Ladies' Book Club
- March Ladies Breakfast at Barb Greeley's
- 3/7 End of Men's Billiard League
- 3/11 Second Tuesday Club
- 3/28 Ladies Book Club

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. Check in sometime after the new year for details on the Valentine's Day event.

Links Red Hat Divas

The Links Red Hat Divas had a busy fall.

In September we enjoyed both a cooking class in Westminster at Giulianova Groceria and an overnight trip to NYC, The Big Apple. We saw a wonderful performance of the musical "Motown" and had tea at the famous Plaza Hotel. October had the Divas in Waterford, VA for the annual Home Tour & Craft Exhibit. Although the weather was hot, hot, hot, the Divas enjoyed strolling through the historic town and got an early start on their Holiday shopping. One of our favorite pastimes is SHOPPING, so our November event took us to the King of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, PA. We got there in time to take advantage of the wonderful sales at Macy's and enjoyed a relaxing lunch at Legal Seafood. To round out a perfect year of activities, in December the Divas dressed in their finest for a Victorian Tea in Spring Grove, PA. Much thanks to the creative and FUN ladies for a very full year. In January, there will be a meeting at Deborah Thomas' house with wine & hors d'oeuvres to brainstorm and plan for 2014, the date will be announced later. If you are interested in participating in events with this dynamic, fun-loving group of women, contact Barb Greeley at 717-359-5370



LINKS LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies Book Club met in early December to discuss **A VINTAGE AFFAIR** by Isabel Wolff. The book club meets in the Community Center on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. The books that were selected for January through March are listed in the column on the right. If you are not on the email list and would like to be included, email Denise Regan at georgeregana@comcast.net

JANUARY: A CONFEDERATE in the **ATTIC** by Tony Horowitz

FEBRUARY: THE HUSBAND'S SECRET by Liane Moriarty

MARCH: THE ROSIE PROJECT by Graeme Simsion

Weekend Book Club

The next Weekend Book Club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Jill Bordatto's house. They will review "Let's Pretend This Never Happened" by Jenny Lawson. Please RSVP to Jill, at 717-359-7069, if you can join us. All are welcome!

Stacey Rice



Dog Licenses - FYI to Links Dog Owners

Please be aware that PA state law requires all dogs that are at least three months old or older to be licensed by January 1st. A license can be purchased at the Adams County Treasurer's Office in the County Court House at 111 Baltimore Street in Gettysburg. You can get an application and fill it out before hand, from the County's website at www.adamscounty.us. You can also apply and purchase the license through the following PA State website, www.licenseyourdogPA.com. If you have any questions or need more information, call 717-787-3062.

The annual dog license fee is \$8.45 for unsprayed or unneutered dogs and \$6.45 for spayed or neutered dogs. Lifetime licenses are also available for dogs that have a permanent implanted identification microchip or an identification tattoo.

The license application process is simple and requires the dog owner's information along with the dog's name, age, breed, and color. If your dog has an implanted microchip or identification tattoo, you will need to have that information with you when applying. The license fees that are collected are used to help run animal shelters and support the Dog Law Enforcement Office.

Neighborhood Christmas Caroling

The Family Activities Committee's Christmas Caroling event was on Sunday, December 15th. About 9 Carolers met at 2 p.m. at Stacey Rice's home for a quick rehearsal. The group then headed out to bring Christmas cheer to their neighbors from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and did their best to hit as many corners and courtyards as time permitted. They then went back to Stacey's home for hot cocoa, cookies and hospitality.

Stacey Rice



Second Tuesday Group

The Second Tuesday Group, true to its name, will begin its new year on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center ... weather permitting. Our 2013 sessions, which ended prematurely because of a snow storm on December 10, saw an increase in participation with the regular attendance of new and welcome friends and neighbors. We meet at the same time every second Tuesday of the month to converse in a congenial atmosphere, enjoying whatever beverages and individual projects that we bring. Everyone is welcome. Contact Liz Zaic if you have any questions.

Want to know about Area Events?

In an effort to keep all of the Links community informed about up and coming events in the area or to list helpful websites, we will endeavor to publish these sites as they become known to us.

Here are a few of the websites we know about:

Adams County Arts Council - www.adamscountyartscouncil.org

Adams County - www.adamscounty.us

Links HOA - www.courtyardshoa.org

Links - www.thelinksatgettysburg.com

Mt. Joy Township - www.mtjoytpw.org

United Way - www.unitedway.org

If you know of any other websites that would be of interest or benefit our community, please email them to Alice Kabatt at alkabatt@embarqmail.com so they can be included in future Newsletters.

Emails and Neighborhood Directories

Cliff Feldman has taken over the responsibilities handled for so long by Frank Wollard. Frank and Peggy are leaving The LINKS on January 6th.

Cliff will update and distribute the Neighborhood Directory and Recommended Workers List, as needed. He will also distribute The Links communication emails upon request. Please alert new neighbors to contact Cliff, cdfeldman@comcast.net, so that they can be added to the directory, and remember to notify him if your phone number changes.

Mt. Joy Township News

The approval of the Township's 2014 Budget will result in slightly reduced property taxes, a singular achievement in this region. Dennis Bowman was elected to serve as a Township Supervisor, joining Gil Clark on the Board as the second Links resident on the current 5-member Board.

Gil Clark

LINKS HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2013 Links Holiday Party was a huge success with over 75 attendees. This year the food was served buffet style with stations for appetizers and desserts. Our dinner was exceptional. The Al Parsons Band starting playing softly as we finished dinner and entertained us with some new numbers as well as our old favorites. Before too long, there was barely any room on the dance floor. Many of the new residents, who had not attended our social functions before, enjoyed it so much that they asked when the next event will be. Thanks to Bonni Klein, Cynde Vance and Hilde Young for organizing this fun event.



LINKS MANLY MAN CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club is focused on the enjoyment of fine cigars and a complementary beverage with members of the Links community.

The club is taking a winter pause. Meetings will resume in the spring.

If you are interested in joining the Club, contact Joe Hunter at Joehunter65@gmail.com.

MEN'S BILLIARD LEAGUE

The Men's Billiard League will begin on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Play will continue every Wednesday night for ten weeks, ending on March 12. If you have not signed up and are interested in shooting billiards on Wednesday evenings this winter email Gil Clark at gilclark7@comcast.net