



# The Linksletter

Spring 2018 Edition

## Upcoming Events (See articles for details)

### Welcome Spring!



- **Mar 30, 1 pm:** Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Community Center.
- **Apr 25, 10 am:** Book Club at CC – *Ordinary Grace*, a mystery.
- **April 29, 11 am:** "Face of America" Bike Ride passes thru.
- **May 12, 4 pm:** Wine Club at CC, tasting Aussie and NZ wines.
- **May 23, 10 am:** Book Club at CC – *The Tour: A Trip thru Ireland*.
- **Interested in Weight Watchers?** Call Robyn Robinson for info.
- **Jun - Sep:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Group hosting poolside lunches at CC.
- **June 15:** Newsletter Deadline for articles, updates, and pictures.

## POC Contact Information

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

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

## Master Association Notes

The Master Association Executive Board is happy to announce that Sal Ferlisi has volunteered to be the Chair of the Community Center Oversight Committee, (CCOC). Additional CCOC members are: Brenda Insalaco, Mary and Bill Thompson, Linda Feldman, and Colleen Daiber. Sal is the point of contact for making Community Center Reservations.

Bill and Mary Thompson have volunteered to be point of contact for the supervision and management of the community pool and spa. Bill and Mary will be providing community updates as we approach the pool season -- Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Linda Feldman is now the point of contact for the Fitness Center and Brenda Insalaco is the point of contact for the cleaning service for the CC Building.

Thank you to all these volunteers for stepping up to help the Links Community. When you see these folks out and about, please extend your personal thank you.

Here are some upcoming improvements to our Community Center. We will be purchasing an additional bookcase for the Library area, a new television for the Fitness Center, and a new microwave.

We are also planning to have the spa resurfaced and the pool surface cleaned before opening the pool.

To contact any of the CCOC members, please send an email to [LinksCCOC@gmail.com](mailto:LinksCCOC@gmail.com)  
Bud Vance

# Recent Community Activities

## **LADIES' BREAKFAST:**

Thanks to Lynn Wivell, Paula Kravits and Barb Greeley for hosting the first three Ladies' Breakfast of 2018. The breakfasts were delightful. All the ladies had a good time and delicious meal.



## **LAST FRIDAY EVENT - JANUARY:**

The Social Committee cooked up (no pun intended) another great evening of food, fun, and friendship. We were fortunate to have Chef Subarna Sijapati, current Assistant Food and Beverage Director at Liberty Mountain and Culinary Instructor at the Adams County Art Council for a cold January evening. Chef Subarna created a personalized experience for our Links Community. Our thanks to the Chef and our Social Committee organizers for a "delicious" evening of food and fun.





### **VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP:**

During January, Paula Kravits hosted a Valentine card-making workshop for Links' residents to teach the craft of making personalized Valentine's Day cards for loved ones. The easily learned skills apply to other holiday events and occasions. Fun was had by all. Thanks Paula for the fun workshops.



### **THE LINKS WINE CLUB:**

The Links Wine Club met on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at 4:00 pm at the Community Center. Our theme this time was East Coast U.S. wines. We learned about and tasted wines from up and down the East Coast. Approximately 40 people attended and some great food was shared with everyone in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 4:00 pm at the Community Center. The theme for the May meeting is Australian and New Zealand wines and will be hosted by Donna Stilwell and Liz Douglass.





### **LAST FRIDAY EVENT - FEBRUARY:**

The annual and renowned Links Community Chili Cook-Off was a huge success. We had 12 chilis entered in the contest and approximately 70 attendees. First place went to Claudia Clark for her “gastronomic” masterpiece. Robyn Robinson and Liz Zaic tied for 2nd and 3rd place. Thanks to all the chefs and everyone for making the event a great success.



### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION:**

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the Links of Gettysburg. Green hats, green ties, and pants with four leaf clovers adorned the partygoers. A little wine, Irish whiskey, and good eats fortified the group while socializing and dancing. Line dancers found their rhythm dancing to the Electric Slide, Wobble, and Cupid Shuffle ... and of course a little Irish jig.

Should you want to partake in this fun exercise come join us on the following Tuesdays: March 27, April 3, 10, and 17 at 1:00 pm in the Community Center.



## **LINKS WINTER BILLIARD LEAGUE:**



The Links Billiard League concluded its regular season of doubles play on February 28th. After nine weeks of spirited 8-ball competition, the player emerging with the best won/loss percentage was Gil Clark, with a .670 mark. He was followed by Andy Muenzfeld, Mark Wivell, Tim Dehan, and Bill Obreiter.

Instead of a tenth week of doubles play, a new element was introduced to wrap up the regular season. Twelve players split into two teams for the first Links Cup. This was a Ryder Cup type match between Team Mason and Team Dixon, with a mixture of singles and doubles play. Team Mason emerged victorious thanks to a spirited performance by team Mason's duo of Ken Mutzabaugh and Steve Rice, who defeated Bruce Terry and Lee Fortenberry 10-5. This more than offset one-point victories by Team Dixon in the other two matches.

Every year the Winter League offers a post season Singles Tournament. The double elimination tournament was held this year on March 14 and 21. The eight players who made it through to the last night included Clark, Andy Muenzfeld, Mark Wivell, Tim Dehan, Bill Obreiter, Rice, and the rookies, Thornberry and Michael Pastick. The eventual winner was Steve Rice, who came back from an early loss to Michael Pastick (voted Rookie-of-the-Year) to win the losers bracket. He then faced Andy Muenzfeld from the winner's bracket. Steve won the first match, 3-1 forcing another match with Andy that he won 3-2. The League, which has been running annually since 2010, is directed by Gil Clark, with much assistance from Andy Muenzfeld. The next formal playing session will begin in October.

Informal play will go on between now and then. Anyone interested in playing pool should contact Gil Clark.

# Upcoming Special Activities

## *World Team Sports "Face of America" Bike Ride*



The morning of **April 29** at approximately 11:00 am, 600 riders with around 150 wounded/disabled veterans will pass our Links community while participating in the World Team Sports "Face of America" bike ride. This two-day ride originates in our nation's Capital and proceeds to the first stop in Frederick, Maryland. The second day the ride proceeds on the back roads to Gettysburg and always passes the Links community on Mason Dixon road.

This will be our 10th year that we as a community have turned out to say "thank you" to these veterans, many of whom are disabled, as well as the active duty and civilian participants (600 plus total riders). We appreciate the veterans and active duty participants for their service to our country and have demonstrated that as the attached picture illustrates.

The bike ride participants have all said that passing through the Links on the second day and getting such a great reception with so many flags has been an inspiration to them, and one they look forward to after a long ride through the back country from Frederick to Gettysburg. For information, please contact Bruce Bradshaw or Stu Kravits.





# Upcoming Community Activities

## **THE SECOND TUESDAY GROUP:**

In January, the group met for a brown bag lunch followed by an afternoon of playing board games. Some of us learned a version of dominoes called Chicken Foot and other games. Everyone had a great time and we will be doing games again in the future. In February the Group had a swap where many interesting items were exchanged.

As we move into the summer months we will be doing Poolside Lunches giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy our lovely pool area. The lunches will be the months of June–September. They have been very popular in past years so make plans to join us.

The Second Tuesday Group typically meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Community Center. If you have questions or would like more information about the group, please call or e-mail Cynde Vance.

## **THE LINKS WINE CLUB:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 4:00 pm at the Community Center. The theme for the May meeting is Australian and New Zealand wines and will be hosted by Donna Stilwell and Liz Douglass. More information shortly on the May event. The current schedule for the remainder of 2018 is Aug 11 and Nov 10. All meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host/organizer each quarter. NOTE: The hosts get to choose the theme.

All interested Links Community residents are invited to participate. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Bud & Cynde Vance by email or by phone.

## **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. RSVPs 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 am. 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.

## **LADIES BOOK CLUB**

The Ladies of the Links Book Club is looking forward to another quarter of monthly get-togethers. The list of books we have enjoyed goes back to May of 2006! Our March 28 selection was *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Wednesday April 25 we will share thoughts on the mystery novel *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger. Moving forward to May 23, we will read *The Tour: A Trip Through Ireland*, a novel by Jean Grainger. If any of these selections intrigue you, please join our friendly talks in the Community Center lounge the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. For additional information email: Claudia Clark.

# Links Community HOA News

## **NEWSPAPER RECYCLING AT THE LINKS:**

Newspaper recycling started in 2006 when many families were moving in, making new friends and exploring the local area. Several families took the opportunity to visit Mason-Dixon Farm for a tour. We were told that they were in constant need of newspapers to be used in their birthing barns. Links residents started to collect newspapers to be sent to the Farm via a Boy Scout troop located in Gettysburg and then later in Littlestown. The Farm recently stopped the practice of using the papers, but the Scout troop found another business that needed papers that was willing to pay them. The papers now go to a company located in Hanover that uses the shredded paper for padded envelopes.



The money they received goes to defray the cost of running the Troop as well as helping supplement individual activities. Our monthly contribution amounts to about 1/3 of what they deliver to this business. Our efforts are welcomed and appreciated. We help them with their finances and we reduce our carbon footprint. Everyone is a winner.

Product pick up is once a month, usually the third Friday. Products that they will take besides newspapers, include glossy advertisements, magazines, catalogues, phone, paperback and hard cover books, and paper used for packing.

Please do not send wrapping paper, shredded paper (bills, etc.), envelopes or cardboard.

POC is Frank Negro.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT:**



The Family Activities Committee is hard at work finalizing the details for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center. We hope you'll save the date: **FRIDAY, MARCH 30!! The fun starts at 1:00 pm. The Egg Hunt starts at 1:30 pm.** POC is Stacy Rice

## **SPRING LINE DANCING:**

Four-week activity beginning March 27 through April 17 on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Community Center. Bring your dancing shoes – dress comfortably. Contact Brenda Insalaco.



# Courtyards HOA Update

## **Modification of Public Offering Statement (POS) Rules and Regulations:**

The Courtyards Homeowners' Association (HOA) Executive Board proposed changes to paragraph 16 (pertaining to "signs") and paragraph 19 (pertaining to "decorations") of the Rules and Regulations. Proposed changes were forwarded to all Courtyards Homeowners for their comments and input. There were no objections to wording of the proposed changes and the Courtyards HOA Executive Board approved and published these changes. These changes to Paragraphs 16 and 19 of the Rules and Regulations were forwarded to all Courtyards Homeowners and are posted on the Links HOA website <http://www.linkshoa.org/courtyards-hoa-information>. Changes are effective March 1, 2018.

Respectfully,

## Recurring / Scheduled Links Activities

Bud, Tom, and Karen

**Ladies' Exercise Class** at the CC at 9-10 am.

- 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 am. (Brenda Insalaco)

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

**Co-Ed Chair Yoga** Class at the CC Mondays at 10:30 am. (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 am. (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 am. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

**Ladies' Mahjongg Group** on Thursdays, 2-4 pm. (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 am. in CC.  
(Cynde Vance)

**Ladies' Antiquing Group** monthly outings. (Shelly Anderson)

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

**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)

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

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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 Summer edition of the Linksletter is June 15.

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