

The Linksletter

Winter 2020 Edition

Links Winter Socials

January – Potluck Dinner & Social

February – Chili Cook-off Challenge

March – Garden Club Presentation

Apr 10 – Easter Egg Hunt

Dates/Times to be published

POC & Thank You

Please refer to your Links Directory for POC contact information not published to protect individual privacy.

A special thank you to all contributors to this edition and those who work to make the Links the great community that it is.

Links HOA website is: <http://www.LinksHOA.org>

Master Association Notes

The Master Association Annual meeting was held on November 14, 2019. Some of the main issues conveyed at the meeting included: (1) there will be no lifeguard at the pool for the 2020 summer season, (2) the cash reserves dropped to around \$58,400K due to planned and unplanned expenditures, (3) the 2020 non-annual budget expenditure items are focused on safety and security, and (4) there was no proposal to increase annual fees for the 2020 budget. An email containing the meeting minutes was submitted to all residents on November 29, 2019.

We will have a new lawn care contract with Atlantic Maintenance Group effective January 1, 2020. The contract includes installing flowers twice annually in the island at the entry to Clubhouse Drive.

Russ Avrigli



Remember Winter of 2019?B-r-r-r!

Courtyards Update

(1). The monthly HOA fees for all Courtyards Homeowners increase to \$175.00 per month effective January 2020. REMINDER: Please make checks out to the Courtyards HOA and mail to 200 Clubhouse Drive, Box 2, Gettysburg PA 17325. DO NOT place checks or payments in the large parcel boxes in the consolidated mailbox by the community center.

(2). The Courtyards will have a new lawncare contractor, Atlantic Management Group, effective January 1, 2020. Brightview's contract was not renewed

(3). We are actively working, along with the other Links HOAs, with the Golf Course on renewing contracts for both curbside pick-up and irrigation services for our community. No curtailing of services is expected as we negotiate these contracts.

Courtyards Executive Board: Bud, Mike and Russ

Winter Activities Around Gettysburg

January 18	Free Tour Day at the Adams County Winery
January 18	GNMP 11-week Winter Lecture Series of hour-long talks
Feb 28 & Mar 7	Mount Hope Maple Madness maple sugaring festival
March 2 +	Bolshoi Ballet in Cinema at the Majestic Theater
March 24	Gettysburg Community Concert Association Series begins
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For additional local events of interest this winter, visit the Destination Gettysburg website.

<https://www.destinationgettysburg.com>

Welcome to New Residents

Ray Alfaro & Elizabeth Torres	147 Savannah Dr.
Phil & Michelle Apple	16 Cottage Ln.
Larry Dobson	220 Savannah Dr.
Claire Drake & Steve Sewell	155 River Rd.
Philip & Letty Dudas	221 Savannah Dr.
Ronald & Charlene Hibbs	8 River Rd.
Christopher & Becky Hunter	22 Cottage Ln.
David Kikla	29 Cottage Ln.
Paul & Linda Marmillion	90 Garrison Falls Rd.
Bert & Sherry Waybright	15 Cottage Ln.

Activities Around the Links

Congratulations to Bernie Mazer for his election as a Supervisor for Mount Joy Township.

FAMILY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING 2019

This year the family committee hosted their Halloween party. We had over 100 people attend, enjoying hayrides, decorating cookies and doing a variety of crafts (pictures below). Our breakfast with Santa this year had over 60 folks in attendance! We are so thankful that we got to spend the holidays with your families and your children and grandchildren.

April 10, 2020, we will be having our annual Easter egg hunt with light refreshments in the community center please mark your calendar for this wonderful springtime event.

Again, it is an honor to work on the Family Committee and put together exciting family events that bring together our children and grandchildren. We have now created a Facebook page that is private to our community and extended family members. Please make sure to go on Facebook and follow this link to like the page and pass this on to your children so that future planning events will be made easier on your part! <https://m.facebook.com/groups/564850851004940/?ref=share>





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

I want to take a moment and thank everyone who came out to celebrate breakfast with Santa and make the holidays special for our children and grandchildren!! I also want to thank all who contributed:

- Linda Pekala for once again, baking the best sugar cookies and patiently helping 30 little children cover them in frosting and decorate;
- Trish Chernock for your decorating eye;
- Pat Adair for taking all the RSVPs;
- Paul our resident Santa, who works at the cart shed all year and graciously agreed to play St. Nick;
- Our generous neighbors who donate their hard earned money and time so that we can make the holidays special for our children and grandchildren!

It was suggested that we host a Valentine's party for grandparents and grandchildren. I am looking to gauge interest for an event like this. If this is something that would interest you, please let me know! If I hear from enough people, we will put something together! *Anna Domzalski*





Our Last Friday Social event in October was the annual Oktoberfest celebration hosted by the Links Social Committee. It was an opportunity to share in the fine food, beverages and music of the German Tradition and was prepared by the residents. Oktoberfest nicely fits our community concept of any good reason to get together....and eat! Here are some pictures of that great time. Thanks to all!



LINKS GIVING BACK – A Special Thanks to All Who Contributed



On December 9, several Links residents again stocked shelves with food items for Ruth's Harvest. We participate in this activity five times a year. Pictured here are a few of the residents who helped with the stocking.

Scarves

Links residents and members of Toms' Creek United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg knitted or crocheted 115 scarves for Adams County residents who are currently undergoing treatment for cancer. These scarves were part of a backpack of items given to each person.



Sandy and Frank Negro



Robyn Robinson led our Socks of Love donation campaign for our local Homeless Shelter. Our residents donated and stuffed 88 socks of love for both adults and children. Donations included socks, toiletries and personal items. They were delivered on Sunday December 15. The Shelter was very appreciative of our gifts.



LADIES NIGHT OUT WINE & COCKTAIL GLASS EXCHANGE PARTY



Donna Stilwell and Colleen Arrighi put together a Wine & Cocktail Glass Exchange Party in November. The event was a huge success! Great food and plenty of wine, and wonderful company. We plan on making this an annual event, so look for the invite in November. We hope to have even a bigger turnout next year.



BUNCO

Bunco is held the 2nd Thursday of the month, hosted at different homes each month. Although our Bunco of 12 ladies is full, we do always welcome subs and would be happy to add you to our list. If you are new to the neighborhood it's a great way to get to know some of ladies of the links. If you're interested in joining our sub list, please contact me at colleenarrighi@yahoo.com



BILLIARDS ANYONE?



The Links Billiard League will kick off its Winter 8 ball season on January 8, 2020. We invite and welcome new members. If you have ever played pool - even if it was many years ago - and have good memories of fun and social interaction, please consider joining your fellow Links men and spend the next three cold months in a great indoor activity.

We play on Wednesday evenings, using tables hosted by members. No need to drive too far! The format is doubles, so even if your skill level is not up to par you will have plenty of support. Each night you are paired with several players; over the course of the season you will play with 20 or more of your friends and neighbors. In fact, there will be opportunities for you to get together with fellow players prior to the season starting so that you can get warmed up. I am happy to answer any questions you might have. I welcome you to contact me at: gilclark7@comcast.net or call my home: 717-359-8634. *Gil Clark*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

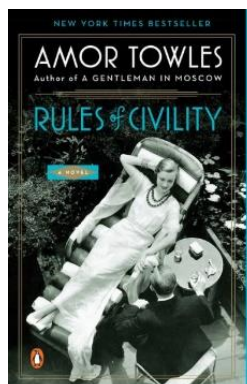
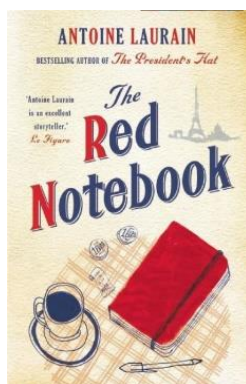
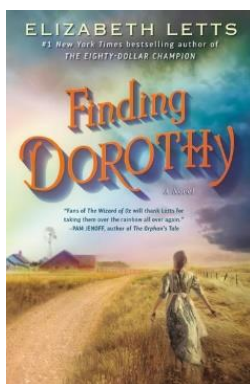
The Ladies of The Links Book Club is anticipating another great year of fellowship through reading interesting novels. Book Club monthly meetings take place at 10:00 am in the lounge of The Links Community Center. We hope you will join us in reading a gift that keeps on giving: a good book. We cordially invite our neighbors to join us as we schedule the following books: *Claudia Clark*

January 22 *Finding Dorothy*, a novel by Elizabeth Letts

February 26 *The Red Notebook*, a novel by Antoine Laurain

March 25 *Rules of Civility*, a novel by Amor Towles

April 22 *Olive, Again*, a novel by Elizabeth Strout





THE LINKS CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club is on a pause until spring. Contact Joe Hunter, joehunter65@gmail.com, to join us for cigars and spirits on a monthly basis.

THE LINKS WINE CLUB



The Links Wine Club continues to be a popular event. We met on Saturday November 2, 2019, at the Community Center. The event hosted by Kurt & Gayl Dustin, Bud & Cynde Vance and Jerry & Betsy Dougherty centered on the theme of box wines and was a lot of fun. Our event included props hand crafted by Betsy (Thanks Betsy) that made great photo ops. If interested, please join us for the next meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2020. The February meeting will be hosted by

Shelly Anderson. Stay tuned for more information on the theme and requests for volunteers.

Meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host/organizer each quarter. If you're interested and host, you get to choose the theme. All interested Links Community residents are invited to participate. If you have questions or would like more information, please email us at bacvance@gmail.com or give us a call at 717-359-0366. *Bud & Cynde Vance*



Activities Around the Links

Billiards League on Monday evenings during the summer. (Gil Clark)

Chair Yoga at the CC on Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. (Brenda Insalaco)

Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities (Anna Domzalski)

Ladies' Book Club at the CC at 10 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

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

Ladies' BUNCO Group: call organizer for more details. (Colleen Arrighi)

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

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 a.m. in the CC –
currently inactive requiring an organizer volunteer

Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. (Brenda Insalaco)

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month at a local Gettysburg restaurant, aligned to the Ladies' Breakfast schedule. (Stu Kravits)

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

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

Pickleball – inactive during winter (Brenda Insalaco)

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

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

Social Activities Committee schedules Last Fridays and other events throughout the year (Sal Ferlisi)

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

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.

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.