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Presidents Letter by David Cochrain

I hope everybody had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and ate entirely too much. Enjoy the coming holiday season. This time of year is when we can turn to one of my favorite charities—MVRA's Adopt a Family. It is run under the auspices of the Bucks County Opportunity Council. All the money collected goes towards providing a Christmas for one or two other families who would otherwise have little or nothing. We have done this for the past 20 years and the thank you letters have been worth every penny.

I hope that everybody has or will see the orange poles behind all of the fire hydrants in the neighborhood. Thanks again to Brian Pultro for installing them. They are there so that if the hydrants get buried by snowplows our first responder fire fighters can still find them in an emergency. If you see one in you're or a neighbor's yard you can provide additional help by digging them out. Please don't remove them. They will be removed in the spring before lawns need to be mowed so that we can reuse them the following year.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

The National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the annual total of 235 million consumed in the United States—were eaten at Thanksgiving.

Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and New York are the major pumpkin growing states, together they produced 1.1 billion pounds of pumpkin in 2010. Total U.S. production was over 1.5 billion pounds.

Welcome to the Miller's by Kelli Chioffe

Welcome to our new neighbors, Joe and Caroline Miller, at 2116 Chapman Circle. They are all settled in after moving from Levittown, PA last Spring and have been doing numerous jobs around the house to make it theirs. They came to this area in search of some great schools and some more space for their two young girls and dog. Joe works as a Maintenance Mechanic Manager at Septa in Philadelphia, PA and has been employed there for 14 years. Caroline is a Special Education Teacher at the Intermediate Unit in Morrisville, PA and works in an Autistic/Emotional Support classroom and absolutely loves her job. She has been working there for 11 years. Caroline received her Teaching Degree from Temple University and got her Masters in Special Education from Holy Family University. She also sells Thirty-One Products. If you are interested give her a call! They have two girls ages five and two and a dog named Lindy. The family loves anything having to do with the outdoors. Camping and going to the beach are the family favorites. They also enjoy fishing, going to the zoo, aquariums, and going to local Grange Fairs. The girls especially love playing on their outside swing set as well as playing with bubbles, chalk and even bugs. They are curious girls and really enjoy the outside world. Of course Disney and anything Disney Princesses are also at the top of their list. Please join me in welcoming our new neighbors. They can be reached at 215-801-3472.



Happy Birthday!

December

- 5th—Julie Mittura
- 8th—Kevin Ryan
- 16th—Emily Curtis
- 16th—Leah Curtis
- 31st—Kristen Blank

January

- 1st—Johanna Italia
- 1st—Katie Italia
- 1st—Luke Italia
- 5th—Cassidy Mendham
- 8th—Henry Tull
- 14th—Camryn Carnahan
- 17th—Dan Decker
- 18th—Addison Gelfand
- 18th—Harper Shernoff
- 18th—Tyler Antonacci
- 19th—Jackson Pultro
- 22nd—Madeleine Engle
- 23rd—Kiersten Huhn



February

- 3rd—Ava Gelfand
- 6th—Elliot Tull
- 9th—Lauren Mittura
- 12th—Amanda Antonacci
- 25th—Hannah Kruegel
- 25th—Leah Kruegel
- 26th—Lydia Keener
- 26th—Meredith Keener

March

- 11th—Cole Martin
- 18th—Liz Decker
- 21st—Jonah Basta
- 27th—Emily Senneff





I say this every year, but it is hard to believe that the holiday season is almost upon us. This is an MVRA holiday tradition that I have been a part of for as long as I have lived here (20 years!!) but I know it was started way before that. For those new to this tradition, every year we as a community raise money to adopt a family in need through The Bucks County Opportunity Council located in Doylestown. I am so thankful for the generosity of our MVRA family. Last year we were able to not only provide clothes and toys for our kids in the family but we raised enough money to purchase a, much needed, refrigerator for the single mom of four. Every family in this program receives assistance in getting an education, finding employment, and eventually getting out of poverty and making a better life for their family.

We are starting to collect donations for our Mountain View Adopt a Family 2017. To make donating faster and easier, this year we will be adding something new. In addition to accepting cash and check donations as in previous years, we are adding a link for PayPal payments to make it easier to donate online!

Donations can be dropped off, mailed, or made through PayPal. Please make checks payable to MVRA and they can be sent to: 2168 Jericho Drive.

Thank you again and again for all the donations. This is something that I really enjoy being involved in every year.

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Progressive Dinner Recap by Diane Keener

Well another FUN night for MVRA adults is in the books. Our neighborhood has been doing this event the second Saturday in November (for 20+ years?), and I still look back the next day and smile. It is such a good time and a great way to have fun with fellow "Mountainviewers". I feel that every year the food gets better and better

Thanks to Tre Fatelli of Newtown (neighbor Jim Murray's business) for supplying the main course of meatballs and "gravy". It was delicious and I think the easiest meal to date for the dinner house people. Speaking of the dinner houses, we had 5 this year with 50 people, or 10 people per house. A BIG thank you goes out to all the dinner houses: Porters, Harris, Gundy, Davidson, and Haenn.

The London's hosted the appetizer house this year and the appetizers did not disappoint. Congratulations to Melissa Tracey for winning the best appetizer with her apricot & brie on mini toasts (she received a \$25 gift card to Wine and Spirits for her creation).

The Keener household survived another year of being the dessert house. It was so fun hanging out LATE with neighbors. The dessert contributions were outstanding and the winner was Sonia Heaps with her homemade pumpkin cheesecake, YUM!! (she also received a \$25 gift card to Wine and Spirits).

So, speaking strictly for myself, I had a GREAT time this year at the Progressive Dinner! And, for all of those who couldn't make it, I hope this report gives you a serious case of FOMO (that would be Fear of Missing Out J), and you will clear your calendars for next year!!!





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Welcome to the Bradley's By Kelli Chioffe

In Early October, I had the pleasure of meeting Valdez and Yvette Bradley and their adorable children, Gabriella and Gavin. They moved into our neighborhood in September and cannot wait to be involved in Mountain View social activities. The move brings them from Willow Grove, PA where they were just looking for more room to expand. Valdez is a Special Education Teacher at Young Scholars Charter School in Philadelphia, PA teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. He grew up in New Orleans and attended the University of Texas for Graphic Design. He then got his Masters in Teaching and Special Education at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He enjoys all things art, especially painting and drawing and loves flying RC airplanes and ping pong. Yvette is an attorney specializing in Commercial Litigation at the Law Firm of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP. in Philadelphia, Pa. She obtained her BA from Temple University in Criminal Justice and then went onto Temple Law. She grew up in Montgomery County and went to North Penn High School. She enjoys reading and anything



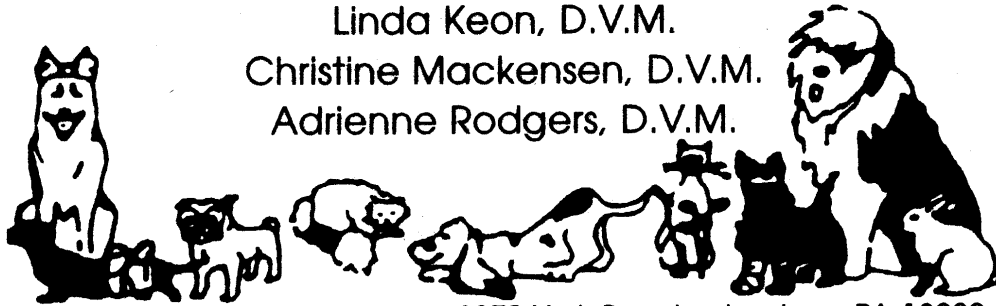
involving socializing! She loves doing activities with her energetic kids. Gabriella is 5 years old and is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at a Montessori School in Horsham, PA. She will be attending Jamison Elementary next Fall. She loves anything involving crafts and is extremely bright. She dances ballet and was Wonder Woman for Halloween. Gavin is 3 years old and also attends the Montessori School with his sister. He loves dinosaurs and playing outside. He also said that he loves Batman and eating cookies! Please reach out to them and give them a warm welcome! They can be reached at 215-880-2247.

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These children/young adults from the neighborhood are available to help with the listed activities

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Jeff Albright	3/00	215-343-6013				X	
Kristen Blank	12/98	609-577-5356	X				
Jacob Blank	4/01	609-577-5356	X	X	X		
Caroline Brandt	8/01	215-491-5769	X				X
Blair Bulsza	8/00	267-483-8476	X				
Erin Choiffe	4/99	215-343-2823				X	
Auggie Davidson*	9/01	215-491-0669	X	X	X	X	X
Samantha Davidson*	5/04	215-491-0669	X	X	X	X	
Tommy Davidson	10/02	215-491-0669		X	X	X	X
Jackie Decker	11/95	215-491-2373				X	
Dan Decker	1/94	215-491-2372			X		
Liz Decker	3/02	215-491-2373	X				X
Gabriella Gutierrez*	9/99	267-483-5413	X			X	X
Johanna Italia	1/02	610-721-1259	X				
Hannah Maurer*	7/98	215-343-3016	X				
Haley Maurer*	5/01	215-343-3016	X			X	
Brendan McShane	04/02	215-343-4338		X		X	
Marissa McShane	04/05	215-343-4338				X	
Cassidy Mendham	01/01	215-343-4912	X				
Ian Muir	6/00	215-491-1643		X	X	X	X
* Red Cross Certified							

Halloween Parade 2017 by Josh Curtis

The annual MVRA Halloween Parade took place Oct 28 and a great time was had by all. The parade kicked off at the Curtis's house (Jericho Drive) at 10am. The parade was led by the Warwick Fire Company with 30+ children and even more parents in tow. Thank you to the Mazeika's, the Moshers's, the Keener's, and the Miller's for handing out candy and toys to the children along the route.

A "HUGE" thank you to all the residents that generously donated to the Warwick Fire Company. On top of all the fun, we were able to raise more than \$500 for the fire company. We really appreciate the Warwick Fire Department bringing their trucks and treats for the children.



Health and Wealth For the New Year by Brian Pultro

When many folks think of planning for retirement, they do so in terms of dollars and cents, numbers on a spreadsheet, policies in force, and time horizons. However, retirement is much more than the sum of the items listed above. We plan for retirement and save for retirement, so we can enjoy the lifestyle we wish to live in our golden years. Have you formulated a plan to be able to live that lifestyle?

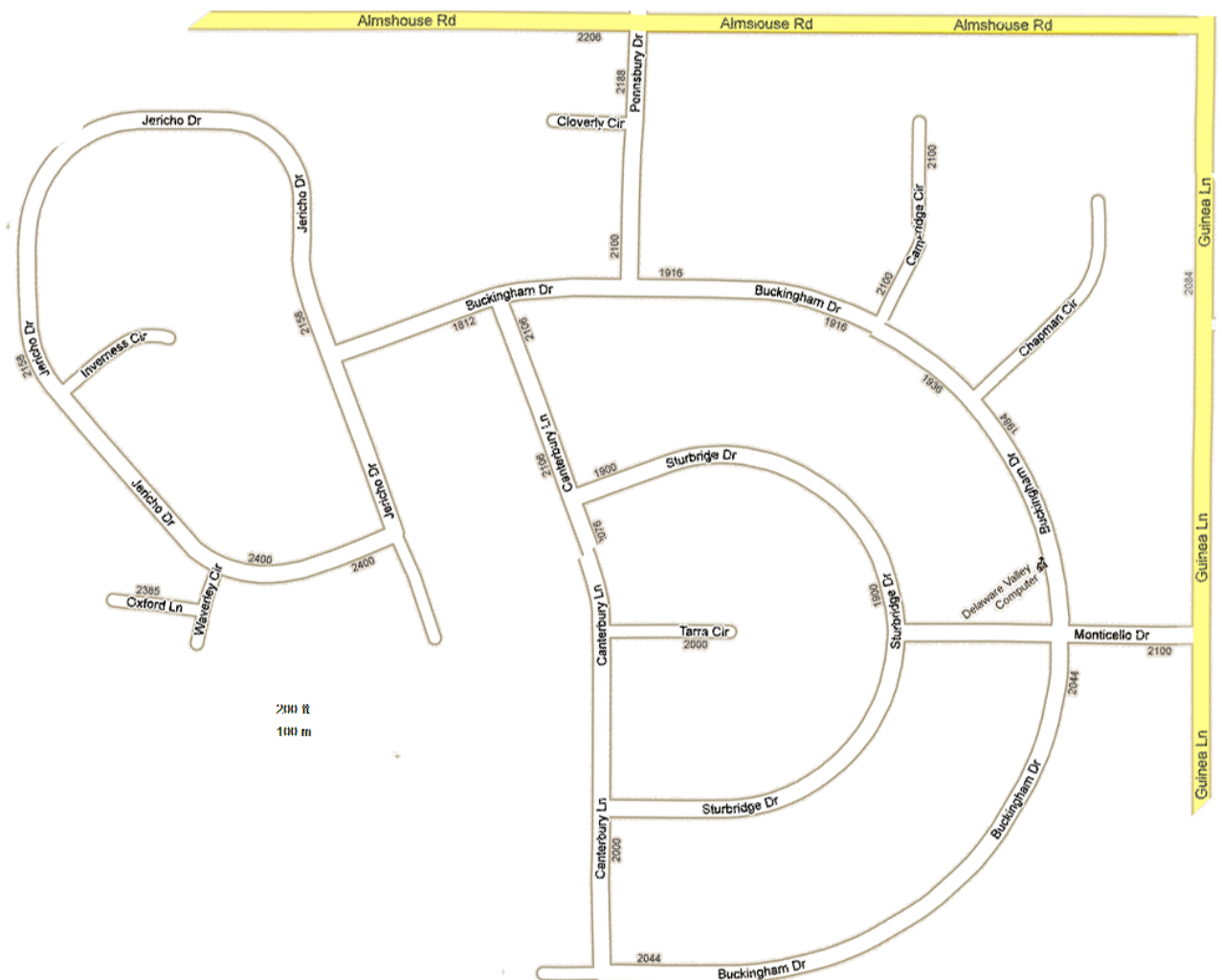
The point is, retirement needs to be a two-pronged approach. Sure, we need to accumulate enough wealth to be able to live the lifestyle we dream of when we retire. But, in addition to that, we also need to be in good enough health to be able to physically live the dreams we have in retirement. Part of our retirement plan needs to involve the physical upkeep on our bodies as well as our portfolios.

That trip to Japan to summit Mount Fuji can't happen if you are in poor health. Your plan to hike down to the bottom of the Grand Canon can't happen if you are in poor health. Walking the streets of Paris visiting their famed museums and restaurants can't happen if you are in poor health. Bending over to pick up the grandkids is tough to do with a sore back.

To enjoy our retirement, we must be healthy in retirement. Therefore, anyone planning for retirement needs to also formulate a plan to maintain their body if they want to enjoy the fruits of a lifetime of working towards their golden years dreams. You wouldn't ever consider allowing your retirement plan to become unhealthy. Make sure you do the same for your body.

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