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Welcome to Autumn, Neighbors!

As we enter October, the world around us becomes more colorful. The air is brisker. Evenings are spent around the firepit, kids delight in planning their costumes, we can't avoid pumpkin spice in everything, and there is far too much candy around the house. It's one of our favorite seasons!

This month, our family story highlights Lise Deguire, a longtime Lower Makefield resident, licensed psychologist, and author. Lise has overcome tremendous obstacles in her life, raised two beautiful daughters, and has written a memoir about her life as a trauma survivor.

We take a look inside Canal-O-Ween, a quintessential Yardley event brought to town by Experience Yardley. Last year's Canal-O-Ween "Jack-O-Lantern Stroll" brought tens of thousands of visitors to Yardley. Learn how your family can take part in the fun during this unique and festive event!

If you've been following the Real Estate market, you've seen a lot of activity this year. Mortgage Rates have fallen, and Expert Tom Kovalcik of Federated Lending shares insight into why it may be a perfect time to refinance your mortgage. Real Estate Expert Drew Ferrara provides advice on when to refinance for home improvement, and when it may be time to move on.

Maggy Robinson, President Emeritus of Artists of Yardley (AOY) provides details on AOY's upcoming fundraising event to be held in November. And Rheva Katz of Bucks County Neighbors has a request for local businesses and philanthropists who'd like to support Bucks County Neighbors, a group focused on supporting The Peace Center and PennDel Mental Health.

Finally, our event section is full of fun, festive hayrides and hauntings, pumpkin picking and fall festivals, and lots of ways to enjoy our extraordinary community this season. Enjoy!

Warmest Regards,

Jim & Heather DiPrato

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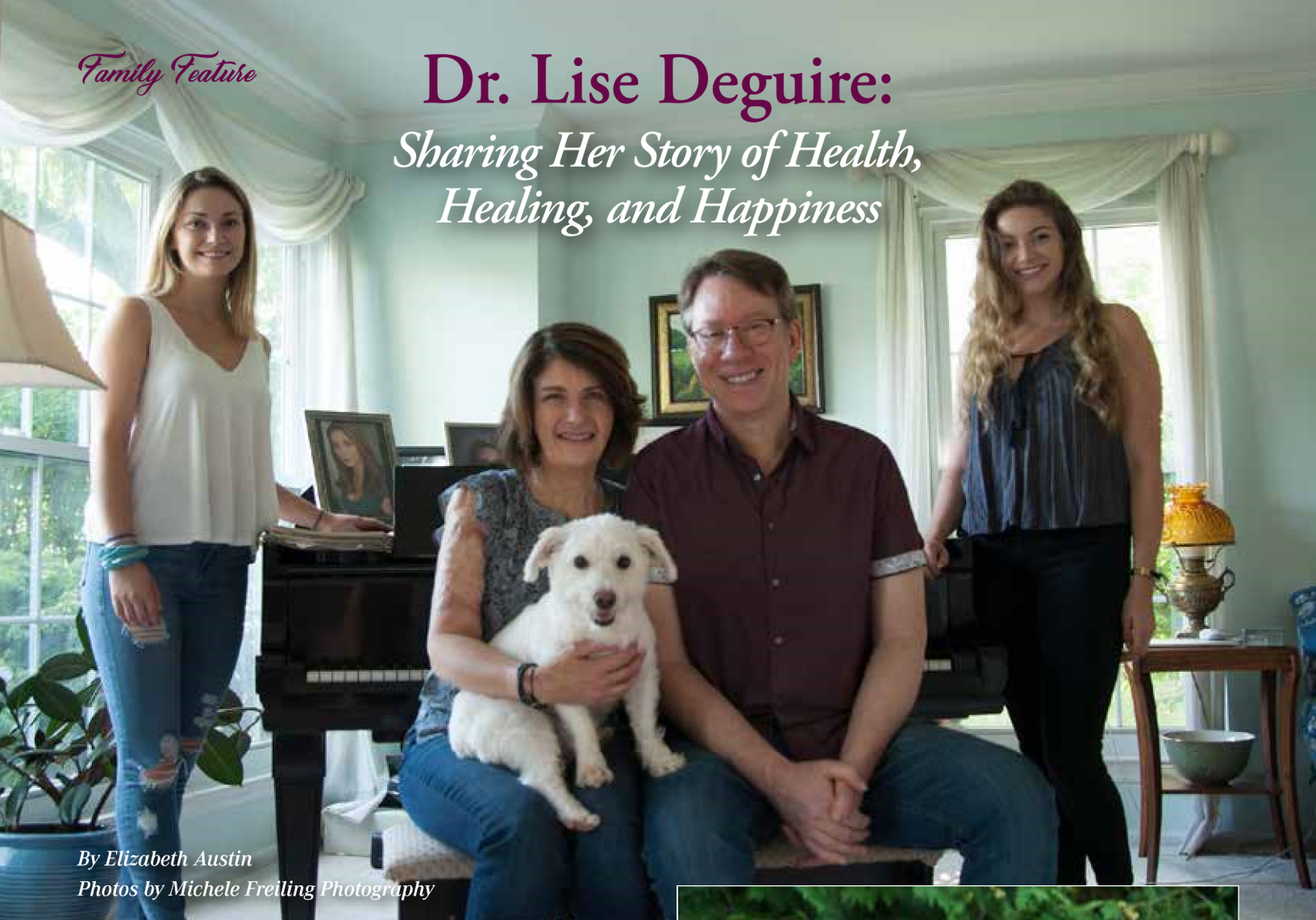
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Dr. Lise Deguire: *Sharing Her Story of Health, Healing, and Happiness*



By Elizabeth Austin
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“If our family had a motto,” says Dr. Lise Deguire, “it would be follow your dreams; we will support you.” Lise and her husband, Dr. Douglas Behan, are long-time Yardley residents, along with Lise’s daughters Julia and Anna. The family has dedicated their time to giving back, as well as sharing their experiences with others in their community.

Doug and Lise met at work. “We’re a blended family,” says Lise. “Doug is the girls’ stepfather.” Lise and Doug married in 2002.

Doug grew up in New Jersey. He earned his Bachelors and both his Masters and Doctorate in Social Work from Rutgers, where he is currently a professor. He also runs the Continuing Education department for their Social Work program.

Lise grew up in different places, as her family moved around a lot. “Mostly, we lived in Long Island and New Jersey,” she says. She earned her Bachelors from Tufts, and her Doctorate from Widener University. Currently she is a psychologist in private practice in Pennington, NJ. Lise is also an author, blogger, and speaker.

The family was always active in the Pennsbury School District. “Julia did drama and sang in the concert choir,” Lise says. Her starring roles include *Zombie Prom*, *The Anatomy of Grey*, *A Piece of my Heart*, and *White Christmas*. It was through the Pennsbury thespian troupe



that she attended both the PA Thespian Festival and the International Thespian Festival. She earned top honors for her performances there three years in a row, which included college scholarships. Julia was an honors student, as well as a member of the National Honors Society.

She has since pursued further training in acting at the University of Carolina School of the Arts. She has had leading roles in several productions there, including *Violet in Suddenly Last Summer*. She founded and led a student improvisation group, along with a fellow student. She has also appeared in several short films. Recently she moved to Chicago, where she is pursuing an acting career, as well as further training.



enjoy our neighborhood,” says Lise. “It’s peaceful, quiet, friendly, and since getting our dog, Frankie, we have gotten to know our neighbors more! Frankie insists on greeting everyone he passes,” she says. Lise and Doug are also LMT Dog Park members, where they enjoy running into neighbors and friends.

Lise’s passions lie in her writing, blogging, and public speaking. She has written a memoir titled *Flashback Girl: Lessons on Resilience from a Burn Survivor*. She also writes a weekly blog, which addresses psychological resilience issues. In her memoir, she tells her story of suffering third degree burns on 65% of her body at the age of 4. After surviving the injury, she began treatment as a burn survivor that has spanned decades. Her memoir focuses on her experience, her treatment, the isolation and bullying she endured, her career, her journey to healing, motherhood, and finding love.

Lise is passionate about sharing her unique life story, as well as inspirational messages on resilience. She often speaks with local groups, including religious organizations and nonprofits, as a service to the community. She has spoken at many local venues, including the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fairless Hills. She is also in conversation with a number of other local religious organizations and nonprofits that focus on difficult life topics, such a suicide, disfigurement, burn survival, and sexual, emotional, and physical abuse. Lise is also interested in speaking to book clubs, as well as local libraries.

Lise’s blog can be found via her website, www.lisedeguire.com. She is also active on Facebook, as well as Twitter (@DrLiseDeguire) and Instagram (Drlisedeguire6). If you are interested in having Lise come to speak with your organization, she can be contacted via email: info@huentertainment.com

Anna was an active member of the award-winning PHS marching band. She played flute and piccolo in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and played saxophone in the Pennsbury Concert Jazz Band. She was flute section leader for the marching band during her junior year, and assistant drum major during her senior year.

Anna was an honors student, as well as a member of the National Honors Society. She is on the Dean’s List for Juniata College, where she has also been active in theater. She currently works as a tour guide for Juniata, as well as in the college daycare center.

Throughout high school, Anna volunteered at St. Lawrence Rehab Center. “It was her work there that led her to pursue a career in occupational therapy,” Lise says. Julia volunteered at a local church while in college, where she helped with the after school program, as well as paid visits to the elderly.

The family enjoys traveling together, and has taken a cruise to Alaska, as well as driven down the California coastline. They also visited London and Paris a few years ago. Currently they have one dog, a 3 year old Jack Russell/Bichon Frise mix named Frankie, who was adopted locally from ResQ Pets shelter.

Lise and Doug have been residents of Yardley Oaks for 18 years. “We



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