



With Gratitude to our Conservation Partners

The Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art and Trustees of the Runnymede Sanctuary hosted a reception on October 4, 2017 to celebrate the Conservancy's 50 years of work preserving open space and helping to improve water quality. Located at the beautiful grounds of Runnymede Sanctuary, the event honored



King Ranch easement landowners, many of whom were direct donors of land now eased to the Brandywine Conservancy, as well as members of the Conservancy Committee. Many members of the Buck and Doe Trust participated in the event as proud conserved landowners with a vested interest in the beauty and conservation of the greater King Ranch. *[continued p.2]*

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Preserving Open Space is Alive and Well!

For the past 2 years the Buck & Doe Trust and the Brandywine Conservancy have been celebrating **Frolic's (George A. Weymouth)** legacy of preserving our natural and cultural resources. He truly was the **'Catalyst for Conservation'** with his extraordinary efforts to save the King Ranch lands in 1984. His success in preserving the over 5,000 acres was just the beginning. Now, over 30 years later there are 25,000 contiguous acres under easement within the Western Headwaters Area of the Brandywine Creek Watershed! That's the good news, but the GREAT news is there are new initiatives happening within our community to preserve open space. In 2016, Newlin Township passed an Open Space Referendum and established an Open Space Fund to assist residents in



GUEST PANEL FOR NEWLIN TOWNSHIP'S
'CONVERSATION ON CONSERVATION' FORUM

obtaining conservation easements for their properties. The fund will be generated by a property tax. In 2017, West Bradford Township followed suit and passed their Open Space Referendum utilizing the earned income tax. It is so very apparent that preserving our natural resources is still a priority to the people who reside in our area. In the 5 County Southeastern Pennsylvania area, there are approximately 240,000 acres of protected open space: federal, state, local parks, farmland and privately held. Of that, more than half is located in Chester County, which is not surprising, given that of the 57 Townships within Chester County, 35 have dedicated open space funding in place.

I reside in Newlin Township and am honored to serve as our Open Space Committee Chairperson. We began meeting in January 2017. The Committee's main purpose is to identify and prioritize properties for preservation based on location, acreage, vulnerability, natural features, historical aspects and contiguity to existing preserved land and make recommendations to Township Supervisors with regard to the expenditure of open space funds.

Another vital role is to educate township residents and property owners about the value of preserving open space and the opportunities that are available. To that end we held our first 'Conversations on Conservation' forum at the Lenfest Center in the Cheslen Preserve on January 10, 2018. *[continued p.3]*

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

There are many definitions of the word "spring". As it relates to Buck & Doe Trust this year, I like the verb definitions: **"To Rejuvenate, Renew and Regrow"**.

TO "REJUVENATE": After 12 years, our newsletter has a fresh, new format designed to continue to inform you of the conservation activities and events in our community. Among a few things, a history section has been added. Local history is interesting and it supports the old adage, "to know your future, you need to know your past". Additionally, we need to capture this information otherwise it will be lost over time.

TO "RENEW": I would like to express our continued commitment to the eased landowner and their respective land trusts. BDT is expanding the **"Pass the Buck"** effort as noted in here along with an increase level of communication, education and overall support with the land trusts. Also, additional action includes active participation on the land trusts' respective committees.

TO "REGROW": Many are under the assumption that everything is "already eased". Yes, there are significant portions eased though there are still more to ease and thus "grow" the numbers of conserved properties. As you will read **Janet Sidewater's**, *(BDT Board Member)* article, our individual townships are having a growing influence on assisting land-

owners in preserving their properties. I encourage everyone to explore their own township's opportunities to assist the conservation effort. Often townships, collectively working with other groups, are able to make the difference in getting a property preserved for the landowner.

I am writing this note to you during the March 21st blizzard. We are all hopeful "spring" gets here soon! Not only does it signify "rejuvenation, renewal and regrowth" of a new season but it also allows us to get back outside and enjoy our incredible countryside!

Happy Spring!



Amy McKenna President
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COMMUNITY NEWS:

Births:

Catherine & Michael Bucklin,
baby son, **Nicholas.**

Passings:

Wendy Lofting
Renny Kerr
Ed Williams

Marriages:

Paige Daniels & Will Singer
Jenn Schurr & Tony Cadwalader

New Landowners:

Rob Robillard & Addison Van Ness
Jeff & Bonnie Kibbie
Jenn & Tony Cadwalader



**BRANDYWINE
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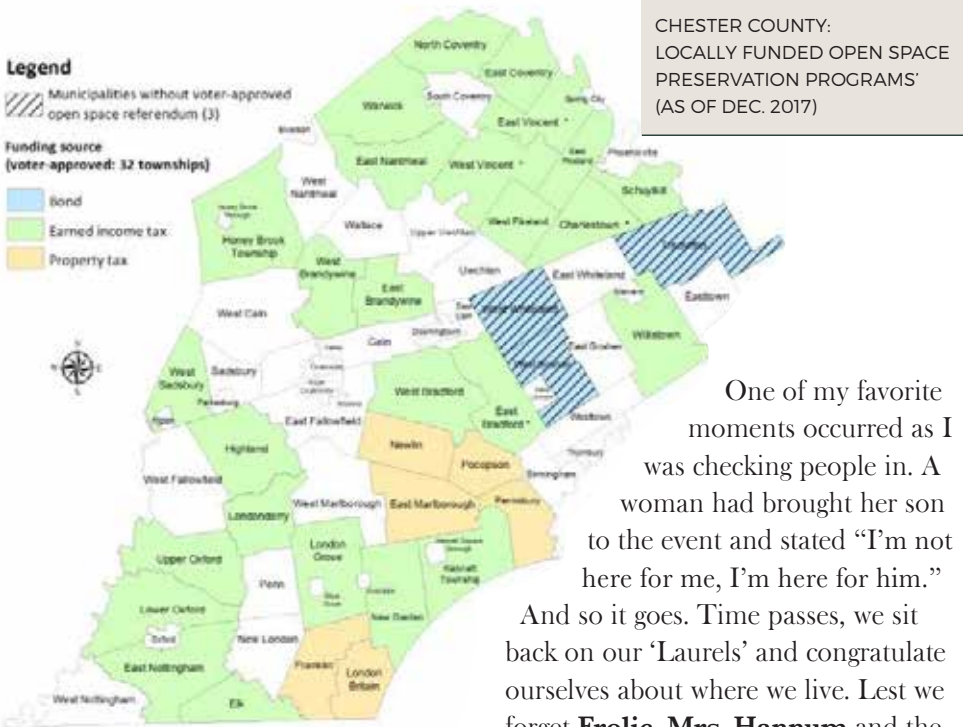
[continued from p.1] **Mrs. Diana Wister**, Runnymede founder, provided a warm welcome to those in attendance as well as graciously hosting the evening, followed by remarks from Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art's **Mr. Morris Stroud**, Chair of the Board, **Ms. Ginny Logan**, Executive Director, and **Ellen**

Ferretti, Director of the Brandywine Conservancy.

The event honored the years of conservation embraced by all those in attendance and provided a bright look forward to the Conservancy's next 50 years of preserving and protecting the cultural and natural resources of the Brandywine Valley.

Ellen M. Ferretti
Director

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THE “BUCKBOARD”

■ Brandywine Conservancy would like to offer a complimentary copy of the **‘Catalyst for Conservation’** to their members while supplies last.

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■ Reminder to everyone, who visits The Laurels Preserve, must be a paid member of the Brandywine Conservancy. Thanks.

One of my favorite moments occurred as I was checking people in. A woman had brought her son to the event and stated “I’m not here for me, I’m here for him.”

And so it goes. Time passes, we sit back on our ‘Laurels’ and congratulate ourselves about where we live. Lest we forget **Frolic, Mrs. Hannum** and the countless others who stepped up to the plate a generation ago to make a difference, we must remember that we all play such an essential role in maintaining and preserving the fabric of our exceptional community. Once open space is gone, it is gone forever.

Janet Sidewater
BDT Board Member

[continued from p.1] The panel included **John Goodall**, Brandywine Conservancy; **Gwen Lacy**, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County; **Geoff Shellington**, County of Chester Open Space Preservation and **Jack Stefferud**, Natural Lands. The event was well attended with residents representing over 450 acres of potential preservation.

SPRING FLING

**SUNDAY MAY 20
10 AM - NOON**

At Mary Ann Pyle covered bridge off Fairview Rd.

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

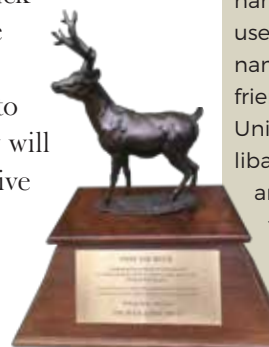
Unionville’s original name was Jackson-town and Jacksonville after the Jacksons, a family of early settlers. The name Unionville first appears in official use about 1812. A local gentleman named Jesse Buffington, along with his friends, allegedly coined the name Unionville after an evening full of libations. The street names, Jackson and Buffington, continue to exist today and memorialize those involved in Unionville’s history.



ORIGINAL PAINTING BY MAMIE DUFF AND THE PERPETUAL “PASS THE BUCK” AWARD

“Pass the Buck” BDT is adding another feature to our “Pass the Buck” award, a perpetual award given in memory of **Frolic Weymouth** to celebrate landowners who have newly eased property and/or other deserving recipient within the Buck and Doe Region. Once an eased landowner “passes” the award on to the next recipient, they will receive a commemorative print done from the original painting.

Pass it on!



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MISSION:

The Buck and Doe Trust is a non-profit organization OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE STATED MISSION IS SUPPORT OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE RUN WATERSHEDS. THESE WATERSHEDS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST FALLOWFIELD, WEST MARLBOROUGH, EAST MARLBOROUGH, HIGHLAND, LONDONDERRY, AND NEWLIN.

The Trust initiatives to accomplish this mission are:

- PROMOTE, THROUGH MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION, THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL HIGH QUALITY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.
- MONITOR AND SUPPORT ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT BY EASEMENT GRANTEES OF ALL EXISTING CONSERVATION EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS.
- PARTICIPATE, INFLUENCE, AND MONITOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAURELS RESERVE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY.
- INITIATE AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION ON LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION ISSUES WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.

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