



**BRANDYWINE  
VALLEY  
ASSOCIATION**

December 2010



**WINTER  
2010-2011**

Officers & Staff

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**OUTLOOK Campaign Appeal**

Celebrating 65 Years of Watershed Conservation

Dear BVA Members and Friends,

Please help us maintain our momentum by considering a contribution to this year's Outlook Campaign. Your generosity will directly impact our operating budget by bridging the gap between day-to-day operational expenses and the programs required to protect our watershed.

With your help, we know we can reach our Outlook 2010 Campaign goal of \$46,500.

Your unrestricted contribution will provide essential support for watershed conservation and education initiatives. We know we can make a difference together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Frederick J. Smith  
President

Brenton R. Grant III  
President Elect

**PS: Thank you if you have already sent your contribution to us.**

**BVA Leadership**

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Frederick Smith, *President*

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**HELP BVA RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**

BVA has received an anonymous challenge gift of \$10,000! Your contribution will help us rise to this challenge and will be matched dollar for dollar.

Make your contribution go further by having your employer match your gift to BVA.

# 69th Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races



Plans are underway for the 69th running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point horse races at the Myrick Conservation Center. Bring the family! Enjoy a day outdoors watching horse races and participate in fun family oriented activities.

Many sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested in helping with the Point-to-Point, please call 610-793-1090 or email [water@bva-rcva.org](mailto:water@bva-rcva.org).

More details to follow on website and future mailings.

## SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 3, 2011



*Bunny Meister receives Volunteer of the Year Award for his outstanding volunteer and leadership services to the organization over the past 23 years.*

## ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Nearly 190 members and guests attended BVA's Annual Dinner & Silent Auction on October 28th at the Mendenhall Inn to celebrate the accomplishments of our Make a Splash Capital Campaign and our 65 years of conservation in the Brandywine Watershed.

Hillsdale Elementary School's Rosalie Umile was named BVA's Teacher of the Year; along with her award she received a \$500 check from the Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority. Veronica "Ronnie" Liberi received the Environmental Instructor of the Year Award.

Also, the Resource Conservation Building at the Myrick Conservation Center which was completed in 2009 was named in honor of Robert G. Struble, Jr. in recognition of his outstanding dedication to BVA's mission. Other business included the election of six

new board members: Marlin Dise, Sally Hagele, Jim Heisman, Bunny Meister, Jim Nolan and Jack Supplee. Reelected were current Directors: Duncan Allison, Ron Agulnick, Nick Everhart, Win Fairchild, Tom Piersol and Andy Woods.

The evening concluded with a Keynote address from local businessman and author Chuck Piola. Thanks to the generous donations of over seventy auction items the Silent Auction and raffle under the volunteer leadership of Lynn Wolfrom generated

## 6th Annual

## Volunteer Work Day



On October 2nd, BVA hosted our 6th Annual Volunteer Work Day at our Myrick Conservation Center. Over 100 volunteers turned out; including scouts, neighbors, members and school groups. They completed more than 20 projects including a litter pick up along Rt. 842 and Red Lion Road, mulching, winterizing our vegetable and native plant gardens, monitoring and clean out of our blue bird houses and trail maintenance. The big project of the day was preparing our Historic Browning

Barn for its upcoming renovation in December; which took over 30 volunteers to accomplish. The work concluded at 12:30 and was followed by a lunch prepared by other volunteers.

A special thanks to all of the volunteers that turned out that day and gave their time and expertise and also Northbrook Country Market, Barnard's Orchard and Starbucks Coffee Company for providing refreshments.

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## FALL/WINTER NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Third Thursdays Programs**

December 16th, January 20th & February 17th

#### **Polar Plunge**

Saturday, February 12th

#### **Red Clay Valley Clean Up**

Saturday, March 26th

#### **Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point**

Sunday, April 3rd

For more information on these and other programs  
please visit our website at

[www.brandywinewatershed.org](http://www.brandywinewatershed.org)

Register for the Polar Plunge online at  
[www.brandywinewatershed.org](http://www.brandywinewatershed.org)



# BVA New Members

New membership support from 2/4/10 - 10/27/10

Jason D Alexander and  
Meghan A McVety  
Ms. Jennifer Baricevich  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Barnett  
Mr. Paul Bartkowski  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Bilotta, Jr.  
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Ms. Melanie Cerone  
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Ms. Gloria G. Currie  
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Joseph & Susanna Davison  
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Ms. Tracy Elliman  
Ms. Becky Fenstermacher  
Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Ferrer  
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Ms. Jennifer Hall  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Halligan  
Mr. Ricky Haug  
Ms. Glenda Hellmig  
Ms. Barbara Allen Hill  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Anthony Hitschler  
Mr. George Hobbs  
Mr. Herbert Hoffman  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hulse  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hunter  
Tracy Jacobson  
Mr. Mike Jennings  
Ms. Patricia Jones  
Mr. Richard Keller  
Mr. Tom King  
Ms. Amy Kirker  
Ms. Jillann Kuegler  
Ms. Tonia Kulp  
Mr. Randall Lambert  
Mr. Carter R. Leidy  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Levy  
Mrs. Karen Lopresto  
Ms. Pamela J. Lotterman  
Skyla MacDonald  
Ms. Stephanie Malarkey  
Ms. Kendra Mancini  
Elizabeth Roessel Manierre  
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Mr. Rory Musselman  
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Ms. Jennifer Nardo

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James & Linda Phreaner  
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Ms. Joanna Range  
Mr. Roger C. Summers  
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Mr. Mark Stevens  
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Mr. Jeff Vaughn  
Brian Waterhouse  
Ms. Jodi Whoriskey  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Wiltshire  
J. Winter  
Mrs. Eleanor Witiak  
Ms. Nancy Wood



## Jam on the Brandywine

Fun for all ages! Children pictured are visiting BVA's education tent at the Jam on the Brandywine. This event was presented by CH&E Construction Company. Generous support was also provided by SECCRA, AQUA PA, The Hogan Firm, The North Face, Victory Brewing Company, Starbucks Coffee Company, Superior Home Mortgage, Meadow Springs Farm, East of Maui Surf Shop, Bernardon Haber Holloway Architects, Secretariat, Chaddsford Winery, Aztec Copies, Brandywine Valley Life, Northbrook Canoe Company, Trail Creek Outfitters, Roosevelt Dairy Trade, Cass Luxury Shapewear, Manifestation Creations and Wistar Equipment.