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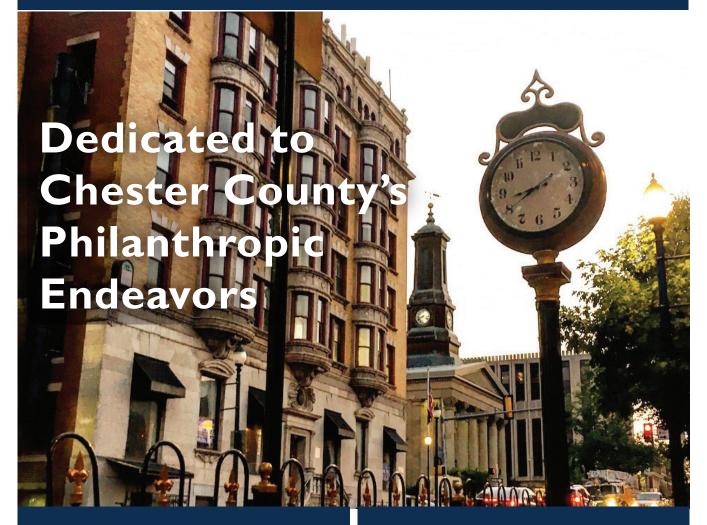


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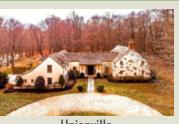




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Here's our second annual Charity Datebook, again partnering with Chester County Community Foundation and highlighting local philanthropy. At *County Lines*, we're celebrating the joys of giving and encouraging you to open your hearts, minds and wallets to keep our community strong.

The issue's centerpiece is our "2020 Charity Datebook," introduced by Karen Simmons, President of Chester County Community Foundation, who explains the work her organization does.

In "The Impact of Medical Philanthropy," Chester County Hospital describes how your charitable dollars are spent—on everything from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to the Cancer Center.

Our "Faces of Philanthropy" feature profiles nine families—Brumbaugh, DeHaven, Kalogredis, Kunsch, Morris, Sammarone, Thomas, Wilson, Moran—who've made a significant impact on our community. In "Fun Fundraisers," we spotlight others who've supported good causes, while our "Datebook Calendar" gathers almost 100 events and fundraisers for 2020. Get fashion ideas from the photo feature, "What to Wear at the Gala."

Ellen Ferretti of the Brandywine Conservancy looks at how private philanthropy and local land conservancies helped protect nearly 30% of Chester County as open space. Cathy Fiebach of Main Point Books hopes you'll give an uplifting book a chance in "Books That Inspire." And if you're interested in doing good, "Lend a Hand" includes volunteer opportunities, from rescuing animals to helping veterans, compiled by Mercedes Thomas.

Learn how good wines lubricate good causes in "Choosing Wine for Your Fundraiser" by Fred Naddeo of Fine Wine and Good Spirits. And Brandywine Table's Alyssa Thayer tells you how to indulge your sweet tooth at this year's Sweet Charity fundraiser, March 30, complete with recipes from last year's dessert contest winner from General Warren.

Finally, our Summer Camps Guide helps you plan for those long school-less days. And as always, we have the Best Local Events coverage to keep you busy and engaged this March.

We hope you'll be inspired by the good works that are the core of our very charitable region. Thank you for reading and our thanks to our advertisers for their support.

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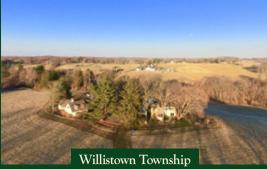
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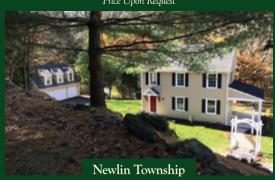
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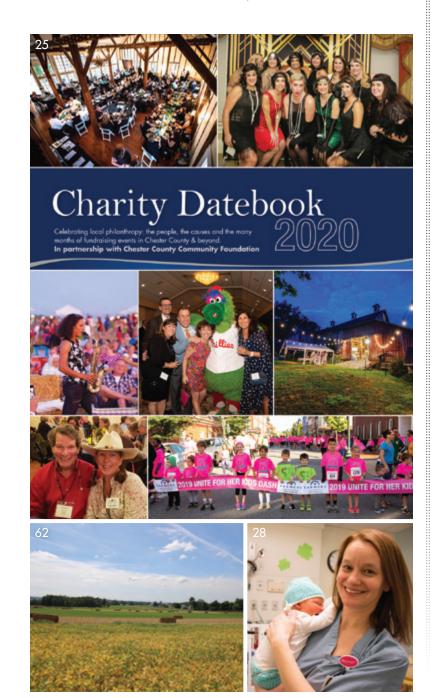
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# Good to Know Just a few things we thought you'd like to know this month

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Save a Life. Visiting the DMV? While you're there, consider becoming an organ donor. This quick decision could save a life. Donate Life Pennsylvania is a project that spreads the word through awareness programs to get people signed up as donors and to share stories of the impact of life-changing organ donation.

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the DMV altogether. Learn more at DonateLifePA.org.

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chological thriller. The Downingtown High School grad gained fame for her "Pretty Little Liars" series, loosely based on her life on the Main Line. Her newest page-turner explores how the lives of students and faculty at Aldrich University, a fictional school in Pittsburgh, are turned upside down when a hacker publicizes private emails. Sabotage and scandal ensue. More at SaraCShepard.com.



Death to Clutter. March 19th marks the first day of spring and ... the start of spring cleaning! While the Konmari method was all the rage, Swedish Death Cleaning has been sweeping the nation as an alternative method for simplifying your connection with stuff. "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning" by Margareta Magnusson encourages keeping only things your loved ones will cherish once you've passed. This approach lets you live happier now and saves your heirs from the cleaning burden later. At local bookshops.

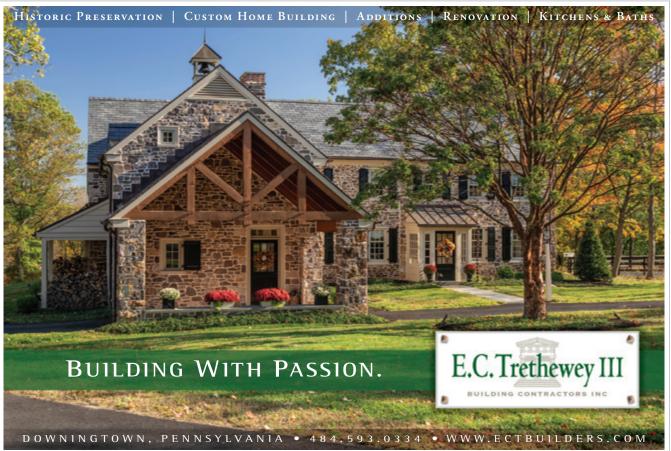
Say Cheese. Chester County kids can flash happy grins thanks to Smiles Change Lives. This national nonprofit gives braces to kids from low-income families, changing lives one smile at a time. Through this program, Kennett Square orthodontist Dr. Ryan Tamburrino and his team recently screened local kids for braces, donating \$100,000 in care. Thanks to some amazing orthodontists across the U.S. and Canada, over 13,000 smiles are wider. Help make more smiles by donating to Smiles Change Lives.org.



Dance Happy Designs. Just hearing the name makes you want to smile. This Aston-based print studio was created in 2016 by friends Julia, Liv and Emily, who hand-make tote bags to empower others with disabilities. Julia has Down syndrome and her job support coach, Liv, taught her how to silkscreen images on canvas as a way to become more independent. Almost 30 shops now sell their colorful textiles, including West Chester's Compendium, where Julia and Emily met. DanceHappyDesigns.com.







# March Picks Our Picks for top events this month

# 14th Annual Philly Craft Beer Festival

March 7

The event USA Today named one of the 10 Best Beer Festivals in the U.S. and Forbes Traveler called one of the Top 10 Beer Festivals in America. Food trucks, free shuttle service and a VIP session add



to the day's festivities. Benefits CBCKids, providing resources for treatment, care and family support for children with cancer, leukemia and serious blood disorders. The Navy Yard, 4747 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. 12:30 to 5 p.m. \$12-\$75. 631-940-7290; PhillyCraftBeerFest.com.

# Brandswine in Black

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March 28

Break from the winter blues and spring into Brandywine in Black, where guests dress in black (not white this time!), bring a picnic dinner, wine, centerpiece, candles and ambiance to a Brandywine attraction. Benefits Neighbors for Crebilly Farm,

protecting the quality of life in southern Chester County. 5:30 to 10 p.m \$35-\$100. Location announced March 26 on Facebook.com/ BrandywineInBlack.



# West Chester Wedding Guide

The theme for the Spring Wedding Showcase is "Lucky in Love" and features over 40 local vendors and prize drawings. Radley Run Country Club, 1100 Country Club Rd., West Chester. Noon to 3 p.m. Admission \$5 per person and \$5 for the wedding couple, includes two free drinks. More at WCWeddingGuide.com.

# 74th Running of the Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point Races

March 29

The Cheshire Point-To-Point offers exciting racing as well as a chance to enjoy the beautiful countryside that's been preserved



much as it was when the first races were held. Bring the whole family out to see this annual transition from winter fox chasing to spring racing. Plantation Field, Doe Run Rd., west of Unionville (GPS: 347 Green Valley Rd., Coatesville). Post time, 11:30 a.m.; last race, 2 p.m. \$82-

\$154. For tickets, CheshirePointToPoint.com.

# Kennett Symphony Orchestra— Family Concert & Instrument Zoo March 22

"Compose Yourself!" by Jim Stephenson is an engaging, humorous showpiece that features all the instruments of the orchestra. After the concert, everyone is invited to try out the instruments in the Instrument Zoo. Rustin High School Auditorium, 1100 Shiloh Rd., West Chester. 2 p.m. \$10. 610-444-6363 KennettSymphony.org.



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# best Local Events



THROUGH MARCH

Story Time at Reads & Company. Every Wednesday morning at 11 am back day morning at 11 am back at the Reading Rocketship at *Reads & Company Book-*shop, 234 Bridge St., Phoe-nixville. 484-920-3695; Reads

### FEBRUARY 29

Pancake Breakfast and Maple Sugaring Celebration at Tyler Arboretum. Learn how all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. Snow date Mar. 7. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 8

## MARCH 1

Brandywine River Museum of Art First Sundays for Families Series. "Express Yourself." Explore how women seeking the right to vote expressed themselves through clothing, sashes artists and listen to storyteller Tahira present tales of strong women from African folklore. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 11 to 2. Free.



Reading On The Rails at the Railroad Museum of PA. Hop on board for amazing stories from very special guests throughout the day. Kids even get their own cardboard suitcase and use it to travel from story to

### MARCH 8

Family Second Sundays at Delaware Explore orchids firsthand at discovery stations Art Museum. Create art, listen to stories, enjoy interactive story reading and join in a

sing songs and have lunch at the museum. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$10 donation. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### MARCH 7-8

57th Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. The fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies, Tree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pk., Wilmington.
Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$4–\$6. 410-392-6826; DelMinSociety.net.

# MARCH 9, 14

WCU-Live! Missoula Children's Theatre Presents The Emperor's New Clothes. The Children's Theatre company recruits more than 50 local students to take part in an original K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 4:30. Mar. 14, performances, Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 2 and 5 pm. \$7–\$10. 610-436-2266; WCUPa. edu/Live; MCTInc.org.



MARCH 12, 26

Books & Boots at Myrick Conservation Center. Children 3-5 listen as Potter the the story transforms into a real-life, outdoor adventure. Adult participation optional; snack provided. Register by the Wednesday before class. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West BrandywineRedClay.org.

## MARCH 14

Longwood Gardens Presents OrKid Days.

family seek-and-find in the orchid-filled Con servatory. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 11 to 2. Free with gardens admission, \$12–\$23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

### MARCH 15

Keswick Theatre Presents "Wow In the World Pop-Up Party." The Laboratory of Bad Ideas presents STEM-themed interactive games in a highly interactive show that will engage curious kids and their grown-ups in science, wonder, imagination and music. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. 11 am. \$25–\$75.



Media-Providence Friends School Dazzle Dash and Family Fun Day. A day of family fun with races including a run, walk and relay, auctions, music, food, bounce house and more. Rose Tree Park, 1671 N. Providence

### APRIL 4-5

Time Travel Through History at The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Meet the earliest settlers, chat with members of the Revolu tionary generation, time travel to the Civil War, First and Second World War and more. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square 11 to 4. \$6–\$10. 610-566-1725; Colonial-



# ART, CRAFTS.....

THROUGH MARCH 22 "Women and Whimsy" at The Uptown Knauer Performing Arts Center. The Regional Center for Women in the Arts presents this show featuring works created with humor, emotion, color and verve. One-half of all sales goes to Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children. Meet the artist, Mar. 4. 5:30 to 7, \$10. 226 N. High St., West Chester. For information phone 484-354-6275.

### MARCH 20-21

71st Chadds Ford Art Show & Sale, Founded in 1949 by Betsy Wyeth, this popular show features works by over 65 local and regional artists from the Brandywine Valley and is Chadds Ford Elementary School's primary fundraiser supporting enrichment programs. 3 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. For more information, call 610-388-1112; or visit CFES.UCFSD.org.



# **BOAT SHOWS...**

# FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1

The Atlantic City Boat Show. Celebrate life on the water. Climb aboard hundreds of boats for every budget and lifestyle. Atlantic City Convention Center, One Convention Blvd., Atlantic City, NJ. Wed-Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 6. \$17. 718-707-0716; ACBoatShow.com.

# MARCH 6-8

22nd Annual Greater Philadelphia Boat Show. Visit with area dealers to shop and compare hundreds of boats. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri, 1 to 8; Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 11 to 5. \$10, cash only: 16 and under, free, 804-748-7469; Philly-BoatShow.com.

# BOOKS....

# MARCH 8-APRIL 2

Main Point Books—Readings with Q&A and Signing. Mar. 8, Up Not Down Syndrome by Nancy Schwartz, 11:30 am; Mar. 10, The Hunt for History: On the Trail of the World's Lost Treas-

ures, from the letters of Lincoln, Churchill, and Einstein to the secret recordings onboard JFK's Airforce One, by Nathan Raab, 7 pm; Mar. 22, Ballet Class, by Melissa Klapper, 4 pm; Apr. 2, The Great Upending, by Beth Kephart, 7 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

# **BRIDAL SHOWS...**

# MARCH 1

Bliss Bridal Show & Expo. Enjoy this fun, interactive wedding planning experience with 50 local wedding experts, tastings and hors

d'oeuvres, a live show unveiling the latest gowns, dresses and formalwear, raffle prizes and more. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. Noon to 3:30. \$10. 610-917-9300; BridalEvent.com.

# **EQUESTRIAN**

## APRIL 5

78th Running of the Brandywine Hills Pointto-Point.. Be part of this family tradition of fun and exciting horse and pony steeplechase races, a parade of foxhounds and kid's activities. Myrick Conservation Center, Rt. 842 between Union-



ville and West Chester. Gates open at 11 a.m., first race at noon. \$20/carload. 610-793-1090; Brandywine-RedClay.org..

13th Annual Trail Creek Outfitters Wild & Scenic Film Festival. Enjoy two nights of independent short films highlighting outdoor adventure, environmental concerns, and beautiful cinematography. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County. Chester County

Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. 7 pm. \$35; both nights, \$55. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org.



Philadelphia Rock Gyms Present the Banff Centre's Mountain Film Festival. From remote landscapes and cultures to the most exciting action sports, this is an exploration of the mountain world featuring climbing, skiing, kayaking and biking. Alumnae Hall, Immaculata University, King Rd., Malvern. 7:30 pm. \$17.75-\$20. 877-822-7673; PhilaRockGym.com.

### APRIL 2-4

FEBRUARY 28-29

Media Film Festival. Sponsored by the Media Arts Council and showcasing short films from the community and around the world. Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. \$15-\$30. Check website for times. MediaFilmFestival.org.

## FOOD & BREWS.....

FEBRUARY 29

Kennett Winterfest. Bundle up and enjoy winter brews from 60 unique craft breweries, live music and food trucks. Ticket price includes unlimited tastings of delicious craft beer. Visit the event website for a complete brewery list. Benefits Historic Kennett Square. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 12:30 to 4 p.m., \$60; designated driver, \$15. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.



Vodka and Latkes: Longwood Community Read Event. Pop in to the Delaware Museum of Natural History for a potato party inspired by the children's book, The Enormous Potato! Adults are invited to taste craft cocktails created with potato vodka, help judge a latke dish and participate in potato science experiments. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 6 to 9. \$45. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

## MARCH 20

3rd Annual A Taste of Kennett. Celebrating the best of Kennett with delicious food stations from favorite local restaurants. Benefits After-The-Bell, providing middle school students in the Kennett Consolidated School District with after-school activities. Holly Peters Rug Studio Loft, 109 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 7 to 10. \$70. HistoricKennettSquare.com.

# MARCH 28

Schuylkill River Greenways Heritage & Hops. Join the Schuylkill River Greenways for an

afternoon filled with history, food and beer. Take a tour of the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, 500 S. 3rd St., Hamburg, then enjoy a beer tasting and light dinner at 1787 Brewery, 43 S. 4th St. 1 to 4:30. \$30. 484-945-0200; SchuvlkillRiver.org.

### APRIL 4

5th Annual Rails & Ales at the Railroad Museum of PA. All aboard for a craft beer tasting event that includes food trucks, live music and historic trains. 300 Gap Rd. (Rt. 741), Strasburg. VIP hour: 6:30 to 7:30, \$50; 7:30 to 10:30 pm, \$40; designated driver, \$15. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPA.org.



Media Restaurant Week. Select restaurants offer fixed priced menus, \$25-\$45. Reservations are suggested. Free street parking after 6. VisitMediaPA.com.

## **FUNDRAISERS...**

See also: Charity Datebook Calendar in this issue.

# MARCH 1

Chester County Futures "Strikes for Futures" Event. An afternoon of food, fun and bowling benefitting Chester County Futures, a program providing academic, mentoring and scholarship support for disadvantaged area youth. Palace Bowling and Entertainment, 977 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown. 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.

### MARCH 14

Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital Presents the St. Patty's Day Beef - Beer -Boogie. Put on your green and enjoy tasty apps, a delicious dinner buffet, beer and live entertainment, including traditional Irish dancers. Benefits The Women's Auxiliary Heart to Heart Pledge. West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. 610-431-5054; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

### MARCH 28

Oxford Arts Alliance 2020 Color Run. This heart-healthy fundraiser is for all ages and abilities, benefitting the arts alliance's emerging artist gallery and private music and art lessons. Run on the property of Vicki and Wilson King of Outback Trading Company, 1140 Chrome Rd., Oxford. 610-467-0301; OxfordArt.org.

## APRIL 4

Meals on Wheels Cellar Masters' Wine Auction and Dinner. Savor a four-course sit-down dinner where each course is prepared by a guest

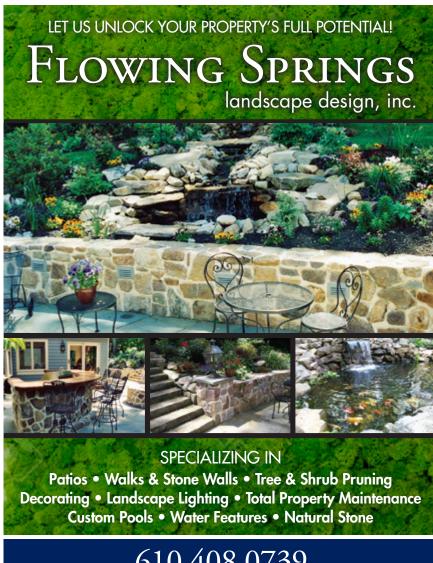


chef and paired with wines. During the dinner there's a live auction of high-end wines, exclusive travel experiences and more. Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington. 6 to 10. Visit website for tickets. MealsOnWheelsDE.org.

### GARDENS

# THROUGH MARCH 22 Longwood Gardens-Orchid Extravaganza.

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Philadelphia Flower Show. The world's leading floral and garden designers will immerse visitors in the sights, scents and tastes of a "Riviera Holiday," the theme for this year's show, PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. Check website for times and special events throughout the show. \$17-\$35. 215-988-8800: TheFlowerShow.com.

### MARCH 14

March Into Spring Symposium: "Adventures in Botany." The Hardy Plant Society hosts a celebration of extraordinary horticulturists and

horticulture, with a program featuring keynote speaker award-winning writer and photographer Ken Druse, and a focus on scent in our gardens. Delco Community College, Academic Bldg., 901 S. Media Line Rd., Media. 8 am to 3:30. \$90-\$100. HardyPlant.org.

### MUSEUMS.

## THROUGH JUNE 14

Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through June 7, "Votes for Women: A Visual History." Through June 14, "Witness to History: Selma Photography of Stephen Somerstein." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.



### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6

Delaware Art Museum. Through Apr. 12, "Angela Fraleigh: Sound the Deep Waters." Through May 10, "Julio daCunha: Modernizing Myths." Mar. 21-Sept. 6, "Layered Abstraction: Margo Allman & Helen Mason." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

# **MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT....**

FEBRUARY 28-APRIL 5

Longwood Gardens Performance Series. Feb. 28, Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet; Feb. 29, Joey Alexander Trio; Mar. 1, Curtis Student Recitals: Mar. 3. Nordic world music, Dreamers' Circus; *Mar. 5*, The King's Singers; Mar. 13, Peter Richard Conte & Polyphonia; Mar. 15, Andrew Senn; Mar. 19, Noa with Gil Dor; Mar. 27, Kat Edmonson; Apr. 4, Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain; Apr. 5, Kennett Symphony. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Check website for more performances,



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Eagleview Town Crt., Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 113 E. State St. From Jan. 31-Apr., biweekly on Fri, 3 to 5:30. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Mkt., 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed & Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

Malvern Farmers Mkt., Warren Ave. & Roberts Rd. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836 1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Media Farmers Mkt., Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Through Apr., 1st & 3rd Sun, 10 to noon, 215-733-9599: MediaFarmersMarket.com.

## West Chester Growers Mkt.,

Chestnut & Church Sts. Through Apr., 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat, 10 to noon. 610-436 9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

## Westtown Amish Mkt., 1165

Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5700; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

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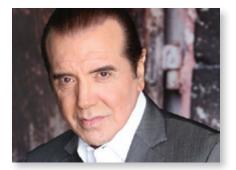
### MARCH 1

Delaware County Symphony Concert. Featuring the music of Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Rachmaninoff. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$15. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

# MARCH 1-APRIL 3

The Keswick Theatre Presents. Mar. 1, The New Shanghai Circus; Mar. 6, Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston with Belinda Davids; Mar. 7, Tom Papa; Mar. 8, Dweezil Zappa; Mar. 12, Whindersson Nunes; Mar. 13, An Intimate Evening with Graham Nash; Mar. 14, Doo Wop Vol. 6; Mar. 20-21, The Musical Box: A Genesis Extravaganza Vol. 2; Mar. 22, Frankie Moreno; Mar. 25, Letterkenny Live! on Tour;

Mar. 26, Charles Esten; Mar. 27, Daughtry; Mar. 29, Chazz Palminteri: A Bronx Tale;



Apr. 3, Saturday Night Fever Featuring the New York Bee Gees, The Trammps and Bill Jolly. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Visit website for times and tickets. 215-572-7650: KeswickTheatre.com.

## MARCH 6-26

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Mar. 6-8, The Opus One Dance Project; Mar. 7, Tusk; Mar. 13, Better Than Bacon; Mar. 14, 3rd Annual Future Stars Gala; Mar. 26, Dueling Pianos. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWest-Chester.org.



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## MARCH 12, APRIL 3

Delaware Art Museum Performance Series. Mar. 12, Pyxis Piano Quartet performs at the museum in a program called "Continental Bridges," 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington, 7:30 pm, \$35. Apr. 3, Step Afrika! performs Drumfolk at The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$32-\$45. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



Point Entertainment Presents ... Charting a new course for Irish ballad music, The High Kings are performing at The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. \$29.50-\$44.50, 610-917-1228; The Colonial-Theatre.com.



# MARCH 21, 29

WCU-Live! Mar. 21, Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix, starring mostly dogs rescued from shelters or pounds, 3 pm, \$10-\$22. Mar. 29, Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming and Dance Troupe, 7:30, \$8-\$17. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$8-\$17. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/ Live; MCTInc.org.



# MARCH 22

Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley's Silent Movie. Celebrated concert organist and silent film accompanist, 17-year-old Brett Miller performs to the 1926 silent action-adventure film, The Black Pirate. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. \$7-\$12. 215-780-0831; TOSDV.org.

### MARCH 27

Community Arts Center Friday Night Live Concert. Musical artist, Lisa Chavoust, and for Women's Music Month, the center is showcasing female musicians playing jazz and R&B. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 to 10. \$5-\$15. 610-566-1713; CommunityArts-Center.org.

## MARCH 27-29

Wilmington Winter Bluegrass Festival. Three days of great bluegrass music on two stages, workshops and jam sessions. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 630 Naamans Rd., Claymont. \$15-\$80. Check website for line-up and times. WilmingtonWintergrass.org.



# APRIL 5

Delaware County Symphony Chamber Concert. "Peter and the Wolf," an interactive family concert. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$12-\$15. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

# **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES..**

THROUGH MARCH, Thursdays West Chester Birding Club Field Trip. Founded in 1910, this is one of the oldest continually active bird clubs in the country. The field trip is to Exton Park, where surrounding wetlands have been a popular birding spot for years. 800 E. Swedesford Rd., Exton. 8:30 am. Free. WestChesterBirdClub.org.

## MARCH 14

7th Annual Conshohocken St. Paddy's Day 5K Classic. Run or run/walk along a scenic course. There are refreshments, water stations, prizes, post-race St. Pat's Day party and a parade. Benefits Conshohocken Fire Co. #2. Starts and finishes at the fire company, 8th and

Favette Sts. 1 pm. \$25-\$30. Check website if inclement weather. BrynMawrRacing.com.

### THEATER.....

# THROUGH MARCH 29

Shakespeare in Love. A stage adaptation of the 1998 Academy Award-winning film about the young playwright who finds his muse in a beautiful, intelligent noblewoman with dreams of the stage. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Check website for times and tickets. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



# THROUGH APRIL 26

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. An interactive, culinary "who-done-it." You'll enjoy a four-course meal as you become the detective—interrogate the suspects, put the clues together and uncover the truth. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. \$56.95, 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.



### MARCH 11-29

Baby: The Musical. A look at how parents-tobe experience the emotional stresses that accompany the anticipation and arrival of a baby. The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media, Check website for times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

# MARCH 18-APRIL 5

The Gin Game. By D.L. Coburn, directed by Peter Delaurier and winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Hedgerow Theatre Company, 64 Rose Valley Rd., Rose Valley. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

# 2020 Regional Antiques Shows

Our calendar of annual antiques shows.

### MARCH 13-15

Chester County Antiques & Art Show Fine collections from 42 antiques dealers. Benefits the Chester County Historical Society. Church Farm School, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton. Fri., Preview Party, early adm. at 5 (\$200); 6 pm, adm. (\$150). Show hours: Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5, \$15. Church Farm School, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org

### MARCH 21-22

Antiques at Kimberton A respected show that fills over a 10,000square-foot space with 65+ dealers in two buildings. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$7. Kimberton Fire Hall, 2276 Kimberton Rd Phoenixville: AntiquesAtKimberton.com

## MARCH 28-29

**Elverson Spring Antiques Show** Over 40 dealers offering folk art, furniture, stoneware, art and Americana. Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$7; \$6 with card or ad. Twin Valley High School, 4897 N. Twin Valley Rd. Elverson; 610-721-2874; ElversonAntiqueShow.com

### APRIL 23-26

The Philadelphia Show

Showcasing America's preeminent dealers of antiques and fine art. Benefits the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Division of Education and Public Programs. Gala Preview, Thurs, 6 to 9, \$300. Show: Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 11 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. \$20. The Navy Yard, 11th St. & Kitty Hawke Ave. Phila: 610-902-2109; The Philadelphia Show.com

### MAY 22-25

Brandywine River Museum of Art 49th Annual Antiques Show Fine antiques from distinguished dealers from the mid-Atlantic and beyond. Benefits the Museum Volunteers' Purchase Fund, and Art Education and Programming. Preview Party, Fri., 6 to 9. Daily, 9:30 to 4:30. \$20.

1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org

### **OCTOBER**

**Elverson Fall Antiques Show** Twin Valley High School, 4897 N. Twin Valley Rd. Elverson: 610-721-2874: ElversonAntiqueShow.com

# NOVEMBER 6-8

57th Annual Delaware Antiques Show The Chase Center on the Riverfront Wilmington, DE, 302-888-4600 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org/DAS ◆

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### MARCH 27-APRIL 12

Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike. Written by Christopher Durang and winner of the Tony Award for Best Play in 2013, this is a modern retelling of what the Chekhov characters might be up to if they lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania today. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for times and tickets. 610-356-2787; RTCWC.org.

APRIL 15-MAY 10

Million Dollar Quartet. This worldwide smash-hit musical is inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry



Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. Check website for show times and tickets. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

### TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS...

MARCH 6, 19

First Fridays, Third Thursdays. Mar. 6, First Fridays: Kennett Square Art Stroll, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare. com. Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; Visit-LancasterCity.com. Oxford, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. West Chester, 610-738-3350; West-Chester.com. Wilmington Art Loop, 302-576-2135; ArtLoop-Wilmington.org.

Mar. 19, Third Thursday Malvern Stroll, MalvernBusiness.com.

MARCH 22

Historic Sugartown-Tea and Talk with Suffragist Leader Carrie Chapman Catt. Indulge in a 4-course tea provided by Simpson House Tea Room and listen to suffragist leader and founder of the League of Women Voters, Carrie Chapman Catt—portrayed by Pat Jordan—tell the story of Woman Suffrage.

Historic Sugartown Carriage Museum, 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 2 to 4. \$40. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org. ◆



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# Charity Datebook

Celebrating local philanthropy: the people, the causes and the many months of fundraising events in Chester County & beyond. In partnership with Chester County Community Foundation











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# From the Guest Editor

The Chester County Community Foundation is thrilled to partner once again with County Lines Magazine to showcase philanthropy in this second Charity Datebook issue. We are excited to present many of the people, programs, events and trends that make our region so special.

We hope you will be inspired as you read about a few of our region's many individuals who roll up their sleeves and put their money where their mouth is to improve our quality of life each and every day. They are your friends and your neighbors. And they are also charitably inclined humanitarians, environmentalists and social change agents who have made intentional decisions to give their time, their talent and their treasure. Their gifts will last far beyond their lifetime, and they will have a positive impact on our community for the long run.

If you're looking for ways to get involved and support your community, please DO. We invite you to contact us to learn more about emerging issues, and the local, regional and national charities best-positioned to meet community needs and aspirations. We also have a plethora of ways for you to get involved! Whether you're looking to jump in and volunteer, attend a dessert or wine tasting event, join a committee, or discern which nonprofits will use your hard-earned donation to its greatest potential, we are here to connect you to the causes that matter.

The Chester County Community Foundation will continue to inspire, celebrate and grow legacy philanthropy for generations to come. We invite you to join us on this journey. For good. Forever.

Sincerely,

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Karen Simmons

President/CEO Chester County Community Foundation







# Reigniting Passion & Inspiring Philanthropy

"Hope is a moral imperative. Philanthropy is a manifestation of hope."

This thought-provoking comment made by TEDTalk panelist Virginia Kricun from the stage of the Colonial Theatre, surprised audience members. "I never thought about it that way; but it's true," said Marge Miller.

These types of ideas resonated throughout the Chester County Community Foundation's recent six philanthropy TEDTalks, which brought together more than 250 people at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center in West Chester, and the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville.

Each TEDTalk featured a response panel of local community leaders and philanthropists who viewed a TEDTalk video together with the audience, and then dove into discussion. Two inspiriting, yet controversial videos were featured:

- Dan Pallotta's "The Way We Think About Charity Is Dead Wrong" calls out the double standard that Americans tend to impose on charities. Too many nonprofits are rewarded for how little they spend, not for what they get done. Pallotta beseeches us to start rewarding charities for their big goals and big accomplishments, even if that comes with big expenses. In this bold talk, he says, "Let's change the way we think about changing the world."
- Katherine Fulton's "You Are the Future of Philanthropy" explores megatrends in philanthropic giving over the past few decades: aggregated giving, online philanthropy marketplaces, social investing, innovation competitions. The diversification and democratization of philanthropy is enormous, involving so many more people, from all walks of life, in so many more ways. Old patterns and habits endure, yet the seeds of change have grown strong and resilient.

One guest noted, "I've always assumed that philanthropy is for ultra-wealthy people. It's inspirational to hear that people from all backgrounds and income levels share their time and talent. And they also share their treasure, making substantial donations to improve our world. It makes me want to help, too." \( \int \)



To view these local TedTalk and panelist discussions online, visit You Tube and search Chester County Community Foundation. Get ready to be inspired!

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# THE IMPACT OF MEDICAL PHILANTHROPY: GREATER THAN YOU THINK

Medical giving helps provide cutting-edge buildings and equipment along with enhanced services.

Andrew Smith

Lisa Drinker, MD, Neonatologist and Associate Medical Director

# F YOU'VE EVER DONATED TO YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL.

you're in good company. Philanthropic support of hospitals dates all the way back to ... who else ... Benjamin Franklin.

In the mid-1700s, Franklin was approached by a physician friend who wanted to open the first hospital in the American Colonies. Hospitals were a relatively new concept at the time most people were cared for at home. Franklin quickly got behind the plan, so much so that he offered to raise 2,000 pounds of his own money—and from his friends—if the Pennsylvania Assembly would match the amount.

The money was collected, the match was made, Pennsylvania Hospital was built (founded in 1751), and history was written.

# 21st CENTURY GIVING

Today, philanthropic dollars continue to impact health care as greatly as they did in establishing America's first hospital. In fact, Giving USA Foundation's Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2018 listed health-related organizations as the recipients of about 8% of all charitable dollars, or about \$40 billion. This modern-day support is critically important as hospitals seek to establish or enhance new patient services or fund capital projects to provide lifesaving care.

In Chester County and throughout Pennsylvania, the same spirit that moved Franklin and his friends to action more than 250 years ago lives on among area residents and businesses. Take

Chester County Hospital, for example—a sister organization of Pennsylvania Hospital and part of the University of Pennsylvania

"Like that first hospital in Philadelphia, Chester County Hospital was built thanks to donations from local community members and businesses," says Mike Duncan, the hospital's CEO since 2011. "And 127 years later, that support continues. This has allowed us to expand and improve the medical services and facilities we offer our patients."

# IMPRESSIVE LEVEL OF SUPPORT

While the world has changed dramatically since Ben Franklin's day, the support community members provide to local hospitals has not. Philanthropic funding remains a huge driver of expansion and innovation.

"On average, Chester County Hospital receives \$7 million in donations each year," Duncan says. "One of the most satisfying parts of my job is talking to people about what led them to donate. Each has a personal reason for giving."

Many donors are philanthropically motivated because they know the hospital is an important asset that helps build a stronger, healthier community. Others have had a clinical experience that has impacted them, such as cancer, which leads them to support a specific program or project that will help patients in similar situations. Still others make a gift to show gratitude for the care babies born prematurely or with medical complications. they or a loved one has received.

While reasons for donating vary from person to person, all agree that supporting their local hospital is a good way to ensure the longevity of a community.

# DIRECT IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE

In recent years, philanthropic support has had a of having to move them from bed to bed. significant impact on hospitals in our area and the care they provide. In fact, it's hard to name a

major hospital project or program at Chester County Hospital that *hasn't* benefited from the support of generous donors.

"The renovation and expansion of our changer for our youngest patients." Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which was a \$5.1 million project, was funded solely through donations," says Kevin O'Brien, Senior Vice President of The Chester County Hospital Foundation. The new NICU provides better care to the youngest and most vulnerable patients and is much more accommodating to parents and families.

The NICU is not a unit any expectant parent expects to need, but its presence has been lifesaving for hundreds of families. The unit contains the technology and specially trained staff to care for

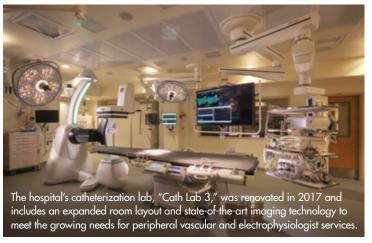
One of the most advanced pieces of equipment in the new unit is seemingly one of the simplest: the beds. Called Giraffe Beds, these high-tech devices combine features of an incubator with those of an open-air warmer, including the ability to control temperature, humidity and oxygen flow. The beds provide a stable and protected environment for frail babies and eliminate the stress

"Giraffe Beds are the most advanced level of care for premature infants," says Susan Cacciavillano, BSN, RNC-NIC, clinical manager of the NICU. "It's the closest thing to the mother's womb, providing a healing environment that can help development take place. Having this technology available in the NICU is a game

The NICU is just one example of how philanthropic support is enhancing patient care at Chester County Hospital. Other projects and programs that have benefited from donations include:

• The Lasko Patient Tower, which opened in 2014, was largely funded through \$40 million in donations, including a substantial lead gift from Oscar Lasko and the Lasko family. The patient tower contains private rooms that are larger and more

The planned expansion of Chester County Hospital will include a garden ourtyard and access to green views, which reduce mental fatigue.









comfortable for patients and families. The Tower also houses a new maternity unit, orthopaedic unit, radiation therapy suite and telemetry unit to monitor abnormal heart activity.

- A hybrid operating room in the hospital's new Pavilion will be equipped thanks to \$2.7 million in donations. This state-of-the-art operating room combines the technology of both a heart catheterization lab and a cardiac surgery operating room into one space that allows doctors to perform extremely complex heart procedures.
- The \$7-million expansion of the hospital's Cancer Center was also supported through philanthropic donations. This expansion effectively doubled the size of the Cancer Center and completely renovated the infusion suite. Philanthropic funding also helps the Center support patients holistically by providing services such as massages, wigs and transportation.
- Donations helped the hospital purchase millions of dollars of medical technology that's changing the way patients are treated.
   This includes the hospital's first da Vinci surgical robot and new equipment in the cardiac catheterization lab.
- The Women's Specialty Center—a \$500,000 project—was funded solely through philanthropy. This Center improved patient care by providing a single location where women can have various health issues addressed and procedures performed.
- Donations helped the hospital open the Ob/Gyn Clinic, which provides pre-natal care to uninsured and underinsured mothers.
   The Clinic's services increase the likelihood that pregnant women at risk for complications will have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy children.

"The generous support that made all these modern-day projects possible is proof that the special connection we share with area residents has remained strong since our founding," Duncan says.

## GENERATIONAL CHANGES IN GIVING

Like everything else in life, the way people choose to spend their philanthropic dollars has changed over the years. This is also true for hospitals.

Today hospitals find that younger people have different funding priorities and expectations than their parents or grandparents, which is natural. They also like to be more involved in how their donation is being used. This has changed the way hospitals approach fundraising.

Historically, hospitals did all the planning internally first and then approached donors once the plans were finalized. But today, potential donors are brought in towards the beginning of the process. For example, a development officer may meet early on with a donor who is very passionate about having input on a project. That donor may come prepared with research she'd done on how other hospitals had approached a similar project. Now that's engagement!

# IT ALL ADDS UP

While the old adage is accurate that 90% of the funds usually come from 10% of the donors, philanthropy isn't limited to a single type of person. That's especially true when it comes to donations to hospitals.

Many donors make annual gifts of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, while others make much larger donations—there's no "right" amount to give. Every donor is critical to a hospital's mission.

This grassroots support is perhaps best exemplified by the Chester County Hospital's Women's Auxiliary, which dates back to 1893. Far from being an outdated, "stuffy" organization, the Auxiliary has more than 400 members of all ages across 12 branches. Each year, these Auxilians raise an amazing \$600,000 to \$650,000 in support of the hospital.

"The Women's Auxiliary puts the 'community' in our community hospital—we couldn't do what we do without their support," Duncan says. "Most recently, the Auxiliary raised \$1.25 million toward our new NICU, which is named after one of their members, Nancy Moore, who passed away and left us \$3.5 million in her will. Our Women's Auxiliary is truly the envy of every community hospital in Pennsylvania."

The hospital's department of Volunteer Services also makes a significant impact by contributing 45,000 hours of service per year, saving nearly \$600,000 that would have been paid to employees. Volunteerism plays a critical role in the success of fundraising events and also various clinical and clerical support at the hospital.

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

In the years leading up to Chester County Hospital's opening in 1892, local committees were formed to solicit donations. Funds were raised through events such as concerts, dances, Shakespeare readings, cake sales and children's fairs—all organized by area residents.

While Shakespeare readings may have fallen out of favor as a fundraising tool, there are countless other ways that today's donors can support hospitals financially. These include cash/check/credit card, gifting securities like stocks and bonds, gifting tangible property like real estate or artwork, or gifting intangible property like patents or copyrights.

Donors can also make a planned or deferred gift by including the hospital as a beneficiary of their will, trust or insurance policy. Or they can establish charitable trusts benefiting the hospital or a charitable gift annuity with the hospital. Another popular and tax-advantaged giving method is to make a charitable rollover of funds from an IRA to the hospital.

According to both Duncan and O'Brien, hospitals like Chester County Hospital would be far different places without philanthropic support.

"Without a doubt, many of our building projects and technology upgrades would not have been possible without the support we receive from our donors," Duncan says. "The high-quality facilities and services our community depends on are a direct result of philanthropy.

"I always say that there is no better way to support your community than to support your community hospital."

And hospitals throughout Pennsylvania can certainly agree. •

Chester County Hospital is an acute care facility in West Chester specializing in heart and vascular care, cancer, orthopaedics and women's health. With satellite locations in Exton, West Goshen, New Garden, Jennersville, Kennett Square and West Grove, the hospital will become the largest in Chester County when its 250,000-square-foot Pavilion opens in 2020. Chester County Hospital.org.



# Kimberly Brumbaugh



**D** utting the needs of ■ others first comes naturally to Kimberly. Whether at her firm, Brumbaugh Wealth Management, or at her various philanthropic endeavors, she demonstrates care for others.

Kimberly's caring has a strong foundation in her professional success. Over 15 years ago, after working at a large firm in Philadelphia, Kimberly opened her own wealth manage-

ment firm in Exton in 2004. Since then, she's been recognized as among the top in her industry by "Forbes Magazine," "Philadelphia Magazine," "Philadelphia Business Journal" and

Along with her professional accomplishments, Kimberly believes in supporting her community with her time and philanthropy. As part of that effort, she serves on the

boards of Mid Penn Bankcorp, Inc., Mid Penn Bank's Delaware Valley Advisory Board, and the Penn Medicine Chester County Hospital Foundation. She's also been active as the chair at Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry, and Southern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center.

One organization that's especially important to Kimberly is the Whitford Charitable Fund, where she's a committee member. In 1955, Whitford Country Club was founded through the generosity of Al Ostheimer, who donated a 168acre property to "share the sporting experience with community neighbors."

Members of Whitford created the Whitford Charitable Fund in 2010 and began working with the Chester County Community Foundation to continue the same spirit of giving that springs from the deep roots of the Club.

Every year, the Fund holds a signature weekendlong fundraiser that celebrates the love of fun,

sports, food and drink. Thanks to loyal supporters like Kimberly and her firm, the event is always a huge

"Our firm supports a number of charities, and we have a habit of spreading the dollars around. But the Whitford Charitable Fund is special to me," says Kimberly. "Whitford's fundraising goes to help several causes in Chester Countysuch as health organizations, food pantries, libraries and support for victims of domestic violence. Just last fall it was announced that the Whitford Charitable Fund has awarded over \$1 million to more than 65 local charitable organizations. We're proud to support this mission each year!"

Many Chester County individuals, families and nonprofits simply would not be the same without the hard work and generosity of Kimberly Brumbaugh, Brumbaugh Wealth Management and the Whitford Charitable Fund.

We're proud to support { [THE WHITFORD CHARITABLE FUND'S] MISSION EACH YEAR.

# The DeHaven Family

EVERY FAMILY MEMBER ROLLS UP THEIR SLEEVES AND VOLUNTEERS

"Our family believes in giving back to the community, and we make an effort to volunteer as a family," says Michael DeHaven. His wife, Kimberly, continues, "We try to lead by example and have raised our children with a social conscience at home and as active members of Sts. Simon & Jude Parish."

The couple raised three sons-Chris, Colin, Reganin Glen Mills, where along with work, school and family responsibilities, each rolls up their sleeves to strengthen our community.

Active in high school vol-

unteer clubs, youngest son Regan says, "I like helping people. When friends get together to help, a lot gets done." Middle son Colin, his fraternity's Head of Philanthropy at Penn State, organizes blood drives, fundraisers for animal shelters and pantry collections for the student food bank. Colin explains, "We've always loved volunteer work. We grew up in an environment where it's normal to give."

And oldest son Chris, a biology and business major at the University of Pittsburgh, is busy as president of Pitt's Student Health Advisory Board, volunteering at a free clinic and Allegheny General, providing emotional support and more.

As for Kim, after completing the Leadership Chester County program, Kim says "This program is a terrific way to deepen understanding of community priorities. We learned a great deal about nonprofit issues, and what we can do as volunteers and board leaders to create an even more vibrant and inclusive community." The Leadership program inspired Kim to volunteer at Home of the Sparrow, to help women secure housing, achieve longterm stability and chart new paths for their futures.

Another group with which the couple feels a strong connection is Handi-Crafters, a nonprofit providing meaningful employment for differently-abled individuals. Mike explains, "At Handi-Crafters, people overcome workplace barriers and gain financial independence. An immense feeling of happiness and acceptance is so apparent in the Handi-Crafters' workshop."

Mike is a shareholder with accounting firm Rainer & Co., known for its outstanding professional service as well as its community service. He's Chair Emeritus of the Chester County Chamber of Busi-



ness & Industry and a board member of the Chester County Economic Development Council, Mental Health Partnerships, and West Chester University's Corporate Advisory Board.

In 2017, Mike received Chester County Community Foundation's Door Opener Award for initiating legacy philanthropy conversations with friends and colleagues. Later this year, Mike will

become the Community Foundation's Board Chair. with hopes of connecting diverse business people who care with legacy causes that matter.

"Community engagement is vitally important to me, my family and my business. We all have a vested interest in the success of our community and firmly believe in the importance of giving back," says Mike.

WE ALL HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK.

# The Kalogredis Family

A NATURAL AFFINITY FOR FOOD, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



Proudly displaying their Greek heritage, Bill and Stephanie Kalogredis have a natural affinity for food, friends, family and community service.

"Greek cuisine is considered among the finest and healthiest in the world, with the perfume of herbs, olive oil and honey," says Bill. "Moussaka, souvlaki, loukoumades, melomakarona ... our culinary traditions

embody our heritage," he continues.

Stephanie adds, "It's not just the food, though, it's the people. On any given night we have a kitchen full of cooks and a table filled with friends and family of all ages."

When they're not cooking, Bill and Stephanie serve the community. Attorneys at Lamb McErlane in West Chester, Bill has a stellar track record in health law representing physicians, dentists and health care professionals, while Stephanie is widely respected across the estate planning field.

As graduates of Villanova University School of Law, Bill and Stephanie know the value of education. Bill explains, "Supporting education is giving back on an individual level, a local level and on a social change level as well. I will always appreciate the sacrifices and encouragement of my family and others that allowed me to obtain my education at Providence College."

And of course, the Kalogredises actively support an array of Greek causes, including the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). Founded by Greek immigrants in 1922, AHEPA upholds ancient Hellenic ideals of education, civic responsibility, philanthropy, family and individual excellence through community

service. The association also provides services for veterans, supports the elderly, and awards scholarships.

Bill and Stephanie also support International Orthodox Christian Charities, a humanitarian agency providing emergency services and worldwide relief. Key areas for this group are food security, refugee assistance, emotional and spiritual care, education, economic opportunities, health and sanitation.

Stephanie says, "Helping those in need, in the U.S. and worldwide, is important to us. We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive."

And, more personally, there's the Vasilios J. Kalogredis and Stephanie Pahides Kalogredis Foundation. Managed by the Chester County Community Foundation, this effort helps Bill and Stephanie make a difference, locally, nationally and internationally. Now and forever.

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OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.

# The Kunsch Family

MR. PHOENIXVILLE PASSED THE BATON TO NEW GENERATIONS

At the cornerstone of Phoenixville's hopeful, inclusive and generous spirit is the Kunsch Family, led by "Mr. Phoenixville" himself, Richard Kunsch. Born and raised in Phoenixville, Dick is recognized as the person to turn to when a local project needs support. For over 60 years, Dick's generosity has enhanced people's minds, bodies and spirits throughout the region.

Dick has made a difference both through his personal philanthropy and his position heading Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, from which he is newly retired. Of his community projects, Dick says, "I'm most grateful for being able to help establish the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation. This institution makes a lasting impact on a wide array of community needs."

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A recipient of the 2014
Community Foundation
Jordan Award, Dick represents the best a citizen can offer to help communities thrive. Dick says, "I want to leave the world better than I found it." He's definitely achieved that goal, while passing the baton to the next generation.

Like his father, Kurt Kunsch is motivated by philanthropic purpose in his personal and professional life. And as Senior Vice President/Trust Managing Director for Phoenixville Federal since 1996, Kurt encourages his clients to give back during their life as well as at their passing, by helping them develop charitable plans and introducing them to volunteer opportunities.

Kurt says, "I've been fortunate to have great mentors in my life. My dad instilled in us the importance of giving back, and donating time, talent and treasure to assist others in need. It feels great to be able to make an impact on other's lives."

With his wife. Kelly. Kurt continues the tradition of family philanthropy with their children Addison, Chloe and Daxon. Kurt's brother-in-law joined in and started a giving tradition: on each child's 5th birthday, they receive the book, "Three Cups: A Lesson in Life and Money for Children." Three cups are given to each child to deposit money from holidays and allowances: one cup for saving, one for spending and one for giving. Now Kurt gives this book to his clients for their children and grandchildren.



Kurt sees benefits for those who give charitably as well as for those who receive charity. "Research shows that the great feelings you experience from helping others may be just as important as exercise and a healthy diet. The smile you receive from a child or a thankful person is one of the best feelings in the world. I enjoy helping people feel great about the impact they can make."

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# The Morris Family

A PASSION FOR PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE



"T ife is so precious, that Lit just hurts to see it wasted. It is so beautiful as it is held together and it can't really exist in its true sense without that overpowering and wonderful gift of God called LOVE the most magnificent word in the world although it only consists of four letters. I can't understand how life can have any meaning without it."

These words were spoken by Nicholas R. MacElree, graduate of Owen J. Roberts High

School and president of his class at Gettysburg College, long before he lost his life to cancer on December 12. 1968. Husband and wife team, Anthony (Tony) Morris, Esq. and Elizabeth (Betty) Morris, continue to keep Nick's memory alive today through their charitable contributions.

Tony and Betty are active members of Chester County with a passion for service and philanthropy. Tony says they were both raised in faith-based households and learned about

the strength of charity from the example of their parents and grandparents.

Today Tony, a partner at the law firm Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris, exemplifies civic engagement by his work as Chairman of the Chester County Community Foundation and as a member of the Chester County Estate Planning Council. He's also been involved through board membership with the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Wealth Advisory Board of DNB First (recently merged with S&T Bank) as well as volunteering with United Way of Chester County, Handi-Crafters, the Episcopal Academy, and the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester.

Tony was on Chester County's first 911 Commission and served as a hearing officer of the Disciplinary Review Board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

In December 2005, Tony and Betty established the Nicholas MacElree Memorial Fund with the Chester County Community Foundation to honor the memory of their late friend who attended the alma mater of their son. Jake. Tony and Betty explain, "It's our honor to continue to shine Nick's light on a world and a college he loved so much. '

Although Nick lost his life to cancer, his spirit lives on through the foundation, which makes grants to education and cancer organizations, along with a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving student at Gettysburg College.

Betty enjoys reviewing the scholarship applications with Tony and their four adult sons. "The students who apply must demonstrate financial need and a broad interest in extracurricular activities, particularly in student affairs or government. It's heartwarming to see the enthusiastic leadership these students display," notes Betty. "Nick's aspirations are realized through the next generation of leaders."

It's our honor to continue to SHINE NICK'S LIGHT ON A WORLD AND A COLLEGE HE LOVED SO MUCH ... THROUGH THE NICOLAS MACELREE MEMORIAL FUND.

# The Sammarone Family

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

 $B^{
m eloved}$  by West Chester residents, Up On the Roof is an annual fundraiser fueled by the passion and talent of its Chair. Tracy Sammarone.

Born and raised in Chester County, Tracy knows this area and its people are something special. After graduating from West Chester University and marrying her husband, Mark, the couple settled in West Chester in 1988. They juggled raising daughter Chelsea while both helped grow West Chester's Arthur Hall Insurance into the highly respected independent insurance agent and broker it is today.

Tracy and Mark also fell in love with downtown West Chester: "We felt a strong yearning to be part of such a vibrant downtown community."

Their friend and colleague Jackie Van Grofski noticed Tracy's passion for the Borough, "Jackie was instrumental in creating Up On the Roof as part of her volunteer leadership with the West Chester Downtown Foundation. It was my privilege to volunteer alongside her in those early years," says Tracy.

After Jackie passed the baton to Tracy, the event continued to grow. Serving as chair over the past 15 years, Tracy has seen Up on the Roof evolve from a

gathering of 75 guests to a full-blown celebration with over 400 supporters. On the first Saturday in June atop West Chester's Chestnut Street Parking Garage, guests enjoy an evening under the stars with live music, dinner, desserts, drinks, dancing and a special Rooftop Martini.

Why is it so popular? "Easy!" says Tracy, "It's casual, delicious and tons of fun to be on the roof with friends, enjoying the ambiance, the sunset, and dancing under the stars. It's a great celebration of this community."

Adds daughter Chelsea, "It's three parties in one—a summer evening cocktail hour, sunset reception with live music, and a late-night dance party." "Plus," adds Mark, "proceeds support the beautification and marketing of downtown West Chester, the Historic Preservation Awards and nonprofit grants."

For his part, Mark also stays active in the West Chester community, serving as the current Board Chair of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, and by volunteering with nonprofit organizations including the CWP Warehouse Project, YMCA of Greater Brandywine, and Rotary Club of West Chester.



Mark's claim to fame may well be his role running the judging room for the Rotary Club's annual West Chester Chili Cook-Off. "I line up judges, and we turn up the heat as they sample chili from more than 50 teams of restaurants, businesses, hometown cooks and nonprofit groups to raise money for good causes."

Up On the Roof and the Chili Cook-Off are possible because of the support of community members, friends, family and businesses.

Kudos to the Sammarone family: inspiring people of all ages and backgrounds to feel the power of charitable giving and make a difference in our communities.

WE FELT A STRONG YEARNING TO BE PART OF SUCH A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY.

# Alice Thomas

FULFILLING A LONG-STANDING DREAM BY PUBLISHING HER LIFE STORY



In 2019, 89-year old Alice ■ Thomas accomplished a longstanding dream: to tell her life's journey by publishing her story.

In "Surviving Racism: A Memoir of Life. Love. and Faith - The Charles & Alice Thomas Story," she tells the heart-wrenching story of how she and her family have persevered through racism. Despite obstacles and struggles—or perhaps because of them—Alice became a Civil Rights pioneer and activist in West Chester, demonstrating

courage, generosity and perseverance that are boundless.

In the 1950s, newly married Alice and Charles Thomas settled in West Philadelphia because no one would sell them a home in West Chester. Although Dr. Thomas graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and worked as a pharmacist, that made no difference.

Later in the early 1970s, while raising two daughters, Alice began working at Henderson High School in West Chester, while Dr. Thomas owned his own pharmacy in the Borough.

During her 35 years at Henderson High School, Alice found her calling working with and breaking down barriers for minority students—serving as their voice. But her efforts were not always appreciated. Once her office was moved to an end closet next to the gym. After the community protested, the superintendent moved her office back to the Guidance Department.

Throughout it all, Alice kept her mission in mind. "I always want to give our students a positive identity at the school—to make sure they realize they can do anything anyone else

When she noticed a lack of minority representation in extracurricular activities and student government, she helped to found Henderson's Black Student Union in 1978. Her efforts led to the eventual election of four African American officers to student government. Yet sadly, these

student leaders' photos were left out of the school yearbook. Again, the community rallied and a second yearbook was printed, this time recognizing the African American students.

At her 1998 retirement, West Chester's mayor, Clifford DeBaptiste, created a scholarship to honor Alice's longstanding commitment to education. Each year, scholarships are awarded to Henderson High School graduates pursuing further education. Through the Alice Thomas Scholarship Fund at the Chester County Community Foundation, students have even more chances for a bright and successful future.

Alice perseveres, turning tribulation into triumph. Her victory is having a life filled with love, peace and satisfaction and making our world better for everyone to live together to fulfill their dreams, one step at a time.

Always vigilant. Never silent. Alice Thomas knows education is the key to success.

I always want to give our STUDENTS A POSITIVE IDENTITY AT THE SCHOOL—TO MAKE SURE THEY REALIZE THEY CAN DO ANYTHING ANYONE ELSE CAN DO.

# Penny Wilson

LAUNCHING INITIATIVES AND INSPIRING OTHERS TO GIVE FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Penelope "Penny" Perkins Wilson's influence in philanthropy has been long-standing and farreaching.

Born Penelope Perkins in the Bronx, NYC in 1923, Penny was the daughter of George W. Perkins and Linn Merck Perkins. Her father was the first ambassador to NATO. She was raised on the family's farm in Cold Spring, New York and received her high school education at Chatham Hall in Virginia. While attending Bennington College in Vermont, Penny became interested in architecture, especially rehabilitating historic buildings. Because Bennington has played a deeply important role in her life, she continues to serve on Bennington's Board of Trustees, offering insight and wisdom.

In 1943, Penny Perkins married William B. Wilson, a Navy aviator and traveled throughout the United States. Her love for Chester County began on New Year's Day 1950, when her family moved into WyllPen Farm, a historic 1813 home.

Penny's passions for history, architecture, visual arts, women's education and the environment blossomed in Chester County with much opportunity at hand. In particular, it was her love for history and architecture that attracted

her to a 19th-century village in peril, known as Shugart's Town. Her interest in restoring this treasure entailed much drive, hard work and support from friends and neighbors.

"It takes a village to save a village," says Penny. A successful endeavor, Historic Sugartown, as it's presently known, is well preserved and open to the public, giving a window into 19th-century culture and architecture. Cofounder John Nagy said, "At Historic Sugartown Penny has always been a driving force with untiring devotion to our projects and strict attention to detail and authenticity."

Also on Penny's list of valuable organizations preserving our local history is Chester County Historical Society. She values the integration of collaborative projects providing a thread of continuity among the local historical sites.

Penny has a special interest in using matching gifts to inspire giving to charities. She believes that challenge gifts are wonderful tools that inspire more donors to give more. Some of the benefactors of this wisdom include the Audubon Society of PA, Bennington College, Chester County Historical Society, Chester County



Hospital, Chester County Community Foundation, Historic Sugartown, Moore College of Art & Design and Westtown School.

In 2004, Penny's enduring philanthropic commitment was recognized by the Chester County Community Foundation as they honored her with the Jordan award. Dr. Henry Jordan said, "Penny has given of her time, personal

resources and talents for more than 50 years. Her philanthropic leadership goes far beyond financial generosity and includes her willingness to share her expertise those charged with creating and sustaining fundraising initiatives. Penny has raised the bar for many in our community, inspiring us to new heights. For that, Chester County is eternally grateful."

PENNY HAS RAISED THE BAR FOR MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY, INSPIRING US TO NEW HEIGHTS. FOR THAT, CHESTER COUNTY IS ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

# In memory of Betty Moran

SHE LIVED BY HER PERSONAL MOTTO: "BE KIND, CONSIDERATE, CHARITABLE AND FIERCE." / 1930-2020



Thilanthropy and love ■ of family, friends and community defined Elizabeth "Betty" Moran's life.

She was deeply committed to helping those in need and worked tirelessly to help. As a leading philanthropist and active volunteer, she left behind an extraordinary legacy of giving back.

After so many years of leadership as a donor, solicitor and volunteer, the list of Betty's passions and causes was long. Some highlights:

 La Comunidad Hispana, where Betty served as co-chair of a \$5.5 million capital campaign, giving a pacesetting gift and spearheading fundraising during the economic recession. Now Latinos and other disadvantaged families have

access to healthcare, social services and educational programs to help improve the quality of their lives.

- Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), where as both a founder and campaign chair, she raised more than \$7 million for the sustaining fund. Since its inception in 1998, CVIM has raised nearly \$30 million to provide free healthcare and medications for the working poor.
- Chester County Food Bank, where she served with Robert McNeil as co-chair of a \$5.4 million Hunger Relief Campaign, after the prior food bank closed for lack of funding. In just one year, the new food bank completed a capital campaign, purchased a new facility, established a commercial

kitchen and expanded its services.

Through her leadership and generosity Betty championed many other local groups, including Home of the Sparrow, Operation Warm, Surrey Services for Seniors, Paoli Hospital, BreastCancer.org, Main Line Animal Rescue, Thorncroft Equestrian Center and the Barn at Spring Brook Farm, as well as schools and educational institutions. She was also a founder of Chester County Community Foundation.

Protecting the open space she loved led to support for the Brandywine Conservancy and Willistown Conservation Trust, creating an immeasurable impact on our area.

Quite simply, you'd rarely find a donor list that didn't have Betty Moran's name right at the top. Regardless of her personal situation or demanding schedule, Betty didn't hesitate to volunteer her time, share her experience, provide leadership and do what it took to get the job done—not for personal recognition, but for her sense of responsibility for

others and our community.

In fact, she often joked about her knee replacement surgery as resulting from "too much begging."

For Betty, philanthropy and helping others was a way of life and a philosophy she passed on to her family-and with accountability. Each Christmas, she gathered family together to get "reports" on charities her children, and then her grandchildren, supported during the year. This tradition instilled a deep belief in giving that continues from generation to generation.

And so now the names of her children and grandchildren are found on many donor lists giving testament to the importance of promoting philanthropy among the young.

Every community needs more people like Betty Moran-with her kindness, generosity, fervor, hard work, leadership and wonderful sense of humor. Her legacy of lifetime achievements has changed the very nature of our community for generations to

As a leading philanthropist AND ACTIVE VOLUNTEER, SHE LEFT BEHIND AN EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY OF GIVING BACK.

# CHESTER COUNTY (EF) community









# Thank You for 25 Years of Legacy Philanthropy!



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connects people who care with the causes that matter, so their philanthropy makes a difference now & forever.



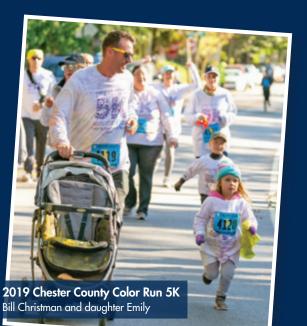
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# Fun Fundraisers

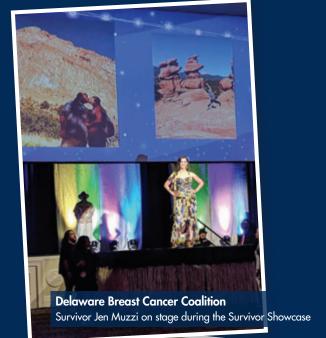
Isn't it great that you can have fun and help a good cause at the same time? Here are a few of our favorite fun fundraisers, helping support charities in our region.



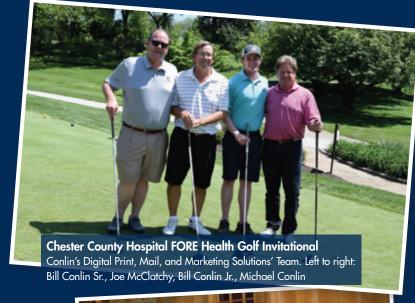


Matt Launi, Gina Mazzulla (Board Vice President)













Back, left to right: John Slauch (Board President), Maria Janoski, Dan Saltzman, Lisa Yackel,

Rob Jefferson, Chris Zaccarelli (CEO), Stephanie Morris, Lynn Sponheimer. Front, left to right:





# Datebook Calendar

For 2020 we bring you a full calendar of fundraisers, galas and events to fill your datebook as you support great local causes and have some fun along the way.

# JANUARY

# A Taste of Phoenixville JANUARY 16

Good food for a great cause. Creative cuisines, silent auction, live music, local wine and beer, and plenty of surprises make this a great start to the year. Benefits Good Samaritan Shelter helping with homelessness. Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. TasteOfPhoenixville.com.

# ▶ Alex's Lemonade Stand 14th Annual Lemon Ball ΙΔΝΙΙΔΡΥ 18

Wear your yellow at a fabulous evening of dining, dancing, auctions, entertainment and listenina to amazina stories of heroes bia and small, plus help kids with cancer. Philadelphia Marriott

Downtown, 1201 Market St., Phila. Alexs-Lemonade.ora.

# Kennett Chocolate Lovers Festival JANUARY 26

Chocoholics and other fans sample hundreds of treats created by all levels of bakers who vie for awards at this tasty annual event Benefits United Way of Southern Chester Co. Kennett High School, 100 E. South St., Kennett Square. KennettChocolate.ora.

# FEBRUARY

# Philadelphia Auto Show FEBRUARY 7-17

Cruise on over to one of the country's top auto shows-700 vehicles from 40 manufacturers at this elegant fundraiser. Feb.

7. Black Tie Tailaate, benefits the Dept. of Nursina at Children's Hospital of Phila. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. PhillyAutoShow.com.

# Jump! For Willowdale Steeplechase FEBRUARY 22

Party the night away with DJ Freeze, a photo booth and silent auction at this lively event and start planning for the steeplechase season. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Penn. Vet's New Bolton Center, Yellow House, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Sauare. WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

# 9th Empty Bowls Event at Red Clay Room FFRRIIARY 27

There are hearty soups, healthy salads and handmade bowls to take home, plus a silent auction at this annual carina fundraiser. Benefits the Kennett Food Cupboard, 423 Dalmatian St., Kennett Square. KACSonline.net.

# Phila. Flower Show FFRRIIARY 28

the best flower shows before it opens to the public and support the areenina initiatives of the PA Horticultural Society. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. TheFlowerShow.com

# Lights of Life

Coalition gala honors the lives of breast cancer survivors at this well attended event. The purchase of a tribute of celebration or a memorial marks their legacy. Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, 1131 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE. DEBreastCancer.org.

# Cheers for CHOP FEBRUARY 29

# MARCH

King of Prussia Restaurant Week

# Preview Party Gala

Early birds get a peek at one of

# Mardi Gras Gala FEBRUARY 29

The Delaware Breast Cancer

Hip, hip, hooray for an evening of live music, cocktails, dancing and an incredible silent auction at this fun event. Benefits the Division of Urology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Fillmore Philadelphia, 29 E. Allen St., Philadelphia. CheersFor.Chop.edu.

826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Brandywine.org/events. Art of Caring: Roaring '20s at the Hickman

Dine out for a good cause and

enjoy the delish and growing

dining scene in King of Prussia,

where there's always something

new. Benefits Children's Hosp.

of Philadelphia KOP Specialty

Care Center. VisitKOP.com/

KOPRestaurantWeek.

11th Annual Taste

of the Main Line

The Emergency Aid of PA

Foundation hosts an evening of

culinary delights from premier

area restaurants to fund schol-

arships, grants and mentoring

lies. Radnor Financial Center's

Grand Atrium, 150 N. Radnor

38th Chester County

Chester Rd., Radnor, Tasteofthe-

Antiques and Arts Show

Browse and buy fine collections

from 42 top antiques dealers at

this long-running show. Benefits

the Chester County Historical

Society. Church Farm School,

1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton.

ACT in Faith of Greater

Enjoy specialties from top restau-

rants and cast your vote for the

ACT in Faith, an interfaith organ-

"Best of Chef's Best." Benefits

ization that empowers un- and

under-employed West Chester residents. West Chester Univer-

sity Alumni & Foundation Center.

202 Carter Dr., West Chester.

Radnor Hunt Pre-Race

Conserved Land Tour

Take a guided tour of the Bran-

dywine Conservancy's preserved lands near the Radnor Hunt

Club-including the race track-

chase racing and the importance of open space. Radnor Hunt,

and learn more about steeple-

ACTInFaithGWC.org.

MARCH 21

ChesterCoHistorical.org.

West Chester 8th

Chef's Best Event

MARCH 19

for local children and fami-

MARCH 12

MainLine.com.

MARCH 13-15

Dress in '20s period clothing and watch artists create art, live. The works are then auctioned. along with other artworks. Plus live music and delicious food, 400 N. Walnut St., West Chester. TheHickman.org.

# 10th Annual Rockin' Docs for Diabetes Cure MARCH 22

This fundraiser and concert featuring musicians who are doctors with a connection to diabetes-benefits JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to help find a cure for type I diabetes and its complications. City Winery, 990 Filbert St., Philadelphia. RockinDocs.org.

# Thorncroft's 35th Annual Victory Gallop MARCH 28

This year's "Simply Magic" black-tie dinner, with dancing and silent auction, benefits the therapeutic riding programs at Thorncroft. The Bellevue. 200 S. Broad St., Phila, Thorncroft.org.

# "All That's Purple Affair" Unmasking Domestic Violence

Join quest emcees Tracy Davidson and Jen Croneberger at a cocktail reception, dinner, entertainment and auctions. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. DVCCC.com.

# 3rd Annual Casino Night for Brian's House MARCH 28

Place your bet on supporting Brian's House, which runs residential, day and employment options for adults with intellectual disabilities. Featurina food, drink, music, games and big prizes. Main Office, 757 Sprinadale Dr., Exton. BriansHouse.org/CasinoNight.

# 20th Anniversary of The Red Ball MARCH 28

"Party with a Purpose" when you attend this black tie charity aala with dancina, live entertainment. raffles and silent auction. Benefits The Red Cross House Center for Disaster Recovery. Vie by Cescaphe, N. Broad St., Phila. TheRedBall.ora.

# Chester County Community Foundation Sweet Charity Event MARCH 30

Fun, food and philanthropy— Chester County's finest dessert chefs showcase their delectable creations at this annual fundraiser. Benefits the Foundation's work with legacy philanthropy. Whitford Country Club. 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton, ChesCoCF.ora.

# APRII

# People's Light 45th Anniversary Gala

Enjoy a festive cocktail reception, silent auction and dinner in The Farmhouse Pavilion. Then head to the Leonard C. Haas Staae to see how art-making and civic exchange come together. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. PeoplesLight.org.

# 78th Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point

## APRIL 5

Celebrate the first race of the season! See pony races, kids activities and great raffle prizes. Dogs on leashes welcome at this family-friendly event. Benefits















Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. BrandywineRedClay.org.

# Radnor Hunt Pre-Race Pop Up Shops APRIL 9

Shop from pop-up boutiques and specialty stores for all you need to be Race Day ready. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Brandywine.org/events.

# Coaches vs. Cancer BasketBall APRIL 11

Score a ticket to join Philadelphia's NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches and their wives when they host this blacktie evening featuring dinner, entertainment, auctions and dancing. Benefits the American Cancer Society. Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. PhiladelphiaBasket-BallGala.org.

# Exchange Club "Comedy for a Cause"

Laugh as you give a helping hand at this improv comedy show featuring Better Than Bacon, in "Bacon Gives Back." Benefits the Exchange Club's programs including youth and community projects. Uptown! Knauer Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. UptownWest-Chester.org.

# Schuylkill River 50K Relay & Ultra Marathon

Race for a good cause—solo or in teams of 3 or 6 runners. Starts and ends at St. Michael's Park, 400 Jacobs St., Mont Clare. Benefits the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. SchuylkillRiverRelay.com.

# Tropical Luau Party, DE Museum of Nat'l History

Celebrate the approach of summer at a tropical luau featuring butterflies, birds, beach music, limbo and Tiki Bar. Benefits the Museum. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. DelMNH.org.

# Greater Philadelphia Congenital Hear't Walk

Supporters of all ages are invited to walk through the Philadelphia Zoo at this fun spring event. Benefits the Adult Congenital Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation. 3400 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia. Events. CongenitalHeartWalk.org.

# The Philadelphia Show APRIL 23-26

In its 58th year, this antiques and art show offers exceptional dealers and museum-quality pieces. Benefits the Phila. Museum of Art and Penn Medicine. Navy Yard, 11th St. & Kittyhawk Ave., Phila. ThePhiladelphiaShow.com.

# 47th Annual **Yellow Springs** Art Show

APRIL 24-MAY 10

Buy art to support the arts. This well-respected art show features works by artists from the Delaware Valley and beyond. Benefits the arts, education, historic preservation and environmental protection of Historic Yellow Springs. 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. YellowSprings.org.

# Safe Harbor's Spring Celebration APRIL 25

Celebrate spring as you enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and auctions for a good cause. Benefits Safe Harbor of Chester County, providing shelter and support to those experiencing homelessness. Chester Vallev Golf Club. 430 W. Swedesford Rd., Malvern. SafeHarbor-OfGWC.org.

# Constellations—A Night of Shining Stars for Peter's Place APRIL 25

Enjoy an elegant evening of cocktails, dinner and auctions to support the mission of Peter's Place, providing safe and supportive environments for grieving children and families. Merion Golf Club, 450 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. PetersPlaceOnline.ora.

# DE Center for Horticulture 38th Rare Plant Auction ΔPRII 25

A stunning variety of rare or newly introduced plants are auctioned at this lush event in Longwood's Conservatory. Benefits communities and urban greening programs. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. The DCH.org.

# Unite For HER-Bloom Spring Fashion Show

A spring celebration of life, fashion and community, featuring Unite for HER participants and families. Benefits local women affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Drexelbrook. 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill. UniteForHer.org.

# **Bucks County Designer** House & Gardens APRIL 26-MAY 24

Tour Creekside, a c.1850 farmhouse and grounds, as designers transform the property. Benefits Doylestown Hospital and the Village Improvement Association. BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

# ▶ Delaware Marathon Running Festival APRIL 26

Travel across Brandywine Park, on the parkways, through historic neighborhoods and Rodney Square. Benefits the Cardiac Center, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hosp. for Children. Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park

815 Justison St., Wilmington. DelawareMarathon.org.

# Annual Celebrity Chef's Brunch APRII 26

Join honorary chair Chef Carrie Baird, a Top Chef alum, for a morning of gourmet cuisine prepared by renowned chefs plus fine wines, cocktails and auctions. Benefits Meals on Wheels in Delaware. DuPont Country Club, 1001 Rockland Rd., Wilminaton. MealsOnWheelsDE.ora.

# "Taste of Spring" Fashion Show APRIL 29

"Get Your Glam On!" Enjoy a delicious lunch, raffles and a silent auction of fashionable items from local merchants. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Waynesborough Country Club. Paoli-Auxiliary.org.

# MAY

# Canine Partners for Life Unleashed & Uncorked: Dogs & Derbies MAY 2

Join your favorite CPL pups for a fun-filled evening of all things Kentucky Derby! Enjoy delicious food, meet CPL graduates, and snuggle a few precious pups. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. K94Life.org.

# American Helicopter Museum Gala MAY 2

"A Night at the Stage Door Canteen," a 1940s swing theme fundraiser features cocktails, dinner, entertainment and dancina. Costumes encouraged! 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. AmericanHelicopter, Museum.

# Chester County Hosp. Gala-Caribbean Night

Let the music transport you to

the islands. Benefits the NICU, Abramson Cancer Center, Emergency Dept., Operating Suites at Chester County Hospital. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Chester-CountyHospital.org.

# Blue Cross Broad St. Run MAY 3

Line up for a 10-mile, point-topoint course starting at Centra High School Athletic Field in Philly and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. Broad-StreetRun.com.

# 42nd Annual Winterthur Point-to-Point

MAY 3

Enjoy a day of elite horse racing on the lush grounds of the Winterthur Estate. A signature Brandywine Valley event complete with antique carriage parade

and antique car exhibit. There's tailgating, hospitality tents and shopping galore. Benefits Winterthur's programs. 5105 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Winterthur.org.

Garden Party, May

# Willowdale in White

Kick off Willowdale's race weekend in style. Wear white, bring dinner and drinks, table settings and decorations, then dance under the stars. Secret location is emailed that morning. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Penn. Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center. Willowdale.org.

# Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner

The 19th annual event is bringing a sigh of relief to families dealing with the financial hardships a cancer diagnosis has brought on them by offering financial assistance. Join the





great guys (and gals) for dinner, cocktails, auctions and more. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. BringingHopeHome.org.

# Bridge of Hope National Spring Gala Luncheon

Silent auctions, luncheon. Benefits the mission to end homelessness for local families. Doubletree Resort, 2400 Willow Street Pk., Lancaster. BridgeOfHopeInc.org.

# Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ MAY 9

Join an exclusive tour of Willistown's beautiful barns and farms. followed by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, barbecue dinner and auction. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. WCTrust.org.

# > 28th Willowdale Steeplechase MAY 9

Now the Saturday before Mother's Day! Also new, "Tents on the Turn," where guests can enjoy lunch at this family-friendly gathering. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, Penn. Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

# > 90th Radnor Hunt Races MAY 16

Race day is about steeplechase racing, fashion and tradition at this signature event. Celebrate 90 years of horseracing with stylish tailgates, fancy hats, parade of antique carriages and thoroughbred racing. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. Radnor Hunt Grounds 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Brandywine.org.

# FORE Health Golf Invitational for Chester County Hospital



Benefits the Women's and Children's Health Services and the Women's Auxiliary's pledge towards the Heart and Vascular Program at the Hospital. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. Chester-CountyHospital.org/Giving.

# Brandywine Health Foundation's Annual Garden Party

"An Evening in the French Quarter" includes music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a light supper and decadent dessert. Benefits Brandywine Health Foundation's support of a Culture of Health in Coatesville. Springbank Farm, 301 Five Points Rd., Coatesville. BrandywineFoundation.org.

# Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament

Play a round of golf before heading for the cocktail reception with an open bar, silent auction, raffle and dinner. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org/Golf.

# The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair MAY 21-31

See Olympic-caliber riders, the best local riders, junior classes and munchkins on the Lead Line or come for the fun outside the ring—like the Ladies Hat contest—at the country's oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show. Visit the Country Fair's midway attractions and boutiques. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. DevonHorseShow.net.

# Brandvwine River Museum of Art 49th **Antiques Show** MAY 22-25

For almost 50 years, Memorial Day weekend has marked this premier antiques show, featuring distinguished dealers from the

Mid-Atlantic and beyond. Benefits the Museum Volunteers' Purchase Fund and Art Education & Programming. Preview Party, Fri. May 22. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Brandywine.org/events.

# The Strawberry Festival MAY 28-31

The Rotary Club of Coatesville now hosts the Strawberry Festival, still offering the same wonderful family entertainment rides, kids activities, monster truck rides, craft fair, Friday fireworks and more. Benefits the Coatesville community. Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.

# The Land Conservancy's Run for Conservation MAY 30

For the 13th year, these familyfriendly races offer fantastic prizes. Benefits TLC's mission to preserve open space, natural resources, local watersheds and

agricultural lands in the Greater Southern Chester County region. TLCforSCC.org.

# JUNE

# 18th Up On The Roof JUNE 6

Sip a specialty martini as you watch the sunset from a unique vantage point. The West Chester Downtown Foundation and West Chester BID join forces for an evening under the stars with dinner, music, dancing and open bar on the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage. Benefits the beautification of West Chester. 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester, Downtown-WestChester.com

# ▶ Alex's Lemonade Stand Great Chef's Event

Culinary superstars along with local stars from the best bars. wineries and craft breweries share their creations at this tasty annual fundraiser at the Navy Yard. Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. AlexsLemonade.org.

# Chester County Hospital Polo Cup

Watch thundering horses and their riders play the Sport of Kings as you enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, beer aarden, delicious food and kids' activities. Benefits Ob/ Gvn Clinic and The Women's Auxiliary's NICU Pledge for Chester County Hospital. Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. ChesterCounty-Hospital.org/Giving.

# CVIM's 19th Golf Classic

Join Community Volunteers in Medicine and its partners for a day of golf on a premier course along with breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, auction and giveaways, to support the region's largest free healthcare center for the working poor. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. CVIM.org.

# Home of the Sparrow's 26th Annual Gala JUNE 12

Known for its tempting silent auction, this gala is a fundraiser featuring music, dancing, dinner and open bar. Funds help women and children in Chester County avoid homelessness.

Drexelbrook Catering, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill. HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

# Chester County Community Foundation Chair's Choice

Stroll through Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery, enjoy the beautiful sights and smells of a working vineyard, and honor Chester County Community Foundation Board leaders. Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery Kennett Square. ChesCoCF.org.

# Stroud Center's Chukkas and Caddisflies

JUNE 14

Eniov an afternoon at "It's a Battle of the Sexes" match at the Brandywine Polo Club, one of the oldest polo clubs on the East Coast. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, to advance knowledge and stewardship of freshwater systems. Brandywine Polo Club, 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. StroudCenter.org.

# French Creek Iron Tour—Cycling for Open Space JUNE 14

Cycle through the rolling hills of historic Iron Furnace country and have a blast! Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Start and finish at Kimberton Fire Company Fairarounds, 762 Pike Sprinas Rd., Phoenixville. IronTour.ora.

# Lindsav Maxwell Charitable Fund Brandywine Horse Shows

JUNE 24-28. JUNE 30-JULY 5

Offering two weeks of familyfriendly equestrian competition at the beautiful Devon Show Grounds. This year the show benefits The Pilot School and Kevin Babbington Foundation. Rt. 30, Devon. Brandywine-HorseShows.com

# JULY

# Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve JULY 10

Star gaze and listen to live music as you sip wine and beer, toast marshmallows and socialize at one of the most beautiful settings in Chester County. This popular event sells out. Benefits Natural Lands. Cheslen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. NatLands.org.

# 21st Annual Blobfest at The Colonial Theatre

JULY 10-12

Celebrate the legacy of the beloved film with a weekend full of kitschy, Blob-themed events. Benefits the Colonial Theatre. which is featured in the film. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. TheColonialTheatre.com.

# AUGUST

# Brandywine in White AUGUST 22

For the Brandywine Valley's pop-up BYO summer gala, quests wear their trendiest white outfits. bring dinner, wine, centerpiece, candles and ambiance. The loca-







tion is revealed August 16. Benefits Neighbors for Crebilly. Facebook.com/BrandywineInWhite.

# Delaware Burger Battle **AUGUST 29**

Delaware's top chefs put their best burgers forward as guests sample the burger-licious options. Benefits Ministry of Carina's Emmanuel Dining Room. Cauffiel House, 1016 Phiadelphia Pk., Wilmington. DEBurgerBattle.com.

# SEPTEMBER

# Brandywine Valley SPCA's Forget-Me-Not SEPTEMBER DATE TBA

Guests enjoy spectacular entertainment, delectable dishes. spirited libations, live music, silent and live auctions and, of course, adorable adoptables. Mendenhall Inn. 323 Kennett Pk., Mendenhall. BVSPCA.org/Gala.

# Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance SEPTEMBER 11-13

Drive on over to this nationally recognized three-day event that includes a Friday Night Barbecue, Chester County Road Rally and Black Tie Gala. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center, specializing in therapeutic horseback riding. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorConcours.org.

# Barclay Friends' 16th Secret Gardens of West Chester Tour SEPTEMBER 12

Visit the beautiful gardens in the southwest area of West Chester borough at this annual event featuring artists and musicians in many of the aardens. Benefits Barclay Friends' Horticultural Therapy Program. BF.Kendal.org.

# 5th Annual West Chester Summer Soirée SEPTEMBER 12

Guests bring their own picnic dinner and cocktails to share

a fun evening with family and friends dining and dancing under the stars. Live entertainment and lots of fun. Benefits Westside Community Center, A Haven and Chester County Family Academy. Location announced August 24. WCSummerSoiree.org.

# 5th Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix SEPTEMBER 19

Step back in time to experience authentic early American sports car racing featuring dozens of rare and unique historic cars and motorcycles dating from 1900 to 1970 competing in individually timed races. Benefits the Coastesville community. Start and finish at 3rd Ave. & Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. Coatesville-GrandPrix.com.

# The Farm Explorer Food Festival SEPTEMBER 25

Meet the people who grow and create the food you eat, sip from local brewers and distillers, relax with friends. The sit-down gala is now an open-air farmers' market. Benefits Greener Partners' fresh food access and education programs in low-income communities. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. GreenerPartners.org.

# Bike the Brandywine SEPTEMBER 26

Riders choose from four routes in the majestic Brandywine Creek Greenway and surrounding area. Benefits the open space and clean water initiatives of the Brandywine Conservancy. Begins and ends at 1736 N. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Brandywine.org/events.

# OCTOBER

Chester County Historical Society's Halloween Ball OCTOBER DATE TBA

Come in costume and enjoy a live auction, music, costume contest, food and more. Benefits the historical society. 225 N. High St., West Chester. ChesterCoHistorical.org.

# Main Line Animal Rescue Gran Fondo Cycling Event OCTOBER DATE TBA

Join 500+ riders to bike the beautiful country roads, enjoy an awards ceremony, great food and beer, live band, raffles, games and meet-and-greet with adoptable dogs. Start and finish at Pickering Meade Farm, the 60-acre home of Main Line Animal Rescue, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. MLAR-GranFondo.org.

# 43rd Annual Radnor Run OCTOBER DATE TBA

Lace up your shoes and join the 5-mile timed running race, 1-mile walk/fun run and a health fair after the run. Benefits the American Lung Association. Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Lung.org/RadnorRun.

# 80th Chester County Day House Tour OCTOBER 3

This Chester County tradition is always the first Saturday in October and is known to fans as "The Day." Celebrate the history and architecture of Chester County on this long-running tour, taking you inside stunning homes and historic buildings. Benefits the Women's Auxiliary's pledge to Chester County Hospital. ChesterCountyDay.com.

# People's Light Golf Classic OCTORER 5

"Swing for a Cause" and enjoy friendly competition with those who share a passion for the arts ... and golf. Benefits theater education programs at People's Light. Waynesborough Country Club. PeoplesLight.org.









# Thorncroft Equestrian Center's 11th Annual "Lobstah Bake" OCTOBER 11

Plenty of "lobstah," pork bbg by Jimmy's BBQ, beer garden, live music and kids entertainment at this family-friendly event. Rain or shine in the Jimmy Moran North Arena, 190 Line Rd., Malvern. Reservations a must. Thorncroft.org.

# Rotary Club of West Chester-16th Annual Chili Cookoff OCTOBER 11

Downtown West Chester gets spicy! Over 70 chili-cooking teams-businesses, nonprofits, hometown cooks—line the streets for this cookoff and compete for prizes in several categories. Sample as many as you can and vote for your favorite. Benefits local nonprofits. Gay St., West Chester. WestChester-ChiliCookoff.com

# Dilworthtown Inn Crush Cancer Wine Festival OCTORER 11

Sample 100 wines and craft beers as you enjoy great food, auctions, shopping, music and a car show. Benefits The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health Hospice. 1390 Old Wilm ington Pk., West Chester. ChesterCountyHospital.org.

# 16th Laurel Hill Cemetery Gravediggers' Ball OCTOBER 16

Themed costumes and masks encouraged at this fun fundraiser. Benefits Friends of Laurel Hill & West Laurel Hill Cemeteries, working to preserve and promote both sites. The Penn Museum, 3260 South St., Philadelphia. GravediggersBall.org.

# Hoe Down at the Barn at Spring Brook Farm OCTOBER 17

Dust off yer boots and mosey on over to a Wild West party with plenty of eats and drinks, live band, critters, raffles and auctions. Benefits The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, working with children with disabilities through animal-assisted activities. The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, 360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester. SpringBrook-Farm.org.

# Brandywine in Plaid—Celebrate the Harvest OCTOBER 24

Following the lead of Brandvwine in White, this is a new, more relaxed and colorful event, letting guests wear their jeans, boots and flannels and meet at a Brandywine Valley area location. Benefits preservation of open space. For tickets visit BrandywineInPlaid.org.

# Home of the Sparrow's 22nd Fashion Show OCTORER 27

Designed to promote the power









of women who support other women who are less fortunate, the event features a runway show with volunteer models, boutique shopping, raffle, auction, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a fabulous dinner. The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Boulevard, Malvern. HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

# Harvest-Unite for HER Chef and Wine Tasting OCTOBER 29

Rustic chic farm-to-table chef tasting event featuring the region's best chefs, wines, brews and spirits, plus an auction and live music. Benefits local women affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Phoenixville Foundry. 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. Unite-ForHer.org/Harvest.

# NOVEMBER

# Main Line Notable Kitchen Tour & Chef Tastings **NOVEMBER DATE TBA**

This popular self-guided tour of the Main Line's unique kitchens benefits The Philadelphia Orchestra. Come see gourmet kitchens in six private homes showcasing a notable local chef offering samples of their cuisine, plus gorgeous table decor and flower arrangements. Notable-Kitchens.com.

# Chester County Futures "Harvest Dinner and Wine Tasting." NOVEMBER (DATE TBA)

Dinner with wine pairings and items for auction benefitting Chester County Futures, providing academic, mentoring and scholarships for disadvantaged youth. The High Point, 2475 St. Peter's Rd., Malvern. CCFutures.org.

# 86th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup NOVEMBER 1

Timber racing, food and shopping highlight a day in the

countryside at this long-running event. Benefits the Chester Co. Food Bank, Work to Ride and Upland Country Day School. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. PaHuntCup.org.

# 57th Annual Delaware **Antiques Show** NOVEMBER 6-8

See the finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers in art, antiques and design. Benefits educational programming at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 800 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Winterthur.org.

# French & Pickering Creek Trust's 38th Annual Auction Party NOVEMBER 7

Enjoy live and silent auctions with exciting items on the block, plus delicious food. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Stonewall Golf Club, Bulltown Rd., Elverson. FrenchAndPickering.org.

# T&E Care Fall Fest **NOVEMBER 7**

Fundraiser featuring dinner, dancing and silent auction. Benefits Tredyffrin & Easttown Care, a local, all-volunteer nonprofit that helps area families facing an emergency or difficult situations by helping families have a more successful future. St. Davids Golf Club, 845 Radnor Street Rd., Wayne. TECare.org.

# Historic Sugartown's Secret Soiree NOVEMBER 7

Take a step back in time at this new fundraiser to protect the richly authentic 19th-century village of Sugartown. The evening promises to be one of Prohibition-themed entertainment. Benefits Historic Sugartown. Historic Sugartown, 273 Boot Road, Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.

# Devereux Hope Gala NOVEMBER 14

This black-tie fundraiser, supporting programs and services provided by Devereux Advanced Behavioral Helath, is a special evening with oncein-a-lifetime experiences and other unique items offered at live and silent auctions. Vie, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. Devereux.org.

# Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce Charity Gala NOVEMBER 21

A signature event including dinner, dancing and auction with great items for this season of giving. Benefits the Phoenixville Senior Center and Barnstone Art for Kids. Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Rivercrest Dr., Phoenixville. Phoenixville-Chamber.org.

# DECEMBER

# West Chester Charity Ball DECEMBER DATE TBA

A highlight of the West Chester charity season! Enjoy dinner, dancing and an auction. Benefits The Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, Outreach, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. FriendsAssoc.org.

# Uptown! Entertainment Alliance Gala DECEMBER 31

Ring in the New Year at this fun-filled gala to support the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center at West Chester's "Party of the Year." The 2020 theme is "Puttin' on the Glitz." Fabulous food and, of course, lots of entertainment. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.





# Datebook Calendar Event Photos













Check our Best Local Events feature each month in County Lines Magazine and on our website,
CountyLinesMagazine.com, for updates to these events and many more throughout the year.
To have your event in next year's datebook, contact Info@ValleyDel.com. Space is limited!

# What to Wear to the Gala

Light up the room when you walk in wearing this stunning gown and glittering details.





volunteering you can give back and gain valuable life experience, plus further the mission of rescuing animals, conserving open space, helping others and plenty more.

Here are some organizations with volunteer opportunities to inspire you to give back this year. And even more at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

**ALL 4 PAWS:** Finding new homes for needy animals. Chester Springs. 610-731-1086; All4PawsRescue.com.

BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA: No-kill, open admission shelter finding pets forever homes. 1212 Phoenixville Pk., West Chester. 484-302-0865; BVSPCA.org.

MAIN LINE ANIMAL RESCUE: Helping eliminate animal abuse and homelessness. Finding pets new homes. 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 610-933-0606; MLAR.org.

RYERSS FARM FOR AGED EQUINES: Providing retirement for horses, including those rescued from abuse. 1710 Ridge Rd., Pottstown. 866-469-0507; RyerssFarm.org.

TREETOPS KITTY CAFÉ: Finding permanent homes for rescued cats from high-kill shelters. 305 W. State St., Kennett Square. 610-925-2908; TreetopsKittyCafe.com.

WOLF SANCTUARY OF PA: Protecting and rescuing gray wolves and wolf dogs. 465 Speedwell Forge Rd., Lititz. 717-626-4617; WolfSanctuaryPA.org.

CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSN: Educating, connecting the community through the arts. 100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org. **CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** 

Preserving and sharing the County's past.

ChesterCoHistorical.org. **COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER:** Opportunities for

225 N. High St., West Chester. 610-692-4800;

all to create and enjoy the visual arts. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

**PEOPLE'S LIGHT:** Live theater and arts education programs. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

**UPTOWN! KNAUER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:** 

Live performance, film and community. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

WAYNE ART CENTER: Arts, education, exhibitions and outreach for the community. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

**BOY SCOUTS OF CHESTER COUNTY & GIRL SCOUTS** OF EASTERN PA: Serving young people in our area. 226 Exton Square Mall, Exton. 610-696-2900; CCCBSA.org. Headquarters, Shelly Ridge Serv. Cntr., 330 Manor Rd., Miguon. 215-564-2030; GSEP.org.

**CAMP DREAMCATCHER:** Safe and tolerant environment for youth and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. 148 W. State St., Ste. 104, Kennett Square. 610-925-2998; CampDreamcatcher.org. **CAMPHILL SCHOOL:** Education, extended family living and therapy for youth with developmental disabilities. 1784 Fairview Rd., Glenmoore. 610-469-9236; CamphillSchool.org.

# THE GARAGE COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTER:

After-school programs for teens. 115 S. Union St., Kennett Square. 610-444-6464; GarageYouthCenter.org.

**OPERATION WARM:** Giving brand new winter coats to children in need. 6 Dickinson Dr., Ste. 314, Chadds Ford. 1-800-730-9276; Operation Warm.org.

**BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK ASSOCIATES:** 

Preserving and educating the public about this battle site. 1491 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 610-459-3342; BrandywineBattlefield.org.

# **GREEN VALLEYS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION:**

Protecting natural watersheds of northern Chester County. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. 610-469-4900; Green Valleys.org.

HISTORIC SUGARTOWN: Inspiring engagement with the past through a 19th-century village. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS: Sharing and preserving the living village of Yellow Springs. 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

STROUD CENTER FOR WATER RESEARCH: Stewardship of freshwater systems. 970 Spencer Rd., Avondale. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org.

VALLEY FORGE AUDUBON SOCIETY: Preserving birds, wildlife and their habitats. 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon. PA.Audubon.org.

CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL: Care for the health and wellness of the County. 701 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 610-431-5000; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE: Free** healthcare to low-income individuals and families. 300B Lawrence Dr., West Chester. 610-836-5990; CVIM.org.

**CONNECT THRU CANCER:** Free services to individuals and families living with cancer, 20 W. Miner St., West Chester. 484-301-3047; ConnectThruCancer.org.

**DE BREAST CANCER COALITION:** Programs and services for those affected by breast cancer. 100 W. 10th St., Ste. 209, Wilmington. 302-778-1102; DEBreastCancer.org.

**MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF CHESTER COUNTY:** High-quality health care for pregnant and parenting women. 30 W. Barnard St., Ste. 1, West Chester. 610-344-5370; CCMCHC.org.

BRIDGE OF HOPE: Ending homelessness through help from partners. 1 N. Bacton Hill Rd., Ste. 100, Malvern. 610-280-0280; BridgeOfHopeInc.org.

**CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK:** Addressing food insecurity in Chester County. 650 Pennsylvania Dr., Exton. 610-873-6000; ChesterCountyFoodBank.org.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION: Programs to prevent homelessness and promote independence of families with children. 113 West Chestnut St., West Chester. 610-431-3598; FriendsAssoc.org.

**GOOD WORKS:** Repairing homes for low-income homeowners. Main office, 544 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. 610-383-6311; GoodWorksInc.org.

**GOOD SAMARITAN SERVICES:** Helping those at risk of, and those experiencing, homelessness. 141 High St., Phoenixville. 610-933-9305; GoodSamServices.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CHESTER COUNTY: Affordable living for low-income families. 1847 East Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. 610-384-7993; HFHCC.org.

PHOENIXVILLE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES: Helping people overcome food insecurity. 257 Church St., Phoenixville. 610-933-1105; PACSPhx.org.

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### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER OF CHESTER

**COUNTY:** Programs, intervention and advocacy to combat domestic violence. 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. 610-384-2774; DVCCCPa.org.

LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA: Supporting families with medical care, social assistance, education and job skills. 731 W. Cypress St., Kennett Square. 610-444-7550; LaComunidadHispana.org.

# SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ARC OF CHESTER COUNTY: Advocating, educating and providing services to empower individuals with disabilities. 900 Lawrence Dr., West Chester. 610-696-8090; ArcOfChesterCounty.org.

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE: Training service and companion dogs to aid individuals with disabilities. Cochranville. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.

HANDI-CRAFTERS: Helping individuals with disabilities be more independent. 215-225 Barley Sheaf Rd., Thorndale. 610-384-6990; Handi-Crafters.org.

QUEST THERAPEUTIC SERVICES: Pediatric horseback riding therapy. 461 Cann Rd., West Chester. 610-692-6362; QuestTherapeutic.com.

THORNCROFT EQUESTRIAN CENTER: Therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 610-644-1963; ThorncroftEquestrianCenter.org.

# **SENIORS**

MEALS ON WHEELS: Supporting communitybased programs to address senior isolation and hunger. 404 Willowbrook Ln., West Chester. 610-430-8500; MOWCC.org.

**SURREY SERVICES:** Helping seniors live with independence and dignity. Multiple locations. SurreyServices.org.

WEST CHESTER AREA SENIOR CENTER: Activities, education and nourishment for seniors. 530 E. Union St., West Chester. 610-431-4242; WCSeniors.org.

### **VETERANS**

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS:** Serving and advocating for veterans, the military and local communities. Locations in West Chester, Downingtown, Kennett Square and Media. VFW.org.

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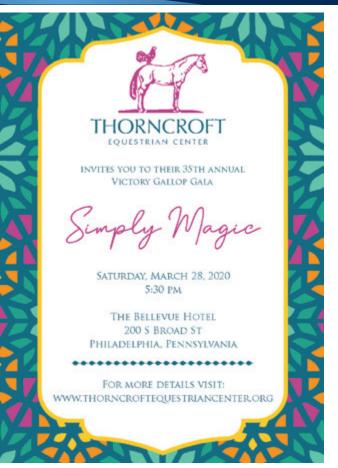
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Formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the 50-year-old organization rebranded to JDRF to curb the misconception that T1D is solely a childhood disease, pointing to 85 percent of people currently living with it who are over 18. Though there is still much more to accomplish on the way to finding a cure, funds raised through Rockin' Docs have helped JDRF make giant leaps in advancements arenas such as artificial pancreas and encapsulation of transferred islet cells.

To find out more information or to purchase tickets to the 10th annual fundraiser, please visit RockinDocs.org.

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# Land Conservancies

A WEALTH OF OPEN SPACE COMES FROM PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY.

Ellen Ferretti Brandywine Conservancy

RIVATE PHILANTHROPY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE heart and soul of the conservation efforts here in Chester County. Whether through personal giving, voter referendums or community support for government-led open space programs, Chester County is regarded as a leader in land conservation throughout the nation.

Before becoming Director of the Brandywine Conservancy, I was already aware of the preeminence of Chester County's conservation efforts from my experience as Secretary of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Now that I live and work in the area, I've seen first-hand the conservation successes that were made possible by the astounding generosity and philanthropic giving of so many.

# EARLY ORGANIZING

Private philanthropy for conservation is what created the Brandywine Conservancy—then called the Tri-County Conservancy—

as well as other conservation organizations. In 1967, a private company was planning to build a manufacturing plant in Chadds Ford that would have permanently altered the character of the community and created a negative impact on the environment.

A group of individuals—including the Brandywine Conservancy's co-founder, George A. "Frolic" Weymouth—rallied against this threat and organized to purchase the land and place it under conservation easement. Soon philanthropic landowners, including Harry G. "Hal" Haskell Jr., Jamie and Phyllis Wyeth, and Ford B. and Katharine Draper, joined the efforts to protect our area's critical land and drinking water, creating the beginnings of a conservation corridor along the Brandywine River.

### FIRST PHILANTHROPISTS

Stories like these are a reflection of the many conservation successes land trusts have achieved throughout the County. "We have witnessed firsthand the power that philanthropy plays in saving

threatened places especially when time is short, and the stakes are high," says Blaine T. Phillips Jr. of The Conservation Fund.

Of the many major philanthropists whose land contributions have forever impacted the Chester County landscape, stories vary from John C. and Chara Cooper Haas, who donated their beloved 170-acre Waterloo Mills property to the Brandywine Conservancy to be forever protected as a preserve; Gerry and Marguerite Lenfest, who donated their 1,000+ acre property to Natural Lands to become what's now the ChesLen Preserve; and George Saalbach and Horatio Myrick, who contributed their 225-acre Saalbach Farm to the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, becoming what's now part of its Myrick Conservation Center.

"These individuals donated their expansive lands with no direct benefit to themselves, just the assurance that these properties would remain much the same as they were," notes Jim Jordan, Executive Director & CEO of the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. Community-led philanthropy also has a far-reaching impact in this region. "Our community of conservationists has provided extraordinary levels of support for our initiatives," says Bonnie Van Alen, President and Executive Director of Willistown Land Trust. "In Willistown, the community has funded everything from an endowment for conservation interns, to a dedicated garden growing crops specially planted for the Chester County Food Bank, to an international electronic bird migration tracking system, as well as nature education programs for students of all ages."

## KING RANCH

One of our region's biggest community success stories was the protection of the land around Unionville. Still referred to today as the "King Ranch" lands, this property was previously a 10,000-acre, Texas-based cattle farm of the same name. When it was decided to shut down farm operations in Unionville, there was great uncertainty about the future of the land.

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As rumors abounded about its fatefrom being considered as a future theme park site to flooding the land to make way for a dam—the community rallied together to purchase and conserve the land with the help of the Brandywine Conservancy. Today the area is home to 43 square miles of contiguous and protected open space.

### SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION

Whether it's an individual landowner or a community-led protection effort, there are a myriad of reasons people support conservation in the County. "A strong connection to the land is often a catalyst for conservation," notes Bill Gladden, Executive Director of French and Pickering Land Trust. "Whether that's based on a history of living in the area or a desire to preserve the sense of place that attracted them to the location in the first place—as was the case with The Thomas P. Bentley Nature Preserve that we recently opened to the public in Northern Chester County."

For some it's the idea of preserving the beauty of the landscape that's their main motivation. And it's easy to see why beauty is often at the heart of decisions to conserve land. One only needs to take a drive along the quiet, winding roads of Chester County to encounter its stunning vistas of rolling hills and valleys, contemplative views, rich agricultural lands and the omnipresent Brandywine River and tributaries.

As the late John C. Haas noted of his Waterloo Mills property, "It's beautiful land and just driving by is nourishing. We have a deep satisfaction knowing that people will be able to use it for years to come."

Another key factor that often motivates landowners to conserve their land is a desire to preserve what has been in their family for generations. This was certainly the case of the Haas family and their Villanova home, Stoneleigh, which had been in their family for three generations. "After their parents placed the property under conservation easement two decades ago, the Haas children decided to go a step further and gift the property to Natural Lands," says Oliver P. Bass, President of Natural Lands. "Stoneleigh: a natural garden, is now open to the public free of charge to all."

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Partnerships between land trusts, community groups and local government is also a driver of conservation in the County. "While municipal help was involved, the acquisition of Stateline Woods Preservenow one of the most popular woodland preserves in the area for its trails, meadows and wildlife watching-was largely due to overwhelming support coming from a local community group," notes Todd Pride, Managing Director of The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County.

Combined together, these efforts to preserve key natural, cultural and historic resources have had a direct, positive impact on the environment and the quality of life for all citizens and wildlife.

# **BOUNTIFUL BENEFITS**

Without the conservation accomplishments that have protected the character of Chester County as we know it today, one can't help but wonder what this landscape would have looked like had suburban sprawl been left unchecked. The environmental impact alone of Chester County's protected lands has served us all in both tangible and intangible ways.

Studies have shown that open space promotes cleaner water and air, which we all benefit from every day. It also reduces the hidden costs associated with development, both to people and the environment.

Today, thanks to the work of the land trust community, residents and local government, nearly 30% of the County is protected open space—totaling over 140,000 acres of parks, historic sites, agricultural and privately held lands. Over time these cumulative efforts have resulted in the overall beauty and preservation of the Chester County we call home.

# **Local Land Conservancies**

The Brandywine Conservancy protects water, conserves land, preserves historic sites, and engages communities. As one of the oldest land conservation organizations in the state, the Brandywine has facilitated the permanent preservation of more than 66,000 acres of open space to date. Brandywine.org/Conservancy

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance is the oldest small watershed organization in the country, celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. It concentrates on watershed conservation efforts and environmental education for school children and adults BrandywineRedClay.org

The Conservation Fund is a national nonprofit organization that has protected over 8 million acres across the country, including more than 140,000 acres in PA and over 18,800 acres in DE. The Fund works closely with public and private partners to permanently protect America's land and water legacy. ConservationFund.org

French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust is a community-based organization whose mission is to preserve, steward and connect people to the land in northern Chester County. FrenchAndPickering.org

The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County is a regional conservation organization focused on land protection and stewardship, historic preservation and STEM-focused environmental and wildlife education to encourage the next generation of diverse stewards. TLCforSCC.org

As the Greater Philadelphia region's oldest and largest land conservation organization, Natural Lands has preserved more than 125,000 acres, including 43 nature preserves and one public garden totaling more than 23,000 acres. NatLands.org

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association helps people conserve land by defending and improving conservation law and by providing organizations and local governments with models, guides, training, and technical assistance to accomplish conservation effectively and efficiently. **ConserveLand.org** 

In addition to conserving land in Chester County, Willistown Conservation Trust takes a unique and integrative approach that uses our protected land for research, education, and outreach programs in bird conservation, agroecology and regenerative farming, watershed protection, and habitat management. WCTrust.org





Main Point Books

# GIVE AN UPLIFTING BOOK A CHANCE.

T NEVER HURTS TO TAKE STOCK of the issues facing us and our global community. Books can help us decide where we should focus, what kind of difference we can make and provide ideas about how to move forward.

Many of the recommendations below are aimed at younger readers, who are willing to take risks to change the world.

Whether you want to inspire someone else or motivate yourself, there's a book to help you do it.

No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg Greta and the Giants

by Zoe Tucker and illustrated by Zoe Persico

Greta Thunberg soared into the American spotlight in 2019, becoming TIME magazine's "Person of the Year" at the age of 17. Now, there are several books spreading her urgent environmental message.

No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference is a compilation of Greta's greatest speeches. The message? All of us from the youngest to the oldest must start to radically change how we live or our planet will die. Greta's voice has resonated with teenagers around the world, inspiring them to become more politically active.





Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X Kendi

The popular middle grade author Jason Reynolds has adapted Ibram X Kendi's Stamped from the Beginning into a YA (young adult) "not a history" book. It traces the history of racist ideas and makes us think about or own preconceptions so, hopefully, we can make better choices in the future. This is definitely one you can read with

your kids and then have an inspired conversation.

The Story of More: How We Got To Climate Change and Where to Go from Here

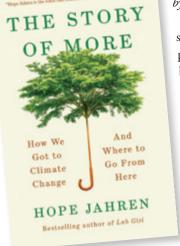
by Hope Jahren

Hope Jahren is an award-winning scientist, teacher and author of the phenomenal Lab Girl. Her new book, The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here explains the science behind key inventions and shows us how they hurt as well as help us. She explains the current and projected consequences of greenhouse gases—from superstorms to rising sea levels—and the actions we can all take to fight back.

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among us, Zoe Tucker and



# Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different: True Talks of Amazing People Who Stood Up and Stood Out

Want to inspire a middle-grader? Ben Brooks shares true stories of some extraordinary people who broke the mold and changed

the world for the better. The point? Stay true to yourself and you can do it too. Brooks offers an accessible compilation of 76 influencers from the past to the present, every one of them a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher. Profiles include Emma Gonzalez, Andy Warhol,

Björk, Hans Christian Andersen and Sally Ride.

# American Dirt

by Jeanine Cummins Sometimes it's easier to see the need for change when the message comes in an entertaining way. There's a wave of wonderful fiction that will keep you engaged, but might also move you to action. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins is one of those books. A heart-pounding thriller,

it's the story of a mother and son who are forced to flee their home in Acapulco after

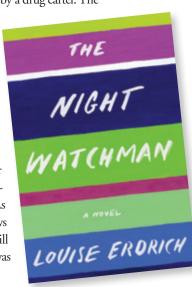
the rest of their family is murdered by a drug cartel. The

novel graphically depicts the lives of those forced by circumstance to try and make it to the United States and a new life.

# The Night Watchman

by Louise Erdrich

Louise Erdrich's new book, The Night Watchman, is a fictionalized account of the life of her grandfather, a Chippewa councilman and night watchman. As with all her books, Erdrich shows how Native Americans are still treated as "others" in a land that was once theirs. •



Cathy Fiebach is the owner of Main Point Books, an independent bookstore with a handpicked selection of books for every member of the family, located at 116 North Wayne Ave., Wayne. Please check out their events, book groups and children's activities at MainPointBooks. com or on Facebook, Instagram and twitter.

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# Camp Geronimo The Barn at Spring Brook Farm

360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester 610-793-1037; SpringBrook-Farm.org

June 15-19; 22-26; 29-July 3; July 27-31; Aug. 3-7; 10-14

Camp Geronimo is a summer day camp providing children with disabilities, ages 6–12, the opportunity to meet new friends, engage in animal-assisted activities designed to build communication and sensory integration skills and more. Set on 17 beautiful acres at The Barn at Spring Brook Farm and featuring a one-to-one counselor to camper ratio and on-site registered nurse. Contact Annie Kozicki for more information.

# Centreville Layton School

6201 Kennett Pk., Centreville 302-571-0230; CentrevilleLayton.org June 24-July 26

Their PreK-8th grade program is designed to reinforce academics, with an optional

afternoon program focused on recreational activities including swimming. The 9th-12th grade program offers a choice of small group support or a program designed to broaden students' reading and social comprehension. Visit their website for more info.

# Delaware Art Museum

2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington 302-351-8551; DelArt.org June 8-August 21

The summer art camp provides a creative experience with professional instruction in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Young artists explore drawing, painting, ceramics and more in the studio, galleries and sculpture garden. Each session ends with a camper art show. Contact Rebecca Howell at 302-351-8551 or visit DelArt.org.

**Excel Camps at Episcopal Academy** 1785 Bishop White Dr., Newtown Square 484-424-1411; ExcelAtEA.org June 8-July 31 Directed by Episcopal Academy's varsity

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# **Thorncroft Equestrian Center**

190 Line Rd., Malvern 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org June 15-August 17

Thorncroft summer camp introduces riders ages 7+ and counselors-in-training ages 13+ to the excitement, challenges and responsibilities of horseback riding and care. While learning respect and cooperation for each other, the campers' and CITS' days are filled with an in-depth look at horsemanship and riding. One- and two-week sessions available. Visit website for more information.

# Wilmington Friends Summer Camp

101 School Rd., Wilmington 302-576-2989; WilmingtonFriends.org

# June 15-August 28

Wilmington Friends Summer Camp provides high-quality programming for campers age 3 through rising 9th graders, including sports, art, STEM design and tech, and adventure camps, plus swimming, ice skating and bowling. They are one of the few camps in the area that offers camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

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Woodlynde.org/SummerProgram June 22 - July 17

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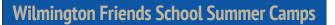
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ART OF THE FUN AT MANY FUNDRAISERS IS THE food and drink that enhance guests' enjoyment at the event. Addressing just the drinks aspect, and more specifically wine, serving well-chosen wines can create a more festive atmosphere, encourage more participation in planned activities—like auctions and wine pulls—and even amplify donor generosity overall.

Careful planning for the wine you serve can help it be a star. Whether served at your event or used as a prize (see the sidebar), there are many great choices at a wide range of price points. In Pennsylvania, one way to find interesting wines at affordable prices is from the Chairman's Selection program, offering hand-picked wines typically sold for a fraction of their list prices and an excellent value.

And even if you're not planning a fundraiser, these recommendations work equally well for your next gathering ... or even your private enjoyment.

# WINES FOR SIPPING

For tasty wines that appeal to a wide range of people, I recommend two malbecs. The first is from Mendoza, Argentina—Zuccardi Serie A Malbec Valle de Uco 2018 for \$9.99. This easydrinking wine is medium-bodied and full of dark fruit notes. It was highly rated by both James Suckling and The Wine Advocate.

Another wine to try, also from Mendoza, is Luigi Bosca Malbec Single Vineyard Luján de Cuyo 2016 D.O.C. for \$15.99. This one is a complex, medium- to full-bodied wine, showing hints of blueberry overlaid by chocolate notes.

> Ask your wine specialist for additional ideas. They love helping pair wine with your special event!

# WINE FOR DINNERS

For a fundraising dinner party, consider wines from the Rombauer Vineyards brand, a perfect complement to food. Founded in 1980 by Koerner and Joan Rombauer, this vineyard's first wines were released in 1984.

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# **BUDGET-FRIENDLY OPTIONS**

Wines don't have to be pricey to be good. If you're looking for a less expensive wine that your guests will love, try Marietta Cellars OVR Old Vine Red Lot 68 for \$13.99. It's a Californian red blend made primarily of zinfandel, but with many different grape varieties and different vintages. With beautiful color and bright fruit characteristics, this wine is always a crowd favorite.

OLD VINE RED

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your table. Your guests will love this wine as much as the critics have over the vears.

If you'd like to serve sparkling wine at your event, but champagne isn't in your budget, I suggest Saint-Hilaire Brut Sparkling for \$13.99. This is France's oldest sparkling wine. In fact, there are records that show the monks of Saint-Hilaire were making this wine in 1531. That's more than a century before champagne was "discovered" by Dom Pérignon!

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The wine is still made in the same foothills of southern France today. It has veasty notes on the creamy texture supported by citrus and apple flavors. Perfect for toasting good causes!

> Because of their broad appeal, these wines work well served at your fundraiser or used as in raffle baskets or wine pulls. If you have a specific price point or theme in mind for your event, your local wine specialist will have many other suggestions. Cheers! ♦

What started as a hobby is now a career. Fred Naddeo began his wine journey more than 20 years ago when his wife bought a bottle of Black Tower

> Riesling to try something different. It marked the beginning of an exploration of the amazing world of wine that continues to this day. Fred is a wine specialist at the Springfield Fine Wine & Good Spirits store on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. Learn more at FineWineAndGood-Spirits.com.



Wine can add an extra dimension to your fundraising with a variety of fun activities. There are the ever-popular wine auctions and raffles, for which some vineyards and wine sellers offer special discounts to nonprofit groups.

Or try custom label wine sales. A little internet research will find companies specializing in creating a wine for your event or organization, bottled with a special label. Wine tastings and wine and cheese fundraisers are also popular.

A newer trend is the wine pull, a.k.a. wine wall, wine grab or wine toss—only this last one requires some skill. The rules are simple: quests make a donation then select a mystery wine—from the wall, table, trunk, etc. The wines are wrapped to hide their identity so guests don't know if they've chosen a budget wine or a blockbuster!

# Tips on Serving Wine

Serving wine at your fundraiser? Here's some advice to help you plan.

First, make sure there's a return policy for unopened bottles of wine. That gives you leeway when you place your order. Calculate 5-ounce pours per glass, so that's 5 glasses from each 750 ml bottle.

Next, plan to serve non-alcoholic options—coffee, tea, soft drinks, water and sparkling water. Some guests prefer not to drink, and these options also help guests pace and control their intake. Also serve food so your guests aren't drinking on empty stomachs.

The guiding rule on the amount of wine needed is one drink per person per hour of the event. Note that auests tend to drink less in the afternoon than in the evening, and more at seated dinners (plan two glasses per person per hour then).

Most events serve an equal mix of red and white wines, plus some sparkling wines added for ... sparkle.

Position drink stations to maximize the flow of your quests. And finally, consider hiring professional bartenders who are experts at serving and at handling issues that may arise with guests.



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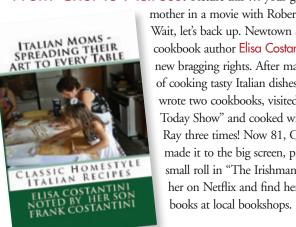






# Food News A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink

From Chef to Actress. Picture this ... your grand-



mother in a movie with Robert DeNiro. Wait, let's back up. Newtown Square's cookbook author Elisa Costantini has new bragging rights. After many years of cooking tasty Italian dishes, she wrote two cookbooks, visited "The Today Show" and cooked with Rachel Ray three times! Now 81, Costantini made it to the big screen, playing a small roll in "The Irishman." Watch her on Netflix and find her cook-

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Scouts' Day. From Thin Mints to Lemonades, no one can resist Girl Scout cookies, especially as we approach National Girl Scout Day on March

12. These tasty cookies have been around since the early 1930s when scouts baked them at home. And there's a local connection to the treats, with Philadelphia being the site of the first commercially baked Girl Scout cookies. By 1936, commercial baking went national. So support the scouts and try this year's newest flavor: Lemon-Ups. Gsep.org.



Philly Fans. It's no surprise that our area has delicious dining spots even Philly food critics agree. Philly Inquirer's Craig LaBan's 2019 review of area dining praised Exton's Mama Wong for cooking up authentic Chinese cuisine, while Kennett Square's Verbena BYOB won accolades from Philly Mag for new American cuisine. Taste what the critics are talking about and visit both! And remember to dine local. 269 Eagleview Blvd., Exton. BestMamaWong.com. 102 E. State St., Kennett Square. VerbenaBYOB.com.

Openings Everywhere. Looking for a new place to eat? You're in luck if you're heading to Malvern, home to three new restaurants. Try Stove and Tap for a fresh take on comfort food, Sly Fox Taphouse for their wide variety of beer, with new options for the Malvern opening, and Bomba Taco + Bar for a selection of rums and taco creations (like Asian-inspired flavors). 245 Lancaster Ave.; StoveAndTap.com. 20 Liberty Blvd. Ste. 100; SlyFoxBeer.com. 30 Liberty Blvd.; BombaTacos.com.



Chill with Ben & Jerry. Want a cool snack for binge-watching Netflix? Ben & Jerry's has the perfect new flavor that may become your next favorite. Netflix & Chill'd combines peanut butter ice cream, pretzel swirls and fudge brownies for a taste that will keep you satisfied. This new flavor is a great combination of salty and sweet, plus it's the first to be released with both dairy and non-dairy options. So, check on its local availability, get your pint, and grab a spoon and chillax! BenJerry.com.



# ■Brandywine **Table**

# Indulge for a Cause

ANNUAL SWEET CHARITY EVENT DISHES UP SWEET TREATS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Alyssa Thayer

ACH MARCH, LOCALS WITH A SWEET TOOTH CONverge for the annual Sweet Charity fundraiser, benefitting the Chester County Community Foundation. The Foundation has been working to connect "people who care with causes that matter" since its inception in 1994.

"One of our goals is to make philanthropy fun and accessible," says Beth Krallis, Marketing & Communications Officer at the Foundation. And what better way to do that than by bringing folks together for a night of learning, networking and treats.

And what a treat it is. This annual gathering recruits a dozen or so of Chester County's finest pastry chefs, bakers and dessert makers for a friendly and delicious competition. An esteemed panel of judges decides the winner of "Best Dessert" and "Most Creative," while guests cast their votes for "Most Popular."

Last year's winners included John Serock Catering with the "Most Popular" Arancini Dolci (fried rice pudding), Mizuna Catering with the "Most Creative" Fried Banana Spring Rolls, and General Warren snagged "Best Dessert" with a Vegan Chocolate Raspberry Layer Cake.

When asked what helped General Warren take the cake (pun definitely intended), Krallis thinks it's because "they think outside the box and the judges and participants respond well." She imagines



we'll see a lot more of that at this year's event, taking place March 30 at the Whitford Country Club in Exton.

We caught up with Patrick Byrne, proprietor of General Warren (which is celebrating its 275th anniversary this year), to get a culinary perspective on the event. Although they have been participating for years, Patrick and Pastry Chef Andy Sciarretta always come up with something unique for the event.

"We start discussing right after the New Year. We consider what's trending in desserts, items we want to feature from our menu, or sometimes we try something completely different." Patrick wouldn't tell us what they're making for 2020, but he did share, "If it's successful at Sweet Charity, we'll try to work it into our dessert menu."

If you plan to attend this year's Sweet Charity event, bring both your appetite and your business cards. Not only is it a great cause, filled with delectable desserts (you had us at chocolate), "the event is also a friend-raiser, helping people build new relationships and learn more about philanthropy in our area," says Beth.

"Oh and I almost forgot to mention," she chuckles "we have a fun tradition of having our volunteers and interns walk around in giant cupcake costumes. It makes for quite a photo op."

And we have the photos to prove it!



General Warren, a perennial Sweet Charity winner, is celebrating its 275th anniversary of offering historic hospitality. See 1910 and 2006 photos of the historic building in Malvern.





## **Recipes**

We can't all create Eagles helmets from ganache or intricate to-scale gingerbread houses like General Warren's Executive Pastry Chef Andy Sciarretta, but that shouldn't stop us from getting into the kitchen and whipping up something scrumptious. Get cooking with these indulgent delights from Chef Andy. Caution: Licking the bowl may be unavoidable!

# **Vegan Chocolate Tower Cake**

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While Chef Andy wouldn't hand over the exact recipe of the 2019 Winner, Vegan Chocolate Layer Cake, he has given us this fabulous vegan cake recipe to try. And it involves applesauce!



# Make It Look Pretty

They say we eat with our eyes first, so making your dessert look pretty is a no-brainer. Here are a few tips from the pros.

- 1. Contrast is Key Garnish with something that pops and gives visual interest. E.g., bright red berries on a monochromatic plating.
- 2. Dust & Dazzle Those powdered sugar-dusted designs in restaurants are simple to do at home. Load your powder of choice (powdered sugar, cocoa, or for a dash of color, grind up freeze-dried fruit) into a strainer, sieve or shaker. Hold 10 inches from the surface of the dish and tap gently for desired coating. \*\* Up the Wow factor: Use a stencil to create a fancy design with the powder!
- 3. Textural Components If you're using nuts, coconut or dried fruit in your dessert, save a portion to pour over the top. It's a sneak peek of what's inside, plus guests enjoy the extra texture when they dive in.
- 4. Crafty Coco If you have a chocolate bar on hand (dark or milk chocolate are easier to work with than white) you have everything you need to create a drizzle, curls or shavings.
- Drizzle Double boil or microwave until liquid (don't let it burn!) to create a hardening drizzle. Drizzle directly over your dessert, or onto wax paper for a design to be added once it
- Curls Microwave a 4-6 inch piece of the bar for a few seconds to soften it up without melting. Run a vegetable peeler along long edge to create smooth curls.
- Shavings Use the peeler on a room temp or chilled chocolate bar to create small delicate shavings.
- \*\* Store all garnishes in the refrigerator and add them just before serving.
- 5. Complements Only Resist the urge to use a random herb or ingredient that wasn't in the recipe as a garnish, particularly if it doesn't match the flavors of the dessert. Although visual beauty is important, it should never come at the expense of that perfect,
- 6. Temp Control Whether it's as simple as a chocolate curl or as intricate as a spun sugar cage, ensure your frills will hold by adding them to the dessert only after both the dessert and decoration have cooled. Heat is often the enemy!



½ C. vegetable shortening (for greasing pans)

2½ C. all-purpose flour (½ C. for greasing pans)

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. cocoa

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. salt

1½ C. granulated sugar

½ C. vegetable oil

1 Tb. vanilla extract

1½ C. warm water

½ C. applesauce

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two 8" round cake pans with vegetable shortening and ½ cup flour.

Sift the remaining 2 cups flour with other dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl.

In another bowl combine oil, vanilla, warm water and applesauce and stir together. Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredient bowl and mix by hand until smooth.

Pour into prepared pans and bake for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out mostly clean.

Cool cakes completely before covering with vegan buttercream frosting (below).

Makes 2, 8-inch round cake pans.

Serves 10 to 14.

# Vegan Vanilla Buttercream

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1 lb. confectioner's sugar, sifted

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> C. vegan butter (soften to room temp)

brands include: Miyoko's or Earth Balance

1 Tb. Crisco shortening

1 Tb. vanilla extract

1/3 C. almond milk

Optional Chocolate Variation: Add 1/3 C. cocoa powder to sugar and shortening mixture

In a mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream confectioner's sugar, vegan butter, shortening and vanilla on medium speed. Scrape bowl down several times to ensure a smooth mixture. Mix for about 5-6 minutes.

\*\* Add almond milk and cocoa powder, if desired. (May require more milk, depending on the desired consistency of icing.)

### **Praline Pecan Cheesecake**

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This decadent crowd favorite was the winner of Sweet Charity two years ago. It can easily be transformed into a gluten-free recipe using gluten-free graham crackers available at many grocery stores.

For the Crust:

1½ C. graham cracker crumbs (about 12 crackers)

1 Tb. granulated sugar

5 Tb. melted butter

Prepare sides of a 10" springform pan with nonstick spray and set aside.

Pulse the graham crackers in food processor until they are a sandy texture. Combine all ingredients together until you get the texture of damp sand.

Press crumb mixture into the bottom of the springform pan.



For the Cheesecake:

1 lb. cream cheese or 2, 8-oz. packages, room temp.

1 C. granulated sugar

4 whole eggs

1 egg yolk

1/3 C. heavy cream 1 Tb. vanilla extract

In mixer, cream the cream cheese and sugar together on low speed, about 6-8 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, scraping bowl down after each addition. Mix for another minute. Then add in heavy cream and vanilla

Add vanilla in a slow stream, with mixer running on low speed. Scrape down bowl and mix for 2 minutes.

Pour batter into prepared 10" springform pan with graham crust on bottom and sides of pan.

Bake at 325° for about 45 minutes. Add pecan topping (recipe below) and continue baking for another 25 minutes or until nuts are golden brown. Insert a small paring knife in center of cheesecake to check for doneness (knife should come out fairly clean).

Cool cheesecake on counter and refrigerate overnight.

For the Pecan Topping:

½ C. butter, room temp.

1/2 C. packed light brown sugar

4 C. chopped pecans

Cream butter and brown sugar. Then add pecans and mix by hand until pecans are thoroughly integrated.

Spread pecan mixture on top of cheesecake and return to oven. Makes one 10" springform pan. Serves 10 to 14.

# Chocolate Crème Parisienne

This light, silky smooth mousse is made from just two ingredients. Make sure to grab the good stuff when choosing your chocolate—quality ingredients make all the difference!



- 2 C. heavy cream
- 1 C. chocolate, chopped fine (high-quality milk or dark chocolate, such as Lindt brand)

Bring cream to a simmer. Pour over chocolate and let stand for 3 minutes, then stir to emulsify.

Cool in refrigerator for 4 to 6 hours (overnight is best).

Whip in mixer, fitted with wire whip attachment, until the consistency of whipped cream (or forms stiff peaks).

Serve in dessert glasses with fresh berries.

Makes six 6-oz. glass cups

Optional: Make it fancy! Scoop mixture into a pastry bag fitted with a large star tip and pipe into dessert glasses. ♦

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