

## Celebrating preservation wins on the Eastern Shore

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) held its premier fundraising event — Party to Preserve — at The Wilderness, a stunning, historically significant, preserved piece of the unique Eastern Shore. The beautiful farm was placed under a conservation easement in 2004, and is owned by the Ravenal Family who graciously offered their property to host the event in Trappe, Maryland.

Nearly 300 people were present as the conservancy laid out its ambitious vision for the Delmarva Peninsula. Old and new friends of the ESLC showed their support by raising more than \$130,000 in critical funds for the continued preservation and protection of the Eastern Shore's lands, towns and people.

All were able to enjoy the beauty of the land, the water and the people at The Wilderness, with music hanging in the background as food and drinks were served. At the midpoint of the evening, the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's President Rob Etgen expressed his gratitude for the strong attendance and laid out the ESLC's ambitious Delmarva Oasis initiative aiming for protecting 50% of Delmarva.

With more than 60,000 acres preserved throughout the ESLC's nearly 30-year history, the Trappe farm, known as Still Pond, is one of hundreds of preserved properties that make a significant difference in saving our fertile soils for food production, our beautiful landscapes, our small towns and our high quality of life.

Without the collective philanthropy of our friends on the Eastern Shore, preservation of properties like The Wilderness would not be possible. The Eastern Shore



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Land Conservancy would like to thank all of its partners, our sponsors and guests who helped us celebrate another year of preservation success.

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit land conservation organization committed to preserving and sustaining the vibrant communities of the

Eastern Shore and the lands and waters that connect them. For more information visit [www.eslc.org](http://www.eslc.org). —Darius Johnson



A cake was served for dessert in celebration of the Panhellenic Club of Annapolis' 75th anniversary. The club held its annual fundraiser fashion show and luncheon Oct. 24.

## Panhellenic Club of Annapolis holds fashion show, luncheon to raise scholarship funds

The Panhellenic Club of Annapolis held its annual fundraiser fashion show and luncheon at Chartwell Country Club in Severna Park Oct. 24. The event raised funds for Merit Awards given annually to graduating senior women who attend Anne Arundel County public or private high schools based on leadership qualities, community service and scholarship.

Members and their guests enjoyed lunch followed by shopping with a variety of vendors. The fashion show was hosted by J. Jill of Annapolis Town Center, and club members modeled. A cake was served for dessert in celebration of the club's 75th anniversary.

The Panhellenic Club of Annapolis was founded in 1944 and is a social organization of sorority alumnae members from the 26 National Panhellenic Conference organizations. The club meets monthly with activities that include speakers, trips, luncheons and community service projects. Panhellenic Club supports the YWCA safe house, Lions Club eyeglass recycling program and



Lynn Hansen, Event Chairman, left, poses with Judy Duckett, President of Panhellenic Club of Annapolis.

Ronald McDonald House. For information about club membership and Merit Awards visit [www.panhellannapolis.org](http://www.panhellannapolis.org).



Hospice of the Chesapeake's Golf Committee stands on a knoll near the clubhouse before the start of the tournament.

## Golf tournament raises more than \$165,000 for nonprofit

Each year, Hospice of the Chesapeake wonders if the committee guiding its annual golf tournament can outdo itself. Each year, the committee responds by smashing fundraising records and adding features to make the tournament a must-play event.

This year was no exception. A long list of sponsors and more than 240 golfers helped raise more than \$165,000 for the nonprofit that serves Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties, securing \$22,000 more than last year.

No doubt the venue and a day filled with food, drinks and giveaways helped to make the day another record breaker. Held Oct. 10 at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course, the tournament offered four-somes goody bags brimming with gifts and hospitality that began with an omelet bar in the morning, oysters and shrimp with grilled lunch at the turn and an awards banquet to cap off the day.

An added feature this year was a pop-up pro-shop where golfers choose gifts to add to their goody bags.

The winning teams for the group playing the Lakes golf course were Rodney Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Rob Pohland and Kurt Brandquist in first place; Jessie Syms, Terri McNicholas,



The team representing the Ferndale Tavern poses after teeing off during the 17th annual Golf Tournament.

Debbie Giese and Rob Giese in second place; and Gus Kurtz, Tony Tawney, Tim Klug and Carl Kalapaska in third place. The winners on the River course were John Chiodo, Alex Hoiser, Don Cahill and Matthew Bassler in first place; Brian Gibbons, Roger London, Austin Groves, Jim Euler in second place; and Nick Neary, Rob Burns, Mike Uleckas and Joe McNeese in third place. The presenting sponsors were First National Bank and All Green Management, Inc., with co-sponsors Carpet and Wood Floor Liquidators and Ken Stanley.

—Elyzabeth Marcussen

## Scenic Rivers Land Trust's first-ever gala surpasses its fundraising goal

Scenic Rivers Land Trust celebrated its first-ever Conservation Celebration fundraising gala on Oct. 10 at The Bistro at South River in Edgewater.

The event was held to honor the nonprofit's 30th anniversary and its recent distinction as a nationally accredited land trust, making it one of only five accredited local land trusts in Maryland. More than 100 friends and dedicated land conservation supporters attended the sold-out event, which raised over \$20,000 and surpassed the organization's fundraising goal. The funds will support Scenic River's mission to protect the forests, wetlands, farmlands and other open spaces of Anne Arundel County.

Guests at the Conservation Celebration were treated to an open bar, a fall-themed buffet and hors d'oeuvres; live classical guitar performed by guitarist Grayson Zuber; a special presentation on agro-

forestry from landscape designer Lincoln Smith of Forested LLC in Bowie; and a silent auction and raffle with fun finds and exciting experiences donated by members of Scenic Rivers Board of Directors, regional businesses and local supporters.

As a token of appreciation, each guest received a succulent plant in a ceramic planter handcrafted by local potter and Scenic Rivers board member, Edmee Geis. Scenic Rivers presented three awards at the event. Local artist and illustrator Phyllis Saroff was presented with the "Outstanding Volunteer Award" for her long history of donating custom artwork for Scenic River's annual Walk for the Woods event signage and t-shirts. James and Sylvia Earl were presented with the "Pillars of Conservation" award to recognize their steadfast support of Scenic Rivers and other conservation efforts throughout the county. Paula



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Frohning of the Paul and Maxine Frohning Foundation was presented with the "Transformational Supporter Award" in recognition of the foundation's impact on Scenic

River's recent achievements. To learn about Scenic Rivers' conservation programs, visit [www.srlt.org](http://www.srlt.org). —Erin Valentine