People in the News

Schrier crowned Mrs. Pennsylvania

Upper Makefield resident Cheryl Schrier was recently crowned Mrs. Penn-



held in Jack-sonville, Fla., in July. Titleholders spend their year of service promoting a platform. A part of her personal and profes-sional life, Cheryl will continue to promote her platform of combat-ing homelessness. As a volunteer for the Bucks County: Frearance: Homeles:

As a volunteer for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, owned and operated by Family Service Association of Bucks County, she uses her small business as a vehicle through which she educates and engages her customers employees and her customers, employees, and vendors to join in combatting

homelessness. She served in a leadership and design role during the Buck Up Bucks campaign to build a new shelter kitchen and volunteers

along with her family at the shel-ter. Her goal is to inspire other small business owners statewide to adopt a charity that combats acute and chronic homelessness,

and its root causes. A registered nurse by back-ground, Schrier is the vice presi-dent of Newtown-based Building Control Systems & Services,

Control Systems & Services, Inc.,managing member of 103 N. State LLC, and president of the Atrium at Newtown Condomini-interview competition, evening gown, and fitness wear. Each con-testant also presents her platform on-stage and responds to a plat-form related question as a part of the competition. the competition. Schrier and her husband and

business partner Tom have two children ages 27 and 19.

Fresh Air Fund names executive director

Fatima A. Shama succeeded Jenny Morgenthau as executive director of The Fresh Air Fund. Shama is vice president of strategic development and exter-nal affairs at Maimonides Med-ical Contro in Bracelture N.V. nai affairs at Maimonides Med-ical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Before this role, Shama was the commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, a position she held for

Rotary Club donation

The Rotary Club of Shady Brook presented a \$2,000 check to Bob Craven of the Guardians of the National Cemetery at its July 29 meeting. The donation repre-sented part of the proceeds from the club Statest goff tournament. With club President Alan Agree are Dick Newbert, Bob Craven, Marty Fineberg, Henry Garcia and Irv Perlstein.

almost four-and-a-half years. Prior to that, she served in vari-ous positions in Mayor Bloomberg's administration involving policy roles within education, health care and litera-

cy. A nonprofit agency, The Fresh Air Fund has provided free sum-mer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City chil-teen from low-income commudren from low-income commu-nities since 1877. Each summer, nearly 4,000 children visit vol-unteer host families in rural, suburban and small town communities, including Bucks Coun-



Bucks Audubon welcomes two to board

Bucks County Audubon Society elected LeRoy Tabb and Dr. Ben Rusiloski to its 2015 board of

Rusiloski to its 2015 board of directors during the annual meet-ing of the membership. Tabb, of Doylestown, has a background in material science and fiber optics and spent 20 years working as a software engi-neer. He is a teacher naturalist and a member of the Property Committee at Bucks County Audubon at Honey Hollow. He, and his wife, Marsha, are avid

birders. Tabb is also a leader for

birders. Tabb is also a leader for Bucks County Audubon Society's Saturday morning guided bird walks at Honey Hollow. Rusiloski, also of Doylestown, serves as dean of the School of Life and Physical Sciences at Delaware Valley University and is also executive director of the Cen-ter for Student Profession Development.He started his career at Delaware Valley University as assistant professor of chemistry in assistant professor of chemistry in 1994 and is now tenured. He also served as dean of business, educa-tion, arts and sciences from 2007-2011. Rusiloski and his wife, Erin,

Camille Granito Mancuso: Chatterbox

Luck is the invisible influence

Luck is the invisible influence that comes to us from someplace we've never been and won't find if we look for it. Luck can't be changed, shared, or even bought. It's what helps us or hindres us, no matter how we try to bend it. Ah, but, the great equalizer is that we can do with its fallout, good or bad, what we wish. Recognizing what part of

our luck is blessing, is the key to ignoring what part is curse. As we get older, some bulbs in our chandelier go out. Some of us lose our edge, many of us lose our physique, and all of us lose our youth. That's life... not luck. Still, there are great things that come with growing older that sim-ply can't be ignored. Many of us look back at who we were in mid-

dle school, high school, or even 10 years ago and realize we would never want to be that person again. If life was fair, we'd have a 65-year-old head by 12. That would be great luck ... think of the possi-bilities and sensibility. This past weekend, I spent one day at a family reunion. Many people have no family; some have little; some have distance keeping



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"We were impressed with the number of activities going on, and knowing that there were really active people living here made a difference."

Herbert and Elaine Craft, moved from Maple Glen





them apart from their families; oth-ers ignore their families voluntari-ly. Both my parents gave me great family ties. That was my good luck but maintaining the connec-tions is my responsibility. ... and my pleasure. Of course, all people with any family should see them-selves as lucky. We can't control our relatives' participation, but we can do our own personal best to maintain ties. For anyone lucky enough to

can do our own personal best to maintain ties. For anyone lucky enough to have a family of any kind, it is the anchor that keeps us from getting totally washed out to sea when we are caught up in a current beyond our control. It is the gentle tether that keeps us grounded. Based solely on the magnificence of what family can be and how fortunate we are to have it, we are obliged to defend it, respect if, and be active in it. Some parts may backfire occasionally but it's very much worth the risk. When we are youngsters, all we know of families is our own fami-

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[—] Many years ago a young lady we know was asked by her principal to share something important she learned at school. I don't know if she intended to be profound but she said, "I learned that I don't have to like every book I'm asked to read; I just have to read it." It speaks volumes (no pun intended). That thought can be applied to Iffe itself, family, neighbors, friends, bosses, books, chores, jobs and luck. We move along take our chances, accept our luck, adore out chances, accept our luck, adore out oving friends and family, and we enjoy our productivity whether or not we have chosen the vehicle, or even like the vohicle. We don't have to love everyfing or everyone but we should give it al a chance. No one knows how it will fulfill us in the end but, as life is a blessing, doing our best with what ever it brings is best. As we grow wiscr, more grateful for and ayare of, what we have the we have the weak of the about the should give it have to be a bare of the about the should give it al a chance. No one knows how it will but fulfill us in the end but, as life is a blessing, doing our best with what ever it brings is best.

ever it brings is best. As we grow wiser, more grateful for, and aware of, what we have that is truly a blessing, we can be grateful for our increasing knowl-edge as well. Though there may be few things about growing older that cancellus a suction a solar. that are really spectacular perks, the perks that there are really are spectacular. Knowing what really counts in life, what really matters and has value is one of them and the gratitude for what we have that

the gratitude for what we have that counts, is another. Having a family, of any type, may be a matter of luck but taking care of it is in our control. The old adage says that we can pick our friends but we can't pick our fami-ly.

Jy. The wisdom of age tells us that, with a bit of luck, we can make family out of friends and make friends of our family; if we're real-ly lucky, we'll also learn young to tend to the treasure.



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