

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Family Service welcomes two board members

Family Service Association of Bucks County has elected Joseph Stoll and Bernadette Handler to its board of directors.



JOSEPH STOLL

Stoll, a managing director and relationship manager at Glenside Trust Company in Philadelphia, brings more than 30 years of management experience to Family Service.



BERNADETTE HANDLER

Handler's career has included work

as a nurse, a publishing editor and the coordinator of Family Service's Guardianship Program, from which she retired in 2007. Handler, a New Hope resident, joined Family Service as a volunteer in 1991. In her retirement, she serves on the planning committee for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter's annual benefit and the board of directors of Bucks Villa, a group residence in New Hope for people living with HIV/AIDS.

BCCC Foundation appoints board member

The Bucks County Community College Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising arm of the public, two-year college, recently appointed Katherine Sharp, district manager for the Walgreen Com-



KATHERINE SHARP

pany, to its board of directors. In addition, Constance M. Furman, senior vice president at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown, was elected as president of the board of directors for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Furman graduated from Bucks with her associate degree in 1991, and became the first alumni to be appointed board president since the organization's founding in 1982.

Guest cottage owner celebrates milestone

Doylestown native Beth Meininger, owner of Fernwalk Guest Cottage, is celebrating five years as a member of the Laurel Highlands Visitor's Bureau and consistent 5-star reviews of the house she painstakingly renovated.

Meininger has been visiting Pennsylvania's Southern Laurel Highlands for nearly 30 years. Fernwalk Guest Cottage is near Hawk Wright's famous Fallingwater, Ohioyle State Park, Seven Springs and Nemaquin Resorts.

Longtime Bucks County residents may remember Meininger as the little girl behind the counter at Meininger's Sporting Goods store in the 1960s.

Camille Granito Mancuso: Chatterbox Not Downton Abbey

"Well," I asked her, "what did you do all day?" Thinking I was on his side (not that we're declaring any sides here), she asked me if I was kidding, and recited numerous chores and errands she'd checked off her "to do" list.

I wondered how he hadn't noticed the accomplishments of such a busy day. I interrogated her, start to finish, each item. She started her day with a large grocery shopping. Went on to wash and fold six loads of laundry, ironed eight dress shirts, did the mommy-taxi thing, started the supper, walked the dogs, and did more taxi things. Wow, that's a full day.

I wondered where the evidence was. After all, evidence is key in any investigation, but she didn't grasp my inquiry. I asked, for starters, what she had done with the grocery sacks. Classic mistake; she folded them and put them away. Groceries? In the pantry. How about the laundry? It was back in the dressers, where it should be. And, the dog leashes, pressed shirts, and car keys with handbag? Ah, all neatly tucked back into their usual spots. No wonder nothing showed. Not a scrap of residual effect was left to bear witness.

Yes, humorous it may be, but still, necessary to say, "One must leave evidence of one's effort lest all accomplishments go unnoticed." After all, I remember a famous socialite who attended boarding school and, after three months, finally, had to be told by her roommate that clothing actually had to be washed. It did? She said that at home, she just left it on the floor. She had no idea what happened to it between dropping it in it and reappearing in her drawer. Well, we are all assured that there is no magic to laundry and chores. Someone is working.

I told my friend where she made her mistake: the grocery sacks must always be left folded on the countertop; laundry left neatly organized on the master bed; pressed shirts on beautifully spaced hangers should be left over the doorframe of the master closet; and leashes are an absolutely necessary tripping hazard, while car keys remain present on the kitchen table alongside an open handbag; spillage is optional, though it adds a nice chaotic touch.

Each discovery must be disclaimed as a detail that couldn't be finalized as the next task, taxi-on-demand for the children, interrupted the completion - like dominoes falling in a row. That is what we call evidence. It's always helpful in the disclosure of any action whether criminal or simple domestic service. It also makes for great small talk and leaves each of us, particularly off-site inquiring minds, able to say something wonderful like, "Wow. Good job!" After all, there's no W2 form to prove the in-house staff even showed up.

Besides, any day no one has to wear yesterday's undies is a great day to thank whoever made that possible.

Chatterbyte: Every summer, I should retain an older column about the FERPA law, yet don't. So let's summarize: Anyone who has a child going off to college, new student or not, needs to know about the FERPA law. Students should file a signed, notarized letter with the registrar's office, giving parents access to their transcripts. Regardless of the fact that we may be paying the tuition, we still need that permission slip from our child. Go figure.

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