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Dear Friends,

Thanks to all those who attended the breakfast meeting at Williamson in March. Tim Burbage served us an outstanding meal – it seems every year it gets better! Thanks also go to Jim Hannigan for making the arrangements. Sylvia Bastani, the school's Vice President of Institutional Advancement, spoke to members about Williamson's award-winning Philadelphia Flower Show exhibit and championship-winning basketball team, The Mechanics. Great things are always happening at Williamson!

Plans for the 15th **Annual Family and Community Pride Day** are well under way. This is my first year on the Pride Day committee – I never realized the amount of work that goes into what seems to be an effortless event. Jim Hannigan, Sylvia Bastani from Williamson, and Debbie Timblin and Susan Blume from Middletown Township, along with Neumann College intern Marquita Davis have been working non-stop to make this year's event an astounding success. **You can be a part of it!** To learn how to be a sponsor or to volunteer, visit <http://www.middletownprideday.com/>, the new website designed by member Virginia Falkenbach. The date is Saturday, May 9th, at Williamson Free School, rain or shine from 11 am to 4 pm. Bruce Clark would love to take you on a hayride!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29th. Please note that this is not our usual 2nd Wednesday. Wawa Dairy and the Franklin Mint Redevelopment Team will be our co-hosts. We will meet at the Wawa Conference Center at 10:30 am for a Meet and Greet session, 11:00 am tour of Wawa Dairy followed by a buffet lunch. Choose from Hunter's Chicken Stew with Dumplings, Cheese Ravioli with Spinach & Roasted Tomatoes, Stir Fried Broccoli, Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Garden Salad, Assorted Sandwiches and Desserts for only \$15.00. Seating is limited to 50. Reservations with your check, payable to MTBPA, must be mailed no later than April 22. Postcards with all of the information will be mailed the first week in April. Don't miss this one!

Thanks for all of your support this year. I'm so proud of our wonderful organization! Happy Spring!

Sincerely,
Helene