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Welcoming Address from the Chairman

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the Hourglass Foundation was held on Sunday, April 6, 2003. For those of our supporters who were unable to attend, the following is the opening address by Arthur K. Mann, Sr., Chairman of the Board.



Arthur K. Mann, Sr.

"I want to welcome everybody to this annual meeting of the Hourglass Foundation, and keep in mind, that as an organization we are very young, and yet, in the short time of our existence, I think we have created significant presence in Lancaster County.

When we began this organization, the hourglass was chosen as our symbol to represent the idea that, for us in Lancaster, time is running out to save and enhance those things that form the basis for our quality of life, for once gone they are gone forever. So, what could we as citizens do to create the conditions whereby our elected leaders and business leaders could make better decisions affecting Lancaster's future? We adopted a strategy to create an organization that would act as a force, a catalyst for good thinking, organization, cooperation, and planning that would both preserve and improve our quality of life. And the fact is, Lancaster County has a comprehensive plan, and we have made support of that plan a part of our mission. Central to that mission has been our bi-annual survey, expanded to reach over 1,200 randomly selected citizens to attain an accurate cross-section of Lancaster County's population. With each subsequent survey, we work to improve the questions and usefulness of the survey for our elected officials, to gauge public sentiment on key issues facing this county and city. In the future we expect this survey to become an ever more important measuring tool for people's perception of the quality of life in our county.

With all that we are trying to do with this Hourglass Foundation, there is a bit of irony. In the very act of being successful improving the quality of life here can serve to attract more people to this county, threatening to destroy through over-population and over-development that very same quality that brought them here. There are no easy, no simple, no short-term answers to such a question. But this is the kind of important question the Hourglass Foundation attempts to address. While as an organization we are hard to define, we are an invaluable resource for Lancaster, and, I hope, worthy of your strong support.

I think you will find today's meeting interesting and informative, and I have a feeling you will find, that Lexington, Kentucky, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania face similar problems and in that way are much alike. I thank you for coming today."



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Our Mission

Articulate and champion a shared vision for the smart growth and sustainable development of Lancaster County into the 21st Century.

Provide ideas that will enable Lancaster County's decision makers to choose wisely and do the right thing on issues—whether they are economic, environmental, societal, or cultural—that affect us all.

Bring together local citizens, organizations, communities, and governments to discuss common issues and to solve growth-related problems.

Protect the distinct character of Lancaster County and ensure its proud legacy for future generations.

The Hourglass Foundation is a non-profit organization. There is much work to be done. Please help us continue our efforts to make a difference in impacting the quality of life for future generations in Lancaster County by becoming a "Lancaster County Champion".

Lancaster County Matters is published bi-monthly by the Hourglass Foundation. We welcome comments and ideas for future issues. Please notify our office of a change of address. Please contact Jennifer Mundy at (717)295-0755 or send an e-mail to hourglass.foundation@verizon.net.

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2002 Annual Meeting - Why Bluegrass Tomorrow?



Sidney P. Marland, III

"It behooves organizations to be continuously researching and monitoring what seems to be working elsewhere in their sphere of responsibility and to test and adapt those practices and programs to the benefit of their own enterprise. In other words, capitalizing on lessons learned by others. Hourglass is no different. We search broadly for other like organizations who have achieved sustainable success in their vision and mission. We bring you today Bluegrass Tomorrow, an Hourglass-like organization embracing seven counties in central Kentucky similar in geographic size and population, interestingly enough, to the footprint of Lancaster County. For 17 years, it has successfully addressed issues of what Hourglass calls "quality of life" and Bluegrass Tomorrow calls "livability". And I quote from their vision, "...that our towns remain separate and distinct, people-friendly and full of architectural character; our best farmlands remain secure and productive; the beauty of our landscape remains evident from our roadways; our governments make informed and responsible decisions about growth and change; we are sensitive to our unique, fragile environment, and we foster a strong, sustainable economic future." So well stated and so well fitting to the Hourglass mission and, like our own, continuously at risk. The bluegrass region and Lancaster County have something very much in common. That is a brand identity, a nationally distinctive character, an appeal, if you will, to the visiting public, the resident population, and business and industry. Identifying, preserving and responsibly growing the components of that appeal is our common charge."

Sidney P. Marland, Vice-President

2002 Lancaster County Champion Award



John Jarvis presents Lancaster County Champion Award to teacher Kerrie Snavely and student Josh Slaymaker

At the 2002 Annual Meeting held on Sunday, April, 6th, the first Hourglass Foundation Lancaster County Champion Award was presented. The award was presented to science teacher, Kerrie Snavely and her students of the Conestoga Valley High School.

Josh Slaymaker and Kerrie Snavely accepted the award on behalf of the Conestoga Valley High School.

The students participating in the project were Nate Bagley, Stephanie Eckhart, Kevin Engle, Beth Hurter, Jessica Liberatore, Josh Slaymaker and Mark Rineer.

For years, preservation groups and government officials in Lancaster County had opposed a sewage treatment plant proposed for Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County, claiming it would destroy the Furnace Run/Segloch watershed. Heidelberg Township had been trying for years to build the plant. Initially, the township planned to channel wastewater into Hammer Creek, a popular recreational stream, but the DEP rejected those plans because Hammer Creek was reclassified as a high quality stream. In June 2001, DEP gave conditional approval to the plan to discharge into Furnace Run. The plan was to pump the water a mile over a mountain to a discharge point 15 miles north of Lancaster.

"What valuable lessons these young people have learned—not only about water, but about work and patience, about learning the facts, and that a responsible government, when provided sufficient facts, can change a wrong decision. Taking care of the earth is a responsibility everyone should be taking seriously, because in taking care of the earth you are also taking care of your neighbor and the next generation"

Leon Schreffler, Lancaster
Lancaster New Era, June 11, 2002

But, thanks to the efforts of Kerrie and her students, after conducting environmental studies along Furnace Run, they observed and identified "biotic critters" - dragonflies, mayflies, stoneflies, waterpennies and other insects that inhabited the watershed along Furnace Run.

After documenting their findings, the students researched state stream regulations and determined that Furnace Run qualified as a high-quality stream. They presented their arguments in a petition filed with DEP in April. A hearing of the Environmental Quality Board of DEP was held in September and upon its conclusion the board agreed to conduct another study of the creek and consider a reclassification.

"They have an environmental ethic (the government) would like to see in all our citizens."

Tom Creighton
PA State Representative

"This is an extremely important thing. What the kids have done is more than the watershed association or any other organization could have accomplished."

Gary Landis
Furnace Run/Segloch Watershed Association

In May 2002, the students received the much awaited decision. Based upon the new study conducted by DEP, Furnace Run was reclassified to a high-quality stream, therefore the discharge of treated sewage effluent to Furnace Run from Heidelberg Township would not be allowed.

Ruamie H. Binns



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Ruamie was a friend of Lancaster. She found and gave great pleasure in living in the heart of the City for so many years. She looked beyond the City and her support of the Hourglass Foundation showed her dedication to the County's well being. Her leadership and generosity are examples for all of us.

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Mark Your Calendars

Pedal to Preserve '03

Saturday, June 21, 2003 (Rain or Shine)

Sponsored by the Lancaster Farmland Trust

Donegal High School—955 Marietta Avenue, Mount Joy

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Urban Forum II: National Conference of Commercial Corridor Revitalization (CCR)

will be Oct. 8-10 in Philadelphia. This conference addresses key commercial corridor revitalization issues such as smart growth, safety and cleanliness, historic preservation, creative real estate financing, marketing, gentrification, business recruitment, and market analysis. Hosted by LISC, this event is sponsored by William Penn Foundation, Washington Mutual, and State Farm. For more information, contact Erin Kelley at (212) 455-9803 or email ekelley@liscnet.org.

Be a Lancaster County Champion

We need your financial assistance. The Hourglass Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to provide information, facilitate discussion and champion the intelligent management of Lancaster County resources. It is our hope to make local citizens, organizations and governments more aware and better informed. And, to help them find solutions to the immediate and long-term, growth-related problems impacting our quality of life.



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Yes, I/we want to be a **Lancaster County Champion**, and will be pleased to support the Hourglass Foundation in the amount of \$ _____.

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Looking Into the Future

Year six of the 3-day course “ Looking Into the Future” was completed on April 15, 2003. The title of this year’s program was , “Civilization and The Susquehanna River”.

20 high school students and teachers were awarded scholarships to attend by the Hourglass Foundation. The sessions were taught by Franklin & Marshall professors, Dorothy Merritts, Andrew deWet and David Schuyler in conjunction with Jack Brubaker, Editorial Writer for the Lancaster New Era and author of “Down the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake” and Ronald Bailey, Executive Director of the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

The course was sponsored by Franklin & Marshall College, The Lancaster County Planning Commission, Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., Lancaster-Lebanon I.U. 13, Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc. and the Hourglass Foundation.

The scholarship recipients were: Nicole Bomberger and Jeremy Leicy, Conestoga Valley High School; Adam Nixon, Dayspring Christian Academy; Teri Vinson, Ephrata High School; Alethea Carbaugh and Adam Karl, J.P. McCaskey; Meghan Deatrack and Terianne Kauffman, Lampeter-Strasburg; Chris Graves, Lancaster Christian School; Chris Farmer and Jared Michael Lutz, Lancaster’s Country Day School; Phillip Shirk and Elizabeth Ewearitt, Lancaster Mennonite; Georgia Muenster and Catherine Farmer, Linden Hall; Kaitlyn Allen and Annie Poland, Manheim Township; Eric Missimer and Amanda Ross, Penn Manor; Brian Johnson and Megan Risk, Solanco; and Michael Orlowski, the Janus School.

On Day 1 the participants heard about the history of civilization along the Susquehanna with guest speaker Jack Brubaker and Professors Merritts and deWet. On Day 2 the participants boarded a bus and visited various sites along the Susquehanna River, including a visit and a tour of the power generating facility at Safe Harbor . On Day 3 the participants heard from Professor Schuyler on the city of Lancaster and it’s transformation and Ron Bailey on the challenges facing the county. The course concluded with a banquet at the Pressroom Restaurant.



At the Conewago Falls and the flooded Susquehanna



Looking towards the mouth of the Conestoga at Safe Harbor



Professor deWet holds everyone’s attention



Jared Lutz and Chris Farmer at Safe Harbor

A special thanks to the Advisory Committee—Della Bard, Phil Holzinger, Jake Hoover, John Jarvis, Jack Neal, Jim Riddle, Kerrie Snavely, Cynthia Stoner, Peter Thayer, Barbara Tritt and Karen Weibel.

From Bluegrass Tomorrow to the Hourglass Foundation - Achieving The Vision

The following excerpts are from the presentation by Steve Austin, CEO and President of Bluegrass Tomorrow.

- * “We’ve got a lot of wonderful places that we’re proud of and that we want to protect. We want to keep our towns great, we want to keep the character. We don’t want it to become Anywhere, USA.”
- * “Folks tell us they want to see their communities remain special and distinct. They want our farmland to remain secure and productive. They want our roads to remain scenic and beautiful. They want us to be sensitive to the environment. They want to help our economy for themselves and their children. But, the flip side of that is that they want local governments to be responsible when they make decisions about growth and change.”
- * “We believe we can achieve this vision by stressing regional cooperation, building great neighborhoods, revitalizing our cities and towns, preserving our most critical green spaces, keeping our roads beautiful, and being sensitive to our environment. If we do this, we believe that we will gain economic advantage over communities that aren’t doing these things. So, we’re running the risk, by being successful, that we’ll continue to grow.”



- * “When we talk about achieving a vision, people say, that’s great, but what does the building community say, what does the growth industry say? The growth industry of the homebuilders did a study a couple of years ago, in 2001, and they found three-quarters of all people want good planning in their communities. We found that the realtors really want good planning in their communities. That’s pretty powerful stuff—That’s building consensus. When people don’t feel good about the direction that their communities are going in, this causes that “No Growth” reaction. So when I talk to the development community, I say, “You guys have got to get past this, because it’s only going to get worse if you don’t do anything about it”.

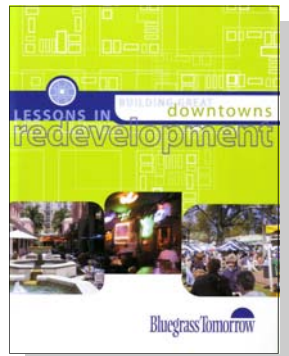
- * “As we go out and do presentations , we ask this one question, where are we going? Are we going towards a future where our traffic will be manageable? Are we planning for a clean environment? Are we going to protect the most critical open spaces? Are we going to be building these great neighborhoods? Are we going to keep the downtowns the hearts of our communities? And, are we going to cooperate regionally on the things that affect us all regionally? A lot of the times, I get the shrug of the shoulders, which means more of the same. **That’s not the right answer.** We’ve got to begin making choices to get off the default path that we’re on.”

- * “We have regional zoning issues. For example, in Fayette County, they have now gone to a 40 acre minimum lot size. So, if you have a 100-acre farm, you’ve got two lots that you can create. Wonderful. They’re buying development rights’, they’re restricting rural development and subdivisions and the like. But what does it do to the other communities that have 1-acre zoning? They never stop to think about that, even though we were telling them not to implement this in a vacuum. Work with your neighbors, and nobody did. So, we begin to see rapid and increased rural development. For example, on a 16 acre development, we now have 16 driveways, 16 times the mailman stops, 16 time the school bus stops, etc. The people who moved out there to get away from it all, aren’t going to be happy with the results.”



Stephen D. Austin, CEO— Bluegrass Tomorrow

- * “We know where we’re going. We know we’re going to lose our communities’ identities as towns begin to sprawl together. Our roadways won’t be as scenic because of that default planning. We’re worried about our environment, with all the septic tanks, with all the storm water runoff and the like. Is that the future that we want for our children?”
- * “A good plan for growth means that we’re going to make a great place to live, but then we’re going to be a great place to invest in. We’re going to be a great place to come and do business. We’re going to be a great place to stay and do business. We’re going to be a great place to put money in real estate, as in buying your home. We’re not going to be a disposable place.”



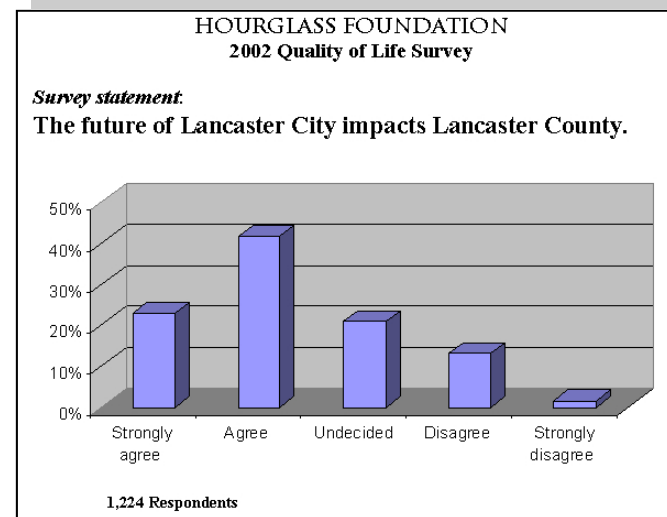
- * “Our goal is to prove that with regionalism we can understand each other, we can increase our political clout instead of looking like a bunch of clowns running around and everybody fighting each other. We can get together on this. We can present a unified front to the world. But, we also want to do simple things, like helping one another and improving our regional infrastructure, in terms of roads and sewers, and the like.

For a complete copy of the transcript of this presentation, please contact our office at hourglass.foundation@verizon.net.

What we heard - Lancaster City

On November 14, 2002 the Hourglass Foundation hosted a public forum to present the findings of the 2002 Lancaster County Quality of Life Survey. This is the second excerpt of the audience's comments that evening. Please read on -

The future of Lancaster City impacts Lancaster County. Why?



* I think there is still some sense that we want to go back to the way it was in the 1950's. Center city was the place to go and to do things. Part of it is there is still nostalgia there for understanding what it once was and if it was revitalized it would be the center again. So part of it is the nostalgia but beyond that, obviously there is a lot of commerce and economic development based in the city and what people believe is the city and a loss of jobs associated with the city. There are a whole lot of people who come in to town to work. Everyday they are seeing what goes on in the city and they feel they want to be a part of it. I guess technically you could build a wall around the city and the county would still survive, but it wouldn't be a very nice place to live.

* Specific to your question, I think revitalization of the City in some ways will help alleviate some of the

pressure on sprawl. It will create more quality housing which will reduce the demand on supply on some of the outlying areas. But, also think about how many medical clinics have now been built outside of the city. At one time those types of things would not be anywhere other than the city. The housing for those type of services is going to be placed somewhere where they can be accessed. I think this has really driven sprawl.

- * Of course there is the obvious connection for a lot of us who live in a township, who own property or work in the city and those economic ties and the contact with people. I think one of the advantages of having an urban center area is the diversity of the people that are there. Our boys went through the city school district and we feel despite some of the problems that are there, we feel that they gained a great deal of life experience by going through a diverse school district. When they go out in the world today they aren't likely to work in a place that is 90% white-Anglo people. Most of this world is a diverse world and I think there is a benefit to our young people and people of all ages to have that opportunity in the cities, to mix with a more diverse group of people and to have the cultural experiences.

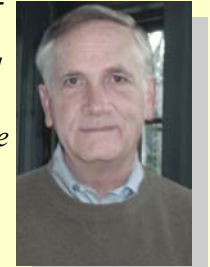
When you go visit places, why do you go back? What draws you there again and again? What sort of feeling do you take away? Why do you return to places and what do you think Lancaster should do in order to try to generate these similar feelings among people who come here and live here?

- * I think part of that is, the fact that you have immigrants coming in that feel more comfortable in their own kind of surroundings. There is comfort in the city; this is the beginning for many of them, just as it was the beginning for many immigrants that came here in the early 1700's and on. So, I think we have to think of it as a beginning for many, and we have to deal with it as their beginning in this new world and the city is a comfort. And, providing the comfort that will allow them to extend and enhance their living conditions and education, it is the most important thing.

What we heard - Lancaster City (cont'd.)

- * Whether it is Lancaster County or Lancaster City, any area needs a core and the developments around it whether they are the suburbs of Lancaster or New York or Chicago, they need that core where you can put your cultural things. If every little community tries it, none of them are big enough to do it, but if you make a core and put certain things there it can draw and support all of the surrounding communities.
- * What do they say to you when you tell them you are from Lancaster? They say, they know exactly where you are from. It is one of the most beautiful places in the country. I would like to get back there. Every time, this is what they say.
- * I think the whole idea is that we keep talking about the revitalization of Lancaster. I travel from city to city throughout this area. I've been looking at Harrisburg and they look at the next city and think they are so much farther ahead: York looks at the next city and thinks the same thing, Reading and Lancaster. They are all in the same boat. The downtown revitalizations seem to be about at the same stage, except I think Lancaster is a step ahead. Just the other night my wife and I went to the Fulton Opera House and just after the show we were just staring at the beautiful architecture surrounding us and thinking how lucky we are. Today, a friend and I were driving through downtown and he asked, how's that restaurant? And, I said, spectacular. How's this one? 3 or 4 star. Restaurant after restaurant in the immediate area of downtown Lancaster. We have so many good eating-places that we put other cities around us to shame. The only thing we lack is to bring affordable shopping back downtown, to get the people of Lancaster County back downtown again. I think we are so far ahead of so many of the other cities and this is something we shouldn't overlook.
- * I guess this is not the most profound statement, but if not for any other reason, I doubt if any one us goes beyond 50 miles of this region, say I am from East Lampeter Township or West Hempfield Township. We say we are from Lancaster. That means a lot, as people have some sense of what that place is that we claim to be our home. And, if for no other reason we have to all say this is our home and we don't call it Manheim Township, and so I think that it is an important reason to keep this sense of place, as it is important.

Time is running out for Lancaster County, and we think that the Hourglass Foundation can help accomplish many things to protect the distinct character and enviable quality of life in Lancaster County. I am reminded of something that John Steinbeck wrote about nations: if people take out more than they put in, it will collapse or disappear. I think this is the same for Lancaster County. If we continue to take out more than we put in, the Lancaster County that we all love will disappear, and we will have no one to blame but ourselves.



James L. Corrigan, Director

Suggested Reading

