

Designer house measured for new decor



Jean Upton, designer house chair, Marilyn Mele, designer sales chair, and Audrey Tucker, designer committee chair.

Designers took part in measuring day Jan. 8 at Villa d'Braccia, the 40th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, benefiting Doylestown Hospital.

The 7,800-square-foot, Mediterranean-styled villa in Chalfont is set on 4 acres. An empty house party is set for March 1. Tours of the decorated house will be offered April 26 through May 30, with the exception of Memorial Day.

Photographs by Carol Ross



Sue Whitlock and Susan Sirutis, from the VIA, hold two of the design boards.



Joyce Hanson, Anne Sweeney and Carolyn Kozakooski are ready for the months of work to get the house ready.



Greg Brown, Doylestown Hospital director of Food Services, Bob Reed from Doylestown Hospital Food Services and Kat Landis chairman of the cafe, go over details.



Tina Sottolano-Cain from Gardens On The Go, knows how to dress to do her measuring on the front balcony.



Kathy Appel from Hearth & Hedgerow is the designer for the bar area on the lower level.



Kathy Levine of Ethan Allen, the master bedroom designer, and Heidi Delbeau, with their tape measures at the ready.



Jim Tucker in the game room measures for planning purposes.



Whitney Little from Lux Interiors in the dining room. Lux Interiors is designing the kitchen and dining room.

Circle of Life Auction aids Doylestown Hospital



Central Bucks East High School Key Club members served as the runners of the auction items.

The 13th annual Circle of Life Auction, benefiting Doylestown Hospital's Cancer Institute and Hospice Program, took place on Nov. 14, at Doylestown Country Club.

The hospital's largest annual fundraising event featured a live and silent auction and a raffle drawing for a new BMW or \$20,000 cash, donated by Thompson BMW.

Items auctioned included luxury getaways, sports memorabilia, club-seat sports packages, fine arts, wine packages and more – all donated by community residents, hospital associates and merchants.



Carolyn Cowgill with Lisa Repko, the event organizer.



Jeanne Szyszko, auction coordinator, with auctioneer for evening, Michael Ivankovich.



President of Doylestown Hospital, Jim Brexler, and his wife, Kelli.



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Pat and Bill Marshall, chairs of the event.

VIA awards \$17,000 in grants at member meeting

The Community Response Committee of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) selected three recipients to receive a total of \$17,000.

These organizations receive financial awards to support programs within the Central Bucks community. The grants were delivered at the VIA's December



From left are, Barbara Lyons, chair, Sensory Trail Project; Kathleen Meyer, chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association; Stephanie Mason, township manager, Doylestown Township; and Ken Snyder, Doylestown Township Board.

meeting. The first grant was presented to the Central Bucks Family

From left are: Kimberly Cambra, executive director, CB Cares Educational Foundation; and Kathleen Meyer, chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association.

YMCA for their Bucks County Darkness to Light Coalition. This one-time grant of \$3,000 will be used to purchase Stewards of Children participant workbooks and cover training costs to enable 200 individuals to receive the training.

The second grant was presented to Doylestown Township Park System. This one-time grant of



From left are, Ro Molyneux, project facilitator, Central Bucks Family YMCA; Zane Moore, president and CEO, Central Bucks Family YMCA; and Kathleen Meyer, chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association.

\$10,000 will be used for a Sensory Enrichment Trail pod that will provide assistance to a large number of residents who otherwise have difficulties visiting the park.

The third grant was presented to CB Cares Educational Foundation. This one-time grant of \$4,000 will be used to produce a

Community of Concern booklet for distribution to the Central Bucks School District. The purpose of these materials will be to enhance and support the organization's current message of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention at the middle and high school levels.