



HERITAGE CIRCLE

David and Barbara Watters: *Their Legacy*

Editor's note: We are honored that David participated in creating this article prior to his passing on March 16, 2014 at the age of 84. Though saddened by the loss, we are grateful to be a part of his legacy.

Tending to his beloved vegetable garden at his home outside of Greensburg, Pa. was a favorite hobby for David Watters. He pointed out that he didn't plant flowers because, after all, "you can't eat them."

This appreciation for the outdoors extended to David and his wife Barbara's other pastimes, spending many happy weekends over the decades enjoying nature with family and friends at Pike Run in the Laurel Highlands. They also took advantage of Fallingwater being "in our backyard," frequently bringing out-of-town guests for a tour. For all of these reasons, supporting the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was an easy choice when they received a membership mailing 15 years ago.

Loyal Evergreen Circle members, David explained, "We see Fallingwater as a wonderful introduction to the Conservancy." Barbara added, "It's a joy to see Fallingwater." To them, its natural setting — nestled among mountain laurels, rhododendrons, hemlocks, and situated above roaring Bear Run — is just as important as the ingeniously-designed house itself. The Conservancy's mission is very compelling because they experienced so many amazing natural places across Western Pennsylvania. As David said, "beautiful spots need to be protected for people to enjoy."

Barbara and David, a retired executive vice president with Hefren-Tillotson, both grew up in Western Pennsylvania. Sixty-one years ago, they met at their shared workplace of Westinghouse Electric. Married for 59 years, they raised two children and welcomed two grandchildren. They enjoyed traveling together — often by train or riverboat. David also



maintained a weekly lunch date with a group called the ROMEOS (standing for Retired Old Men Eating Out).

David and Barbara have generously supported WPC's overall mission because they saw that nature is a disappearing resource that needs to be conserved. Additionally, they have funded several preservation projects at Fallingwater. Through the Fallingwater Window Legacy Fund project, they've endowed and named a window above Mrs. Kaufmann's desk at Fallingwater and, most recently, they have named and endowed the Hatch in memory of their son, David Allen. Besides providing immediate support for the Conservancy's mission, they have also planned for the future, designating a portion of their estates to support the Conservancy's overall work.

"Some of my best childhood memories come from time I spent in nature," David observed. "Today, Barbara and I are fortunate to live next to a wooded area. We take pleasure in watching birds and wildlife over the seasons. We need to preserve natural spaces in Western Pennsylvania so that my grandchildren's grandchildren can appreciate them as we have." Their foresight and generosity ensure that their legacy will be closely tied to the Conservancy for many years to come.

Clarence Klaus, Jr.: *His Legacy*



Clarence with Burton, Pepper, Pearl, and Joy.

Growing up in southern Illinois, Clarence Klaus, Jr. spent many of his childhood summers helping out on his grandparents' farm. To Clarence, these summers provided "an appreciation for work and a love of nature" that have served as guiding values throughout his life.

Clarence is an architect who has designed a range of projects, including the renovation of the William Penn Hotel and Brashear High School, among others. Shortly after settling in the Pittsburgh area in 1968, he learned about the Conservancy's work from friends committed to the Conservancy's mission.

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With Gratitude for Our Heritage Circle Members

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is fortunate to have 117 Heritage Circle members – people who have informed the Conservancy of their intentions to support its mission through their estate plans. Their foresight helps to ensure WPC’s ability to protect Western Pennsylvania’s best natural features in the future.

If you have included the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy as a beneficiary of your will, trust, life insurance policy or retirement account, please let us know by filling out and returning the enclosed envelope. By allowing us to express our appreciation for your commitment now, you will help us to better plan for the future — and demonstrate how your ultimate gift will be appreciated and stewarded. As a Heritage Circle member, you will receive closer access to our work through special mailings, lectures and outings designed just for our closest supporters like you.

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— member since 2000

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— member since 1993

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— member since 1985

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— member since 2008

* We are pleased to welcome six new Heritage Circle members, of which two would like to remain anonymous. New members are annotated with an asterisk. These members notified us of their plans between September 2013 and February 2014.

* WPC received bequests from these donors’ estates between August 2013 and February 2014.

Clarence Klaus, Jr.: *His Legacy*

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He, too, became a loyal supporter of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy with his first gift in 1974. Serendipitously, he was the architect in charge of reconfiguring Fallingwater's carport into the current membership theatre in 1976.

Clarence shares his love of the outdoors with his four black Labradors: Burton, Pepper, Pearl, and Joy. Over the last 25 years, he has competed in American Kennel Club hunt tests, adding many ribbons to his home's trophy room — including first place at the 1994 Ducks Unlimited Continental Waterfowl Retriever Classic National Championship in Thomasville, Georgia.

He still enjoys training and walking with his four-legged friends and recently took them to WPC's newly-acquired 284-acre Helen B. Katz Natural Area in Crawford County. The property, just west of Meadville, borders Cussewago Creek, a tributary

to French Creek, one of the most ecologically significant waterways in Pennsylvania. In 2012, Clarence added the Conservancy to his estate plans. Through Clarence's future generous bequest, WPC will continue its work to protect French Creek.

Clarence reflects: "Conservation is important work and I want to do my part in preserving the land for future generations to enjoy."

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy



Explore Making a Deferred Gift from Home

Would you like to know more about how a charitable gift annuity would work for you? Interested in finding out the true cost of making an outright gift to the Conservancy after factoring in potential tax savings? You can log onto our gift illustrator website at www.WaterLandLife.org/339 and explore the giving options — outright or deferred — that are right for you.

A charitable gift annuity is established through a simple contract between WPC and the donor(s). In exchange for an irrevocable gift of \$10,000 or more, the Conservancy agrees to pay the donor and/or his/her spouse a fixed income for life. The donor gets an immediate charitable deduction and enjoys a dependable income for life. Sample rates are below:

Current Charitable Gift Annuity Rates*

Age	Rate	Charitable Deduction for a \$10,000 one-life annuity	Annual Payment for a \$10,000 one-life annuity
60	4.4	\$2,908	\$440
65	4.7	\$3,490	\$470
70	5.1	\$4,099	\$510
75	5.8	\$4,577	\$580
80	6.8	\$5,020	\$680
85	7.8	\$5,660	\$780
90+	9.0	\$6,295	\$900

As of March 2014. Assumes 2.4% IRS discount rate. For illustrative purposes only.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Heritage Circle

You can provide for the future of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy without sacrificing your current income — and possibly receive favorable tax benefits in the process. Members of the Heritage Circle support WPC by:

- Adding WPC as a beneficiary of their current wills with a simple codicil;
- Making WPC a beneficiary of their IRA or retirement fund;
- Creating a charitable gift annuity through WPC;
- Including WPC as a beneficiary of their charitable remainder or charitable lead trusts;
- Naming WPC the owner and beneficiary of an insurance policy.

For more information, please contact Carey Scheide Miller, senior director, development at **412-586-2356**, toll-free at **866-564-6972 ext. 2356**, or cmiller@paconserve.org.



Upcoming Events



Tuesday, April 22
Earth Day Talk and Wildflower
Hike at Raccoon Creek State Park
9 a.m. – noon

To register, call 866-564-6972 ext. 2336
or email development@paconserve.org.
Space is limited!

Saturday, May 3
Members' Day at Bear Run Nature Reserve

To register, call 866-564-6972 ext. 2340 or email
membership@paconserve.org. You can also
register online at WaterLandLife.org.

Learn more about WPC's goals for this
decade at WaterLandLife.org/Legacy

Mission Statement: The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy protects and restores exceptional places to provide our region with clean waters and healthy forests, wildlife and natural areas for the benefit of present and future generations. The Conservancy creates green spaces and gardens, contributing to the vitality of our cities and towns, and preserves Fallingwater, a symbol of people living in harmony with nature.



Wolf Creek Narrows outside of Slippery Rock, Pa.

Program Updates

- It's almost wildflower season. WPC recently added 40 acres to its now 204-acre Wolf Creek Narrows Natural Area, a short drive from the I-79 exit outside of Slippery Rock, Pa. During the peak month of April, visitors can enjoy a spectacular wildflower display on their hike.
- In 2013 alone, WPC's watershed conservation program staff and volunteers planted 15,000 riparian trees throughout Western Pennsylvania.
- Last year WPC completed a five-year project to improve the trail system at Bear Run Nature Reserve, home to Fallingwater. WPC staff and volunteers spent nearly 3,000 hours altering over 8.2 miles of trails to reduce trail erosion and maintain the integrity of the property.
- TreeVitalize Pittsburgh, an initiative supported by more than 7,100 volunteers, reached its initial goal of planting 20,000 trees in the Pittsburgh area — enough trees to fill New York City's Central Park.
- Fallingwater, which launched the 2014 season in March, hosted more than 14,000 grade school visitors for Wright in Our Backyard, a hands-on educational program, or a school tour in 2013. In total, more than 160,000 visitors toured the site in 2013.