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Productive discussion among citizens and legislators

"Our best yet" is how Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition President Tam St. Claire described the BCWAC's recent 2017 Conversation with Elected Officials. "Based on attendance, participation of elected officials, interest from new Partners, and quality of the presentation and dialogue our organizing committee just keeps raising the bar," added Lydia Winderman, BCWAC Partner and event organizer.

This year's topic, "To Care or Not To Care: What Are The Costs", was presented by Jane Hamilton, national expert and the CEO and Founder of Partners on the Path, an organization that provides caregiver support programs to businesses and non-profits that employ and support caregivers. Ms Hamilton made the point that this topic appeals across the aisle. Caregiving speaks to everyone. She has studied compassion fatigue and understands the issues of care giving, which include negative impacts on caregivers' short and long term finances, mental and physical health, and job security and advancement.

Attendees, legislators and county officials dialogued with attendees on this topic, as well as on affordable housing, minimum wage, Medicaid, PA and federal budgets, Affordable Care Act, and other important issues. "This is a unique opportunity for Bucks County citizens to have access to federal, state and county officials or their representatives simultaneously to discuss issues that matter" said Kathleen Beveridge, BCWAC board member and event organizer.

If you are interested in attending the 2018 Conversation or other BCWAC events, sign up for email action alerts and our blog to stay informed about events and legislation of interest or support our mission by becoming an individual or organization Partner or making a donation at our web site www.bcwac.org.

The **Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition** is a non-partisan coalition of 37 organizations and more than 200 individual partners that serve women and girls. We educate and advocate on behalf of women to promote systemic change to achieve gender equity and economic security for all.