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Sept. 28 celebration: Marking the year's successes for Brodhead water conservationists

Brodhead Watershed Association's Members & Friends Celebration, a popular annual gathering of local environment-minded people, will be held Sept. 28 at Camelback Resort's Aquatopia in Tannersville, Pa.

This year, the event honors John Riley posthumously with the inaugural John Riley Friend of the Watershed Award. Riley, formerly of Scotrun and a life-long defender of the local watershed and environment, was a certified public accountant at Riley & Associates in Stroudsburg. He died in January 2018.

The evening will carry the theme "A Warming Planet: What Can We Do?" featuring keynote speaker Jacqui Bonomo of PennFuture, who will address how grassroots efforts can make a difference in climate change.

BWA Executive Director Bob Heil said, "All great and worthy journeys start with that first step, and taking action here in our communities and in our lifestyles is the most important step that each of us can make in this cause."

Supporting the BWA's mission is celebration Vigon International, contributing \$3,000 as a Watershed Sponsor to make the evening a success.

"We are extremely pleased to have Vigon International as our premier Watershed Sponsor," said event organizer Rob Sedwin. "We appreciate Vigon's commitment to clean water and support for BWA's mission of protecting local streams."

Joining Vigon in sponsoring the annual event are Stream Sponsors Camelback Mountain Resort, Pocono Cheesecake Factory, Riley & Company, Michael Baxter Commercial Real Estate, and the Ann & Joseph Farda Foundation.

The event will include a silent auction, buffet dinner, cheese display and dessert, and cash bar.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets cost \$45 for BWA members, \$60 for nonmembers (which includes new membership in BWA). For information and to make your reservation, see brodheadwatershed.org/celebration.html.

For information, email info@brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120.

BWA, a nonprofit environmental organization, formed in 1989 as a group of individuals and business owners dedicated to ensuring clean water in Monroe County. For more than a quarter of a century, BWA's volunteer Streamwatchers have been testing water quality in the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries.