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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our annual member's meeting at the Andreae's marked Scenic 340's twentieth year of conservation work. Here we are in the Andreae's field looking at their new solar panels. Fred talked to us about residential solar power while Tom Lockhart talked about using solar power on his farm.



Back at the house, in our annual meeting, our current board agreed to serve another year and our ever-constant treasurer, Fred Andreae reported that, thanks to your support, our Redbud Planting Project along 340 will resume in 2019. Our Green Team will continue reaching out to landowners interested in protecting their property with conservation easements, and Christine and I will keep you posted via this newsletter. If you look



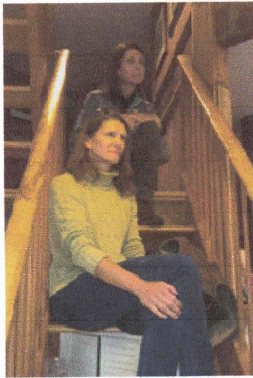
closely at the photos, you'll see our graying hair. It's hard to believe that 20 years have gone by and its time to look for new energy to carry forward Scenic 340's work. After talking about it, we voted to explore our options for the future.

Your ever lovin' Prez, *Paula*

Environmentalist Megan Gallagher (far left) along with the McGreevey's and board members Jim, Fred, and Tom.

A Note from Christine:

At our meeting I was very pleased to introduce Kate Wofford (photo below) who serves as the Executive Director of a brand new, high-powered group called the *Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley* - a dynamic merger of four long-term conservation groups. Full disclosure: last year I was invited to join their founding board and was excited to accept.



So I'm now wearing two green hats – or, one could say, I now have a foot in two camps: our own Warren and Page camp and a new united front in Augusta, Rockingham, and Shenandoah counties. The Alliance's mission and strategic goals jibe perfectly with our own. Moreover, their level of expertise, experience, and passion is a compelling carrot for us old nags. Over the next few months we will be exploring the possibility of a hooking our wagon up to the Alliance's powerful new engine. I am confident about Scenic 340's future.

On a sad note, I feel a great loss in the death of our brilliant and fierce environmental nagger, Natalie Zucherman. Natalie was a "come-here" from "up north" (Dover, Mass.) who held a PhD in biochemistry from George Mason. From our very beginning in 1999, she supported our fight to mitigate VDOT's destructive road expansion. Fights seemed to energize her and she never stopped fighting to preserve our natural and historic resources. She died on New Year's Day during a vacation with her family in Vieques, Puerto Rico. A few months before, upon the sudden death of a friend from a heart-attack, Natalie confided to her daughter Deborah that while a heart-attack was hard on the family, it was an easier death than a long sickness and that she hoped to die that way. She got her wish. After a morning on the beach with her family, she retired for a nap and died in her sleep. "She had a great death," Deborah told me on the phone. There will be a celebration of her life at the Luray Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday March 2 from 2-5 pm. Hope you will join us there.



Natalie in her garden



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