

# County honors Stanfield as top volunteer

*Betty Orlemann*

Robert Stanfield was awarded a certificate May 20, as the Outstanding Individual Volunteer of the year in Bucks County.

He was honored at the meeting of the Bucks County commissioners in the Solebury Township Municipal Building for his years of volunteer work in Bucks County conservation.

The award was presented by Lisa D. Ishimuro, environmental protection specialist for the Bucks County Conservation District, and Gretchen Schatschneider, district manager.

The women praised him “for the use of his diverse skills.”

Stanfield, a research engineer with a Ph.D. from MIT, said, “I retired 22 years ago and came to Heaven.” It was then that he started collecting data on water.

He has long been concerned about encroaching development and fears that the aquifers in



*Commissioner James Cawley, Mary Ellen Noonan and Gretchen Schatschneider of Bucks County Soil Conservation honor Dr. Robert Stanfield as the Conservation Individual of the Year at the Bucks County commissioners' meeting May 20.*

Tinicum, Nockamixon and Bridgeton townships cannot survive the withdrawal of large amounts of water to support full-scale building. He has placed gauges on local streams and has vigorously checked wells, especially those threatened by proposed development.

Stanfield and others have been active in obtaining protection for local streams by having them designated high quality. “We’re very proud to have such a fine volunteering spirit in Bucks County,” said Schatschneider.

“He’s very dedicated,” added Ishimuro.