

2011 Lifetime Achievement Award  
Bruce D. Reed

The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd wishes to recognize Bruce D. Reed for his unfailing commitment and remarkable contributions to Bala Cynwyd and Lower Merion Township. Bruce has dedicated countless hours and enormous energy serving as the Neighborhood Club's Board Member, Vice President, and President. As President of The Neighborhood Club, he is most appreciated for his efforts to preserve the community's SEPTA's R-6 regional rail service into Philadelphia, and to conserve and renovate the Cynwyd Elementary School in place of its potential demolition.

Bruce has also served on the Board of Directors and as Solicitor for the Lower Merion Historical Society; in this position, he was involved in the Historical Society's efforts to renovate the Lower Merion Academy and the Cynwyd Train Station. Bruce was appointed to Lower Merion's Planning Commission and served as one of its Co-Chairs. His ability to listen to others and make them feel heard fostered a respectful and collaborative approach to development throughout the Township.

In 2004, Bruce became Commissioner for Lower Merion Township's 13th Ward, representing Cynwyd and Merion Park. His distinct ability to share his thoughts in a clear, balanced, yet nuanced way prompted his colleagues to elect him as Vice President and then President of the Board of Commissioners in 2006. As President, Bruce helped those with different opinions find common ground; he encouraged individuals to work together to build consensus. The investments and benefits our community and future generations will enjoy because of Bruce's accomplishments on the Board of Commissioners are innumerable. A few highlights include the creation of the expansion of the Township's historic districts, the passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance, the renovation and expansion of Ludington Library, the passage of the Bryn Mawr Master Plan, and the acquisition and development of Lower Merion's first linear park, the Cynwyd Heritage Trail.

For these reasons and many more, The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd is pleased to award Bruce D. Reed the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2011.