

Delaware Day

*Celebrating the
150th anniversary of
Buena Vista*

December 7, 1995

Program

Welcome Secretary of State Edward J. Freel

Pledge of Allegiance Michael E. Harkins

Invocation Lieutenant Governor Ruth Ann Minner

Dinner

Remarks Dr. Carol Hoffecker

Comments Governor Thomas R. Carper

Response Karen McCoy

Benediction Judge William T. Quillen

Menu

Crab and Corn Chowder

Tenderloin of Beef with Stuffing of Swiss Chard

Madeira Sauce

Chive Duchess Potatoes

Haricots Vert

Julienne of Carrots

Baby Greens and Roquefort with an Apple Cider Vinaigrette

White Chocolate Mousse in Tulip Cups with Fresh Berries

Cafes

Chocolates

Silverado Chardonnay '93

Lambert Bridge
Cabernet Sauvignon '92

Buena Vista

Built in 1845 by John M. Clayton, Buena Vista became the finest example of the Greek revival style in Delaware. Clayton also made Buena Vista one of the finest farms in the state before he died in 1856.

Clayton's nephew, James Douglass, inherited Buena Vista who in turn gave it to his daughter, Constance, who married Francis Buck. Clayton's great-grandnephew, C. Douglass Buck, was born at Buena Vista in 1890.

By 1914, Buena Vista was sold to T. Coleman duPont who willed it to his daughter, Mrs. Alice duPont Wilson Buck, wife of Governor C. Douglass Buck.

Governor C. Douglass Buck (1929 - 1937) was the first governor in Delaware history to serve two consecutive terms.

Under Mrs. Buck's direction, the house was completely renovated and enlarged between 1930 and 1932. Numerous additions and interior changes made Buena Vista into a magnificent mansion of historical significance. Thirty-five years later in 1965, Governor Buck sold the estate to the State of Delaware for the sum of one dollar.