At our May Board Meeting we began the process of updating our Strategic Plan. We started the process by having Glen Nephin, former Chapter President, walk us through our current Strategic Plan. While we all agreed that there is a need to make some revisions, we also found that much of it is as relevant today as when it was written. Many of the directions outlined in the plan are still being followed today. I would like to highlight two of them: Increase membership and volunteer involvement. At the beginning of 2105 our Chapter had 682 members. By the beginning of July that number increased by over 11% to 760 members. In June alone we added 20 women members. It is no coincidence that this has happened with our increased emphasis on women’s programs and initiatives. Faye Haering, our Women’s Initiative Coordinator, continues to network with the women in our Chapter and other Chapters to bring meaningful experiences to the women in our Chapter.

In and of itself increased membership has a limited value. However when increased membership translates into increased volunteer hours it is extremely valuable. In June we had four volunteer opportunities. At those events 60% of the volunteers were non-board members, continuing the trend we started in April and May. While we are not satisfied with these numbers we are encouraged that plans developed in the past several years are starting to show promising results. We appreciate everyone who gives their time and effort to help us accomplish our mission. Please check our website www.donegaltu.org for a list of volunteer opportunities.

There have been several significant developments in our conservation initiatives. First, we received very good news from the Atlantic Sunrise Environmental Fund. We were awarded three grants totaling $584,500. The Lapp Farm restoration, which is scheduled to be started and completed next summer, received $509,500. The Metzler Project, which US Fish and Wildlife is undertaking, will be designed, permitted and constructed next year, and received $40,000. Another $35,000 will be applied to work completed earlier this year on Climbers Run. This is indeed good news. In addition on July 8, Bob Kutz, Conversation Chairman, and I participated in the final pre-construction walk-through at the Lloyd property with US Army Corps of Engineers, PA.

Volunteers will be needed to instruct youths and women in the basics of fly casting at our clinics for Youth & Women on September 12th and 26th respectively. Both events will be held at member Hugh Wenger’s pond near Elizabethtown. The Youth Clinic runs 8 am - Noon, the Women’s 8:30 - 1:30. Both include lunch for Volunteers.

Contact Mark Ebner at youthevents@donegaltu.org if you can assist with the Youth Clinic or Faye Haering at faye.haering@donegaltu.org or 717.285.2572 to help at the Women’s Clinic.
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PROGRAMS

AUGUST

August will be our final picnic of the summer, at Millport Conservancy. Food and drink will be provided, featuring grilled brats and toppings, with lots of fresh summer treats. Please bring a folding chair. There will be a special demonstration by Tom Janukowicz of Bearskin Outfitters on using Hemingway’s Products to tie ultra-realistic flies.

SEPTEMBER

Our September meeting will return to the Farm & Home Center and our usual meeting time of 7 pm. The speaker will be Ricky Wolbert, telling us all about saltwater fishing from a kayak.

OCTOBER

October will see OctoberFest, our Annual Meeting featuring election and installation of new Officers & Board members. The speaker this year will be Gary Edwards, speaking on steelheading on the Salmon River in New York. The meeting will be held at the Four Seasons Banquet Facility in Landisville and once again will feature good food, drinks, camaraderie, & special raffles. Menu & reservation details will be on the website and in the October Mayflyer.

CONSERVATION

We received good news from the Conservation Fund in the fact that we will be receiving $584,500 to fund 3 projects. They are as follows: $509,500 for the Lapp Farm, $35,000 for Climbers Run and $40,000 for the Metzler Project. I am waiting to hear from the Conservation Fund as to when & how the funds will arrive as well as reviewing any requirements that they may have. I do believe their requirements will be minimal.

DTU has received a construction grant from DEP’s 319 Fund to build the Lloyd project. Flyway will start construction this month with a completion date expected in October. We will complete this project with or without the Mitigation Grant.

Here is a report on our other projects:

- Metzler - Adam Smith to design, permit and construct next year with funding from the Conservation Fund.

- Drumore Township Park - Adam Smith to design, permit and construct next year.

- Pennsy Road Project - Adam Smith to design, permit and construct this Climbers Run project next year.

- Lapp Farm - The Conservation Fund Grant of $509,500 will cover the construction costs of this project. We are not sure who the contractor will be at this time or when we will be able to start.

- Stoltzfus Farm - We might be able to build this project this year if the Mitigation funds arrive. If not, we will have to wait until next year to make a Growing Greener application for construction funds.

Future Grant Opportunities:

The PA Fish & Boat Commission will receive $100,000 per year for the next 20 years from the Peach Bottom Relicensing Program. That money can be spent on only 12 designated streams in York & Lancaster Counties. Our 6 streams are Peters Creek, Fishing Creek, Donegal Spring Creek, Seglock Creek, Hammer Creek and Puddle Duck Creek. We are actively looking at these 6 streams for possible sites where stream restoration work is needed. I am sure we will be making application to this new program in short order.

Both Greg & I have recommended to the board that any funds left over in the Climbers Preserve Project, when all the money finally comes in, be kept in that fund for future use on that site.

PAUL ZEGLEY
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

BOB KUTZ, CHAIRMAN & GREG WILSON
CONSERVATION CO-CHAIRMAN
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June New Members

On June 17, three new members attended our Family Picnic at Climbers Run Nature Preserve.

They are right to left: Barbara Betz, Joe Betz, Pam Williams and Fran McElhinney, Membership Chairman.

Our Chapter now has 737 members – 691 men, 39 women and 5 young men and 2 young women.

Jim Wellendorf

Youth Field Day

Led by member Kevin Fausey, 10 volunteers from DTU instructed youths from Lancaster County in the fine arts of fly casting and fly tying at Lancaster Youth Field Days on June 6.

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf
President’s Message, continued

Department of Environmental Resources, Rettew and Flyway Excavating. Everything is ready to go and construction is scheduled to begin on July 27 and be completed by the end of September.

Our nursery continues to improve each month. At this time we have 4,000 trees potted and ready to be planted. Garry Longenecker, Nursery Manager, was able to obtain an additional 1,200 trees from the Stroud Water Research Center. We have 35 different species of trees. Now we are looking for homes for all of them. If you know of a conservation project that needs trees be sure to contact Garry.

Ned Bushong, Education Coordinator has done a truly remarkable job of signing up classrooms for the Trout in the Classroom program. For the 2015-2016 school year we will have 14 classrooms in 8 different schools. Three of the schools will have three programs each. We are anxious to follow their progress and witness the releases of the trout, hopefully in streams where we have done conservation work.

Joy McMaster, Vice President; Mark McMaster, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and I attended a meeting at John Leonard’s home on Saturday July 11. John is the Vice President of the South Central Region of PA Trout Unlimited. He invited representatives from his Region’s eight chapters, TU, PATU and Gleim Environmental. It was an excellent opportunity for all of us to share news, concerns and best practices. John was an excellent host!

Please continue to check the Mayflyer, our website and our Monthly Calendar of Events for the details about these recently announced events:

Youth Fly Fishing Clinic - September 12

Ladies Fly Fishing Clinic - September 26

Both of these events will be excellent opportunities to learn more about fly fishing and cold water conservation.

Please join us for our Membership Picnic at Millport Conservancy at 6 PM on Wednesday August 19. The picnic is open to the public and will feature good food and an interesting demonstration. Please make plans to join us. See www.donegaltu.org for details.

Thanks for your continuing support of Donegal Trout Unlimited.

Jim

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Ladies Clinic

Donegal Trout Unlimited Ladies Fly Fishing Clinic will be held September 26th at Hugh Wenger’s Pond, 403 Trail Road North, Elizabethtown, PA. Ages 18 and up. Time 8:30 - 1:30 P.M.

This will be an introductory Clinic emphasizing casting instruction and rod rigging and casting onto the pond and catching fish.

Each lady will have the use of a rod and reel and learn how to cast and put on a leader, tippet and fly and an instructor for same.

This is a one-acre pond which has sizeable bass and panfish and participants will be assisted in this process of casting onto the water and bringing in the fish.

All equipment will be provided and assistance where necessary.

Participants will need a hat with a visor and sunglasses and proper clothing and shoes for the outdoors. Insect repellent and sunscreen as needed.

We will have approximately 15 ladies that will be accepted for this class, so early registration is necessary to be guaranteed a place. Please register by Sept. 21st.

We will have a lunch after the event catered by Stauffers of Kissel Hill and Fran McElhinney our Membership Chairman.

It is recommended that you bring a chair and a smile and be prepared to have a good time and an opportunity to have instructions that will prepare you for the art of fly fishing. There will be portopots available with wash stations. You might want to bring a bottle of water along.

So come on down and join the fun!

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Final Walk-Through on Conowingo Project

On July 8, DTU’s Conservation Chairman Bob Kutz and President Jim Wellendorf met with representatives of PA DEP, US Corps of Engineers, Rettew Associates, Flyway Excavating and the landowner, along with a technical advisor, to review plans for our upcoming project on the Conowingo.
At 6 pm on June 17, DTU held its annual family picnic at the Climbers Run Nature Preserve in southern Lancaster County. Sixty DTU members, members of their families and guests attended the picnic.

The Nature Preserve is owned and operated by the Lancaster County Conservancy (LCC). Donegal Trout Unlimited has partnered with the LCC to restore and preserve Climbers Run, a wild brook trout stream which runs through the Preserve. As a result the Run has been designated as fly fishing and catch and release only.

Marsha Benovengo, Eastern Region Program Coordinator for Casting For Recovery (CFR), started the evening with a presentation about CFR and all it does to help women who are recovering from cancer. After her presentation she held a raffle which raised $240 for CFR.

Next was a buffet of pork tenderloin, pasta, fruit cookies and cold beverages. Stan Shenk, Jerry Reiff and Fran McElhinney did an outstanding job again this year planning the meal, cooking the pork tenderloin and serving the meal. Many people commented it was one of the very best meals they ever had at a picnic.

After the meal Mike Burcin, President of the LCC presented Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Conservation Co-Chairmen and myself an award recognizing Donegal Trout Unlimited as a Conservation Partner of LCC. To end the evening Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson gave a guided tour of the Preserve. They highlighted the work that was done to return the Preserve to its natural state. Everyone who took the tour was amazed at the transformation.
If you have questions or would like to participate in the weekend’s event please feel free to contact Marsha Benovengo, Program Coordinator for the CfR Eastern PA Program, at (732) 780-7185 or via email at casabeno@msn.com.

Proceeds from the Benefit BBQ will go to support the Casting for Recovery Eastern PA Program. Casting for Recovery is a 501c3 national non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
On July 14, Matt Kofroth of Lancaster Conservation District and 2 able assistants electroshocked several southern Lancaster County streams, confirming the presence of wild brown and brook trout populations.

Greg Wilson and Nelly supervised the project.

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