December is the month of many holidays. DTU has much to celebrate as 2017 nears its end. We completed two restoration projects on Fishing Creek and one on Peters Creek. Several projects are in the works for next year. Be sure to read the Conservation report for all of the details.

We participated on the Extra Ordinary Day of Giving. DTU received $5,635 in donations. I have not yet heard of our part of the stretch pool – extra money provided by sponsors – but based on last year we should receive a few more dollars to aid our work.

Most of our TIC programs are off to a good start. Trout eggs have arrived. However, two classrooms did have their old chillers die. Ned Bushong is working on replacing them and trying to get fresh deliveries of eggs.

There is something new for you to look forward to in 2018. We are going to try a yearlong raffle. This is only open to DTU members that participate in DTU events. If you attend a Chapter Meeting, help at the Nursery, help with the Spring Fundraiser, work streamside by removing invasive plants or planting trees, help at the Spring Fly Fishing Show, you will receive a ticket. Your participation is the payment for your ticket. The raffle starts in January and goes until our last meeting of 2018 on December 19th. At that meeting, all tickets will be placed in the hopper and the winning ticket will be drawn. The prize is a Risen Fly Fishing Premium 9’ 5wt complete rod, reel and line outfit. I’m told the rod alone usually goes for $389. So as the saying goes, “You have to play to win”. Or in our case, you do a little work to advance our mission, meet new people, and have new experiences. That’s a winning situation even if you don’t get the prize.

Thanks to all of you for being members of our DTU community. Everyone on the Board wishes you a happy, festive, safe holiday no matter what you celebrate or when. And a very good New Year for everyone.
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Programs

December

For the December Meeting on the 20th we’ll have our traditional Dave Shenk Memorial Fly Tying Clinic at the Farm & Home Center. Tyers have yet to be announced, but this is always a fun meeting.

Conservation

DTU Conservation Committee had an active month planning future projects and planting trees. Some actions are as follows:

1. The Metzler Sisters Project is finished. U.S. Fish & Wildlife completed the construction in early October while a successful tree/shrub planting was accomplished on October 21, with over 18 volunteers planting over 200 plants. Tree shelters and posts were then added to support the plants. The Metzler Sisters are extremely happy with the project.

Wild trout were observed living in the newly repaired section.

2. Our Peters Creek project is also finished. On November 4th approximately 30 volunteers showed up to help plant 300 trees and shrubs. Again, tree shelters & stakes were added to support the plants. Boy Scout Troop 99 had 19 scouts and leaders there to support our efforts.

Future Projects for 2018/2019

1. Bob Herr Farm: DTU is waiting to hear a final decision from DEP as to their support for this $180,000 project. It is our understanding that the money has been set aside but we need final confirmation before we can start. There is a possibility that our contractor, US Fish & Wildlife will have to build this project over two years instead of one as normal. Board member Jenna Mitchell is working with DEP on this issue.

2. Bowrey Run: Adam Smith, US Fish & Wildlife visited this $108,000 project in early October. Adam walked the stream to see the trouble sites, make notations and then returned to his State College office to start the designing & permitting process. Look for this project to start in 2019. Thank Jenna Mitchell for her help in securing this funding through a NF&WF Grant.

3. Camp Andrews: This $95,000 project on Fishing Creek is completely funded and we expect construction to start around June 15th 2018. Funding was secured through Camp Andrews, PA Fish & Boat Commission, Williams Pipeline Co, the Lancaster County Conservation District and California University of PA.

4. Shirley Madison Project: This $132,810 project on Big Beaver Creek is expected to be funded by the Conservation District’s Exelon Funding. No solid commitment has been forthcoming. We will know more by January 2018.

5. Menno Stoltzfus Bridge: This $84,580 project is in the final design & permitting stage. DTU will provide $50,000 to the cost through its $50,000 NFPP federal grant. This project must be completed by December 31, 2018. Many reports will have to be filled out as the project comes to life.

6. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation “Adaptive Tool Box.” This is a NF&WF grant that is administered by the PA Dept. of Ag. The purpose of this grant is to fence off 35 Amish Farms in the Fishing Creek Watershed and plant riparian buffers. DTU committed $25,000 in “in kind” labor by supplying trees and by helping to plant the buffers. The earliest DTU will have to respond to our commitment should be around late 2018. More info to come as it develops.

6. Kelly Woy Project: DEP and their “319” grants fund this $254,282.44 project. This project also included a cost of $38,543 to repair the Russell Lloyd “ditch” which comes down from the chicken houses on top of his hill. There is extensive erosion in this area and will be repaired. The remaining funding will cover Flyway Excavating’s bill. Construction to start next summer on both projects.

7. Dave Phillips Project: We recently received a $58,000 grant from DEP to design & permit this project. Again, this is federal “319” funding through DEP. Rettew has finished the design and is currently seeking a construction bid from Flyway to build this project as per Rettew’s drawings. We will then submit a Growing Greener grant request to cover the construction costs.

Winter Fly Tying

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Earlier this year I was selected as one of approximately 20 participants to attend an Adaptive Sport Program through the Department of Veterans Affairs in Sun Valley, Idaho from September 24-27. My plane arrived in Boise early on the 24th and I met up with some of the other participants. We rented an SUV and began the almost 3-hour long journey towards Ketchum. Once we left the confines of Boise “city life”, which I can assure is much different that Lancaster “city life”, we soon entered the 3,285 square miles of Sawtooth National Forest. Much of the drive must have been similar to the way the early settlers saw it, as there were not a lot of houses or structures, it was mostly just mountains and land as far as the eye could see. We felt alone on the drive and, in fact, did not see one gas station until we were close to our destination.

Upon arriving in Ketchum, we checked into the Higher Ground resort (think the resort from Dumb & Dumber, in other words, fancy). Our lodging consisted of a shared living room and three separate bedrooms. That evening we were all invited to dinner in town at one of the restaurants where we got to meet all the other participants. Over the next few days we would start training at 9 AM and finish at 5 PM. We learned about different types of wheel chairs that can help people get out into the outdoors, different types of help available to veterans who are disabled. We used a device (the Evergreen hand) that allows a person with the use of one arm to tie flies as well as another device that allows a person with the use of one hand to fly fish. I was sent both devices to have and practice with if someone ever needs it. I learned about how other programs are run, and was able to garner many ideas. We simulated teaching a blind person, and persons of different disabilities how to fly fish. It’s not the easiest, but it can be done with practice and determination.

Each night wound down with a dinner at a different restaurant in town. However, I’m not going to lie to you. Myself and several other like-minded individuals skipped dinner and went fishing on the Big Wood River. The Big Wood is a freestone river that runs through Ketchum. We were surrounded by beautiful mountains and scenery. I did quite well and didn’t need to vary much off a Blue Winged Olive and a Zebra Nymph. One of the highlights was seeing a wild moose while we were out.

I am very thankful to have been chosen for the training. I learned a lot about program design, adaptive equipment, therapeutic modalities, as well as many resources. I’d like to thank Dave Kumlien, the TU VSP National Coordinator for selecting me. I hope to be able to implement many of the ideas as our program grows in the future. I’d like to thank everyone in our chapter that supports our program. We could always use more help, so if you’re interested, let me know. We’d love to have you aboard. And thank you to our Veterans, you are heroes and an inspiration.
On November 4th a group of volunteers from DTU, Friends of Fishing Creek, the Lancaster Conservancy, Boy Scout Troop 99 and a neighbor planted 300 trees along our project on Peters Creek. Octorora Native Plant Nursery donated 350 river birch for the project.

MARK McMASTER

Photos courtesy Greg Wilson.
On October 24 volunteers from DTU, Friends of Fishing Creek and the Metzler sisters themselves planted trees & shrubs at our Metzler Project. Participants were served gourmet hot dogs by Chef Bob Kutz.

Photos courtesy Greg Wilson, Mark & Joy McMaster
On November 18, volunteers from DTU & Friends of Fishing Creek planted trees & shrubs at our Drumore Township Park Project.
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Volunteer Awards

Our Octoberfest meeting is the time when your Board of Directors recognize DTU members that have made a significant contribution to the chapter over the past year or years. Art Thorn, Patric Nephin, and Mark Coons are the recipients this year.

Art is not well known by the chapter members but he is an integral part of the Conservation Committee. Greg & Bob find the projects. Bob searches the world for money. Art handles the paperwork that is required for our projects funded by 319 grants. This is federal money that is awarded to the state and administered by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. That tells you that there are specific forms, letters, and documentation required for the money that pays our contractors. Art has done this job for many years and enjoys the challenges.

Patric took on the daunting job of Banquet Chairman. A younger, fresh set of eyes and ideas reinvigorated this important event. The name was changed to Spring Fundraiser. Sponsors replaced the Banquet Booklet. The addition of audio and visual aids enhanced the evening. Other changes resulted in increased revenue for the chapter. Patric and his committee are already working on this event for next year.

Mark assists Bill Nolan with the Veterans Service Program. Bill considers Mark to be his main man. Mark helps scout out locations for the fishing trips. He fishes with the veterans and makes sure they have a successful day. As the group transfers from the streams to the fly tying tables, Mark is recruiting members to share their knowledge. Mark is invested with making our VSP the best it can be for our Veterans.

Congratulations for jobs well done.

New Members

Four new members attended our Wednesday November 15 membership meeting at the Farm and Home Center. Pictured here, left to right, are: Ryan Davis, Monte Burley, Chairman Fran McElhinney, James MacVaugh and Jerry Lockenour.

At the meeting, Fran reported that as of the November board meeting the Chapter had 662 men, 36 women and 11 male youth and 1 female youth members for a total of 710 members.
Trees for Trout

The Susquehanna River provides fifty percent of the Chesapeake Bay’s fresh water. Unfortunately, the River’s water is polluted with nitrogen, phosphorous and sediments, 80% of which comes from agriculture and the other 20% from stormwater and wastewater. Because of its large numbers of farms, Lancaster County is one of the biggest contributors to the River’s, and ultimately the Bay’s, pollution. In order to meet the 2010 EPA federally-mandated pollution levels by 2025 something must be done. Ryan Davis, Chesapeake Forests Program Coordinator, thinks he know the solution. Plant trees!

Ryan, who works for the Alliance for the Bay, spoke to our Membership Meeting at the Farm and Home Center on Wednesday November 15.

Ryan explained that trees act as giant sponges. A single tree can intercept 700-4,000 gallons of water annually. When they soak up the water, the trees also soak up and store pollutants. They can be even more effective if they are planted in a riparian (streamside) buffer zone. In a riparian buffer the trees not only filter out pollution, they stabilize the stream banks, chill the water, create a habitat for fish in their roots, provide food for the macroinvertebrates who live in the stream and increase species diversity. In other words they create a healthy stream ecosystem. A healthy ecosystem can process 2 to 8 times more pollutants.

Ryan said in order to create a healthy ecosystem, trees need to be planted starting from the stream bank and extending 100 feet away from it. Unfortunately, most landowners can not commit this much of their land to trees. However, as we have seen in many of our Chapter’s conservation projects some trees are better than none. Last year alone our Nursery raised over 2,200 trees, all of which were planted in conservation projects throughout Lancaster County.

Ryan applauded the work we do. He told the audience it is possible to control pollution. It is not easy and it is not quick. However, if we are diligent in the pursuit of our mission to restore, conserve and preserve the cold water watersheds of Lancaster County, it can be done.

Millport Badges

Badges to fish Lititz Run on the Conservancy in 2018 are now available to members of DTU or Millport Conservancy. Badges are priced @ $20 at a meeting or DTU function, $22.50 if they need to be mailed. Contact Tom Hall (phallcat@comcast.net) or Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Attn: Millport Button Sales, PO Box 8001, Lancaster, PA 17604 to request a badge. Please provide proof of your membership.
Committee Reports, continued

season. Our usual date in November was spent at the International Fly Tying Symposium. I saw several of our tiers there checking out new patterns and materials. That leaves the following dates for us to meet and wait for winter to pass – January 13, February 10, and March 10. Thanks to the kindness of Stan Shenk, we will again meet at the Stauffers of Kissel Hill grocery store, 1050 Lititz Pike, from 9 AM – 1 PM. The meeting room is at the back of the store. You may arrive and depart as your schedule allows. Everyone brings their own equipment and supplies. But don’t let that keep you from joining the group. Our tiers are generous with their time and materials. Limited instruction can be provided for beginners. As always, if the weather is nasty, please be safe and remain at home.

JOY McMASTER

On November 5th about 60 members of the F&M Rowing Team planted trees & shrubs and did some general cleanup in the riparian buffer at our Climbers Preserve Project.

Photos courtesy Greg Wilson

Climbers Run Cleanup

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