President’s Message

I am pleased to introduce three new members to the DTU Board. Dave Shenk, who was a valuable asset to the banquet committee, will be the new Program Chair. He will be assisting the current chair, Bob Albright, until October when he will officially assume the position. Jim Wellendorf, who has been a dedicated and dependable volunteer for many years, will fill the Communications chair position immediately. Mark Ebner has agreed to manage and maintain our Facebook site. Mark works with Gary Roulston at Woodstream. Welcome all.

Thanks to our members that bought trees and shrubs from the Lancaster Conservation District. DTU received a check for $127 as our percentage of the purchases made by our members.

PATU is still soliciting donations for raffle tickets for the Trout in the Classroom projects. This year DTU hopes to have nine Lancaster County schools participate. This program continues to be very popular in middle and high school classes. Since we have received more than $100 in donations so far, for every dollar that is donated from now on, half will go to DTU. The prize list includes: Wyatt Dietrich custom 7’2” bamboo rod, Old Town kayak, Ned Smith print and a $200 cash card. You can get tickets from me at our chapter meetings or by contacting me at 717-733-2365.

DTU was asked by Warwick Township to support their resolution asking DEP to acquire an independent study of the impact that the Speedwell Dam removal will have on Hammer Creek. TU’s mission statement clearly states that our work should be dedicated to restoration of cold water fisheries and Hammer Creek is not a cold water stream. Although many board members agreed with the resolution the Board concluded that we could not justify adding our name to the resolution.

The conservation committee is hard at work preparing for the summer’s projects. All permits for work on the Conowingo Creek are in hand and work will begin in late June or early July with the Myers Farm. This work will be done by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Watch the web site for volunteer opportunities.

Don’t forget the chapter picnic/meeting at 6:00 pm at the Millport Conservancy on June 20. Food and drink will be provided. Bring a rod and fish Lititz Run after the meeting. There are plenty of fish from the stocking for Fly On The Run.

No chapter meeting in July, and in August we will be in Reinholds at Bob Bachman’s home for a picnic/meeting. Again food and drinks will be provided. After the meeting there are plenty of bass in Blue Lake that with the proper coaxing are ready to take your fly. See web site for directions.

Enjoy the late spring fishing.

“IT has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming” - John Steinbeck

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JUNE MEETING
JUNE 20
SUMMER PICNIC
MILLPORT CONSERVANCY
6:00 PM

Volunteer Corner

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2012 are still available. Purchase them at a meeting for $20 or contact me for mailing instructions, at a cost of $22.50 including postage. Check or money order only. Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572.

Volunteers are still needed for Youth Field Day, Saturday, June 2 at Southern Lancaster County Farmer Sportsmen’s Association in New Providence.

Volunteers are needed for the Big Brothers event on June 9th. See details on page 3.

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JUNE

The June chapter meeting will be our first picnic of the year, at Millport Conservancy on June 20th. Note that this meeting also begins our summer meeting hours and starts at 6 pm.

JULY

No meeting.

AUGUST

We wrap up summer at 6 pm on August 15th with a second picnic, this one at Bob Bachman’s home on Blue Lake in Reinholds.

Directions to Bob’s place are as follows. From Lancaster take US 222 North to the PA Turnpike exit. Turn left on Spur Road and then right on PA Rt. 272 (North) to PA 897. Turn left onto PA 897 and take it (North) through Reinholds to Blue Lake Road at the Mennonite Meeting House. Turn left onto Blue Lake Road and go to the end at the intersection with Peartown Road. Turn left and you're there.

VOLUNTEERS

As communication is everything, it has become necessary for me to lay out what I need in order for me to do the best job possible in getting the necessary numbers of volunteers for upcoming projects and events.

We have more to do and not necessarily any additional volunteers. I’m trying to keep those I have informed and available.

Please submit your event/project with date, time & directions in advance to Mark to advertise in the newsletter and on the website, as well as to myself, as far in advance as possible.

Please post particulars such as beginning/ending time, meal, what to bring (i.e., hats, waders, gloves, chairs, water, tools etc.) and desired number of volunteers.

Please try to enlist some volunteers yourself that you think would be willing or available to help out.

Please advise ASAP of any changes, cancellations etc.

I will provide you with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses whenever possible for you to maintain contact with those who have signed up to help on your project, but please make sure I am also included in any subsequent communications.

That way our volunteers will all be well informed and happy to help out the next time.

Note that any volunteers who have signed up for a project should let the project leader and me know as soon as possible if for any reason you are unable to help. Everyone is counting on you and your help in getting the job done.

Thank You,

FAYE HAERING
Volunteer Coordinator

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF LANCASTER

Our annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters fishing event will be held Saturday, June 9th at the Bushong’s Farm from 10 am - Noon, with lunch provided by the Bushongs. We would like 8-10 DTU volunteers to help teach the kids the joy of fishing.

Directions: From Route 30

Take the Lititz Pike Exit and take 501 North. Turn Right on Owl Hill Road (continue on Pierson Road). Turn left onto Rothsville Road (772 West.) Take the first right onto Clay Road. Travel 2.6 miles. The Bushong Farm is on the left about halfway down the hill.

Frank Plucinsky, whose topic was “Fishing and Outdoor Photography”, was the guest speaker for the May chapter meeting. Frank entertained and educated the members on the equipment and techniques to use to take good pictures.

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Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.
Ladies Coldwater Conservation Breakfast - with Introduction to Fly Fishing, held at Millport Conservancy, Lititz, on April 28, 2012.

This event began at 8:30 A.M. with registration of 31 ladies that attended the breakfast and following events.

The program opened with an appetizing breakfast provided by the Lancaster Career & Technology Schools in Mt. Joy.

Wayne Boggs, DTU President gave a presentation on some of our Coldwater Conservation projects that we are presently working on. This was followed by a video "One Stream at a Time", which was the work done by our chapter members on Lititz Run.

They were then divided into three groups, which included casting instruction with Bill Billet, Duane Dagen, & Bob Albright and Ned Bushong, & Mark McMaster. Tours of Millport Conservancy were led by Lynn & Logan Myers.

The group also visited the Fly Tyers bench with Tim & Nancy Suloff.

TCO Fly Shop, Reading, Pa. had a table with a selection of ladies clothing, rods & gear, with Jason Villwock, Guide.

Photography was provided by James Wellendorf.

A lot was crammed into this 3 hour morning and it was a might chilly, but all he comments I received were positive and the 27 of the 31 put down that they wanted to learn to fly fish. So, we are in the process of trying to come up with something to offer them. Stay tuned.

Couldn’t have had such success without the article that Ad Crable, LNP wrote back in March, on “Men Seeking Women”, that caught the attention of so many.

Bob Albright, DTU Program Chairman, and Mark McMaster, DTU Editor both contributed a great deal of time and effort to make sure that this was a first class event with the help of so many. I can honestly say that I feel that happened.

I am proud to be a part of this organization and the good work that we do, and are about to do.

FAYE HAERING

Photo courtesy Jim Wellendorf
Tuesday May 15, 2012 was déjà vu all over again. Just like last year, it poured rain before and during the Chapter’s annual Lititz Run trout stocking for the Fly On The Run contest.

Five chapter members - Tom Hall, Jack Gilbert, Dave Boomer, Larry Clement and Jim Wellendorf were joined by a teacher and four of his students from the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center. They stocked the upper and lower sections of the Run with 800 brown and brook trout from the Cedar Springs Trout Hatchery of Mill Hall, PA. Some of the trout were nice sized. Should make for some good fishing after the Contest!

Jim Wellendorf

Photo courtesy Jim Wellendorf
The Sixth Annual Fly On The Run fishing tournament took place on May 17th, 2012 at Millport Conservancy, with approximately 20 teams of fly fishermen.

The event benefits the Lancaster Career & Technology Schools with scholarships for students.

A banquet for the event was hosted at the Mt. Joy Campus on Wednesday that included demonstrations and a cocktail party and a dinner prepared by the students in their Culinary Department at the school.

The Fishermen and Streamguides from DTU were invited to a breakfast prior to the tournament and a lunch and a awards/brews/hors d’ouvres after the contest.

In addition to those who helped with fish stocking on Tuesday, we had 11 stream guides that helped us out for Thursday. They were Tom Hall, Faye Haering, Ned Bushong, Scott Trefny, Mark & Joy McMaster, Bill Billet, Moirajeanne Fitzgerald, Duane Dagen, Troy Martin and Kevin Hirst.

Twas an amazing sight to see the large numbers of fishermen suited up, going hither and yon with an army of vehicles carting everyone to their destinations to test their skill and luck. Certainly the trout were tested with some of the special techniques imposed upon them over the day.

One highlight of the Fly On The Run for those that were present, was the following:

Early in the morning up in the Conservancy, Mark, Joy and I were doing our thing with a group on the first beat. We were impressed at how well they worked together and helped each other out and passed along helpful tips to catching a trout in a difficult place.

All of a sudden we heard yells and a flurry of activity and ran to see what took place.

One of the team members was attempting to bring in a 23/24” brown trout that had his 9” trout in its mouth sideways. What an amazing sight that was. He lost the big one, who has a history of being most elusive and intelligent, but got the 9” brown. Talk about a thrill.

We learned from that experience that “now we know where our trout are going”, as it is reported that their numbers in the Conservancy section are down.

I’m sure, that this was just one of many exciting moments for the day’s event.

I always look forward to this event and the outcome for so many.

It would be hard not to have a good time with all the excitement abound.

Looking forward to next year and all that it brings.

Faye E. Haering,
DTU Volunteer Coordinator