President’s Message

It’s hard to believe that 2 years have gone by since taking over as President. We all know time flies and I can attest to that. I’m very happy with the accomplishments the past two years and I’ll be leaving this job satisfied to have done some good toward the conservation effort and DTU. Having served in various DTU positions over the past 14 years I can say for sure that this was the biggest challenge I’ve ever undertaken.

We are really digging into the Conowingo Creek restorations because we are able to receive federal funding. We also have had assistance from a number of utility companies who have partnered with us to help fund stream restorations other than the federally funded Conowingo Creek. These partners want to help us on a yearly basis so we look forward to their assistance annually.

We have started a new youth fly fishing/casting program, which from initial interest indicates this will be a very successful program. Our Spring Banquet had record attendance which resulted in record funds raised, which is a direct result of the banquet committee’s strong efforts.

We have our own newly-designed website up and running. We also have made a decision to end printing and mailing a hard copy of the newsletter in an effort to save money. The costs of printing and mailing has become more expensive year after year. Our membership has grown every year but the membership dues you pay are not sent to us. They are sent to National TU, so as our membership grows our mailing/printing costs rise with that rising membership list. We will now publish our newsletter online only following the lead of other chapters including PA Trout who all are doing the same.

With our membership flirting at 600 we still have the same old problem in getting more members actively involved. We have more and more requests to participate in various events but it seems we have limited available volunteers.

We have finally received our permit from DEP for the Climbers Run Project and actually begun work. I am going to temper my comments regarding this permit process but I am still internally at the boiling point. The obstacles presented during this past permit process explain why permit application processes cost so much, resulting in siphoning dollars away from the actual stream restorations. I will just say that bureaucratic red tape is still alive and well in Harrisburg. Years ago we had a period when we were unable to do stream work because of this problem and I now have visions of that happening again. The EPA has been coming to Lancaster County bringing new pressures for

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OctoberFest
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President’s Message, continued

the landowners and farmers. Requirements to meet acceptable environmental standards will require those whose land borders waterways to pay up or be held in violation. I am very concerned for those who can’t afford the fix, and unfortunately we don’t have the resources to handle this potentially catastrophic problem.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to those members of DTU who have stepped up and done commendable jobs for the chapter. Being an all-volunteer group with no benefits should by all calculations limit our expertise and technical ability. However, it seems to bring out the best in us to get the jobs done with limited resources. So as long as we remain dedicated we will still be an active force doing valuable environmental work.
**PROGRAMS**

**OCTOBER 20**

DTU Octoberfest Banquet  
Four Season Banquet Facility - 949 Church St., Landisville  
5:30 PM - Happy Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:30 PM - Buffet Dinner  
Cost: $20  

Please reserve your seats in advance by contacting Tim Suloff by Wednesday October 13th @ 293-1844 or tksuloff@comcast.net.  

Don’t miss DTU’s upcoming Octoberfest Banquet. Our featured speaker this year is Boyd Pfeiffer. The title of his presentation is “My Favorite Fish”. Boyd is an award winning outdoor journalist who has written thousands of articles and columns for over 70 magazines, served as the outdoor editor of the Washington Post and authored 26 books - among many other contributions to the outdoor industry.  

Boyd will be donating signed copies of his books to be included in our raffle, and we’ll also have some great rods and other premium prizes!  

If that’s not enough, how about a full buffet meal served by Acorn Farms. Where else would you rather be on October 20th?  

See you there!

**NOVEMBER 17**

Our speaker for the November Meeting will be Kurt Enck, speaking on the cultural and social history of the Donegal Spring Creek here in Lancaster County. This is a unique and interesting program.  

**BOB ABLIGHT**  
**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Slate of Donegal Trout Unlimited Officers and Board Members for 2011 was duly elected at the September Meeting and will assume their roles in October..  

President – Wayne Boggs  
Vice President – Tom Hall  
Secretary – Gary Roulston  
Treasurer – Tim Suloff  
New Board Member – Glen Nephin  
New Board Member – Kevin Hirst  

**VOLUNTEERS**

There will be other streamside projects coming along on Conowingo Creek that will be on the schedule on the website, so keep an eye out for those. There’s been some progress on Fishing Creek with some strong backs that showed up there as well.  

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the many wonderful volunteers that have helped with so many events such as our Banquet in March and the Fly-On-the-Run in May with fish stocking and the river guides. There was the Big Brothers/Sisters event in September and now we will have the Special Olympics Fishing Derby (rescheduled) on September 25th. The Kids’ Fly Fishing Clinic, the first of its kind was held this year and had a really good response with the efforts of Kevin Hirst & Grayson and the efforts of Ted Downs, who got us some rods & reels for that and the many others who helped make it a success.  

We had the stocking of Lititz Run Watershed Days and the many people that helped with that in May on the Banta Farm. And there was the Spring Cleanup in May on Lititz Run that required many helpers.  

Must not forget the people that come and help out with the DTU picnics and make it happen for so many.  

Anyway as we wind down our year we must reflect upon the numbers of people who generously contributed time and effort to make a difference in our community of Lancaster County.  

Good Job! Good Work! Good People!  
Couldn’t do without you all.  

Thanks so very much,  
{Applause}  

**FAYE E. HAERING**  
**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

**WEBSITE**

The new website continues to evolve. We’re adding new content in the form of more slide-shows about our activities almost as soon as the photos are submitted by “our agents in the field”. For example all the photographs you see in this issue of the Mayflyer and many more are on the website. New tweaks and features are in the works, and with Wayne and I both being able to update it, it’s your best and fastest source of information about your chapter’s activities. Please check it out at www.donegaltu.org.

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Here to
Timbuktu
The Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Fishing day was held on August 29th at the Hugh Wenger pond near Elizabethtown. Nine “littles” along with their big brothers and sisters were assisted in their fishing experience by ten DTU volunteers. DTU provided the rods, reels, bait and tackle as well as hot dogs and drinks.

The pond is a great place to fish and no one went without catching at least ten and some up to twenty bluegills and bass. One lucky, excited angler managed to hook a fifteen pound snapping turtle. The unhappy turtle showed everyone its large mouth and jaws. It was quickly returned to the pond although snapper soup was mentioned as an alternative outcome.

DTU members who volunteered were Jim Stevens, Ted Downs, Wayne Boggs, Ray and Sharon Myers, Jack Gilbert, John Putt, Bill Middler and Paul Trefny. It was a great afternoon for everyone who came.

See you all on the 25th of September for the Special Olympics Fishing Derby.

Scott Trefny
Education Chair

Photos courtesy Wayne Boggs
In early August the Project Leader for DTU, Bob Kutz, met with representatives of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection, the US Corps of Engineers, Lancaster County Conservation and Wild Resources to evaluate one of the next sites we will be working on as part of our Conowingo Project.
Final Issue!

As announced in the August issue, following a decision made by the board, this will be the last issue of the Mayflyer to be printed and mailed. Expenses for printing and postage have simply become prohibitive and it is felt that money would be better spent on our stream projects.

More and more chapters are making the same decision, with internet access now being readily available. Henceforth the Mayflyer will only be available for download or viewing via the website (www.donegaltu.org/mayflyer.html). If you are uncomfortable reading the issue on your monitor, you could always print a copy yourself, using B&W options for more economic printing.

While the Mayflyer will be available approximately the first of every-other-month, if you take the time to update your account at Trout Unlimited (http://www.tu.org/user) or send Wayne Boggs (troutwisperr@gmail.com) an email with your correct address, you will be notified as soon as an issue is posted.