Greetings everyone,

Fall fishing is underway, the days are getting shorter and there is a nip in the air. This is my favorite time of the year with cool nights and warm days. There are also great events in the fall. On September 13th, Mark and Joy McMaster and I attended the annual PA Trout Unlimited meeting at Shavers Creek where Mark accepted the award for best chapter newsletter in PA. I know you all agree that Mark does an excellent job and is very deserving of this honor. I know we all think he should have also won the best website award but so it goes. It was an excellent meeting with some very timely topics and an event that I think more of our members should think about attending. Also on September 13th, Faye Haering held our 1st annual youth fishing clinic at Hugh Wenger’s pond. This was for boys or girls, ages 12 to 18. The program was set up by Mark Ebner and Derek Everly. Despite the bad weather, they did a fantastic job and the kids were able to put their skills to use to catch some bass and bluegills. Kudos to Mark and Derek for a job well done. Mark has been named Youth Outreach Coordinator. We all know he’ll do a fine job.

Our 1st annual DTU family picnic was held on August 20th at Millport. It was a tremendous success with 70+ members, family and friends in attendance which included a Boy Scout troop from Willow Street. Also joining us was South Central Regional VP, John Leonard and his wife along with Charley Charlesworth, PATU VP. Charley gave a short presentation on the 2015 National TU meeting in Scranton next September. They have some wonderful programs and are looking for a record turnout for a national meeting. Great food for our picnic was provided by Stauffers of Kissel Hill. This will be an annual event so be sure not to miss it next year. Speaking of annual events, on October 15th, we will be having our Octoberfest at Four Seasons. You won’t want to miss this year’s banquet with guest speaker Jack Hubley, who will do his presentation of “Critters Beyond Your Back Door”. Please check our website for details. This is a great program.

Work is on-going on the Conowingo watershed. Several weeks ago, Jim Wellendorf, Wayne Boggs and I met with representatives of the Williams Co., DEP, Army Corps of Engineers and Lancaster Co. Conservation district concerning possible mitigation funding for the natural gas pipeline extension through Lancaster County. This is not an endorsement of the pipeline and whether you agree with its implementation or not, it’s going to happen. Our job is to use any

A few badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2014 are still available for chapter members and members of the Conservancy. Pricing reduced to $10 in person, $12.50 to cover mailing expenses. You must include your telephone # and membership info.

Volunteers will be needed to help plant trees along the West Branch of the Little Conestogas on Saturday, October 4. No digging required. Visit www.lancasterconservancy.org for details & directions.
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Saturday, October 4, 2014
4:00 PM - Induction Reception in the PFFMA Museum with Refreshments and a Champagne Toast.

There is no charge for the Reception, refreshments will be served compliments of Allenberry Resorts. Ed Jaworowski and Lefty Kreh will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum at this reception. This will be a great opportunity to meet Lefty and Ed, two of the greatest fly fishermen, and fly casting instructors on the planet.

Ed Jaworowski, an internationally recognized fly fishing authority, is best known as a casting coach. He has given hundreds of casting demonstrations across North and Central America, and the British Isles, in addition to schools, seminars, and AV presentations on all facets of fly fishing. His books on fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing, as well as photographs and hundreds of articles, have been published in the US, England, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and Japan.

Lefty Kreh’s credentials and credits alone could fill the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum. Lefty is arguably the greatest icon in the history of American fly fishing. Lefty is the author of 30 books, not including the 25 volume set of “Lefty’s Little Library”. Lefty has a strong bond to fly fishing in Pennsylvania, and has fished with many of its icons, past and present. Fox, Marinaro, Koch, Clouser, Shenk, Humphreys and the Becks.

6:00 PM - Special PFFMA Buffet prepared for us by Allenberry Resorts with dinner music. Banquet buffet, silent and live auctions to be held in the Beltzhoover Room, with a special program by Lefty Kreh. Ticket price $35

Many great Silent and Live Auction items will be available throughout the evening, register for the event at www.palfyfishing.org.

A special PFFMA member Allenberry room rate of $49 is available, if you need overnight lodging, REGISTER EARLY.

NOT A MEMBER? Join PFFMA at www.palfyfishing.org

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PROGRAMS

OCTOBER

For our OktoberFest this year at the Four Seasons Banquet Facility in Landisville, our speaker will be Jack Hubley, well-known host of “A Wild Moment”. The evening will feature dinner, chapter awards, the induction of new officers and board as well as raffle prizes. Don’t miss it.

NOVEMBER

Our speaker in November will be the well-known guide and author Mike Heck. Mike’s specialty is the limestone spring creeks of south-central PA: Falling Springs, the Letort, Yellow Breeches & Big Spring. Author of numerous articles and the excellent book “Spring Creek Strategies”, he’s been guiding over 18 years, and will share his experiences and knowledge of these legendary waters with us. If you enjoy fishing for wild trout, this is a program not to be missed.

DECEMBER

The meeting on December 17 will be the third annual Dave Shenk Fly Tying Expo. As usual the tyers will be an assortment of chapter members tying a variety of flies. Names still to be determined, but it’s bound to be an interesting evening.

Steve Sjogren
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

WEBSITE

We have finished a major revision of the website aimed at making it easier to use on cell phones and notepads, which presently account for a third of the traffic on the site. The revision means that instead of having to zoom in to read the text on the site, it will already be appropriately-sized to the type of device with which you’re visiting it. On your home desktop or laptop machine you will see only slight differences, but on a smartphone or notepad the site will look and function much better.

Older web browsers, especially older versions of Internet Explorer, may not function properly on the revised site. For your own security, as well as a better experience on our, as well as many other sites, you really should update to the latest version of your favorite browser. Chrome and Firefox are especially fast and secure.

Mark McMaster
EDITOR

Nominating Committee

At the September Board Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented its choice for the slate of Officers for 2015. Jim Wellendorf was nominated for President, Joy McMaster for Vice President and Bill Henry was nominated for another term as Secretary. Derek Eberly was also nominated for an At-Large position on the Board. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting at OktoberFest.

Mayflyer

At the Fall Meeting of the PA Council of Trout Unlimited, the Mayflyer was recognized with the Slaymaker Award as Best Chapter Newsletter in PA. This is the second time in three years we have received this recognition.

Paul Zegley
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

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Family & Friends Picnic

It was a typical summer evening. Hot, humid with thunder storms in the area. At Millport Conservancy, there were only a few drops of rain. The smell of the grill, the sight of summer tomatoes, the promise of birch beer ice cream floats for dessert, Ahh - it was time for our summer picnic. This was DTU’s first Family & Friends picnic and it was a great one.

Paul Zegley, our Program Chairman, organized the party. Stan Shenk, chapter member & Manager of the Stauffer’s of Kissel Hill store in Littiz was head chef. Stan spent much time the night before preparing the meal. His expertise around the grill may garner him a permanent job. Glenna McLain was Stan’s sous chef & server. John McLain, Fran McElhinny, & others assisted before the picnic.

About 75 people of all ages attended. We saw old friends & new ones. John Leonard, South Central Regional Vice President of PA TU, & his wife joined us as did a Boy Scout troop from Willow Street.

We had a very short business meeting. Faye Haering talked about the upcoming Youth Fly Fishing Clinic. Charlie Charlesworth, Vice President of PA TU was there to tell us about the national TU meeting to be held in Scranton, PA next year. It has been several years since PA hosted this meeting. The events will cover four days & include fishing opportunities, tours of conservation projects in the area, interesting lectures, PA TU’s annual fall meeting, and more events than I can remember. The dates to save on your calendar are Sept. 16-20, 2015. The great thing is that you can go for just one day, or two, or all. Scranton’s not that far away for a new adventure.

As Mark Ebner took the children & interested adults to see the fish in Lititz Run, we finished the evening with quiet conversation & a beautiful sunset.

A special thank you to Lynn & Logan Myers for allowing us to have the picnic at Millport Conservancy. Their support of our chapter is greatly appreciated.

JOY McMASTER

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Mark McMaster
How do you make absolutely certain that no matter what happens, 9 million residents of your city will have drinking water every day? While that may seem like a daunting task, the leaders of New York City have done just that by building two dams on the West and the East Branches of the Delaware River in lower New York State and by controlling the release of water to meet their requirements.

While building a dam across any river seems on the surface to be contrary to Trout Unlimited’s mission, these dams did, in fact, create a world class trout fishery – the Upper Delaware River.

The guest speaker at our Wednesday September 17, meeting was Jeff Skelding who is the Executive Director of the Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR). FUDR’s priorities are to develop a comprehensive watershed program for the Upper Delaware River and to promote the adoption of a management plan for the New York City reservoirs that ensure adequate stream flow throughout the year to protect wild trout habitat. Jeff explained the history, the operations and the issues of operating the two reservoirs.

He reminded us that a portion of the Delaware River runs through Wayne County Pennsylvania and is considered a world class fishery there. Many members of the audience had fished there and agreed with Jeff.

Jeff asked us to help FUDR achieve its mission through advocacy and financial support.

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mitigation monies to help improve distressed areas of the watersheds of southern Lancaster County. The most likely candidate, at this point, is the Russell Lloyd farm which is on a tributary to Conowingo Creek. It’s a very complicated process with many contingencies and also involves funding from the federal government. We’ll just have to see how it all plays out going forward.

The Climbers Run Nature Preserve project is slated to begin next spring with work continuing into the summer. As many of you know, this site has received national recognition as an important native brook trout restoration project. We’re all very anxious to see it get underway.

As this will be my last message as president, I want to thank all of you for your enthusiasm and support over the last two years. It’s been an honor and a privilege to be the president of such a fine organization. Best wishes to you all. See you at Octoberfest!
Youth Clinic

On September 13 Donegal TU hosted its first-ever Youth Fly Fishing Clinic. The clinic focused on teaching all the skills that the participants would need to enter the world of fly fishing. The clinic started by identifying what makes fly fishing different than regular spin fishing. This difference was shown by using two spinning rods, one rigged with a bass lure and one rigged with a standard woolly bugger. The bass lure was cast with ease by using the heavy weight of the lure. In fact the cast went so well it went about 40 feet directly into tree! Once the lure was removed from the tree and the laughter had subsided it was time to cast the other spin rod with the woolly bugger. No matter how hard that rod was cast the woolly bugger never made it more than 10 feet. Then the fly rod came out, rigged up with the same woolly bugger as the spin rod. Using the fly rod and line the woolly bugger was easily cast 30-40’ by Derek Eberly. This demonstration served as a visual example of how when you fish you are throwing the weight of the line and not the weight of the lure. Derek then gave a brief overview of all the different parts of the fly rod including reel, line, and leaders. At this point it was easy to see that the youths were eager to get a rod in their hands and try casting the fly themselves.

The participants were then split and half went to the pond with Derek to start practicing and the other half went to watch a fly tying demonstration by Bud Glassmoyer. Bud walked the youths through the basics of fly tying. He brought his flyshop-worthy amount of flies with him and began to show and explain how a fly is made and most importantly what it’s supposed to mimic and why something so small can catch fish. It was neat to see the look on the youths faces when Bud passed around a buck tail (an actual tail of a deer for those of you who don’t tie) and they became even more interested in the material and how all sorts of things can be used to make flies that catch fish. While Bud was giving fly tying demonstrations, Derek was down at the pond teaching the youths how to roll cast with a piece of yarn. This cast teaches all the necessary fundamentals to properly cast a weightless fly. Derek did an excellent job and it didn’t take long before the youths were laying down some sweet casts. Once the two groups switched, it was time to teach them how to tie a fly onto the tippet, then it was time to fish the pond.

We were lucky enough to have some of the greatest volunteers help out at the clinic. It was amazing to see how the volunteers started to spread out around the pond and assist the youths on a one-on-one basis. It didn’t take long until the pond was completely surrounded by youths who were throwing out some roll casts that were very impressive. Don’t get me wrong I am not hyping it up, these youths were good! One girl was laying down roll casts so gentle that it would have gone undetected by some of the spookiest trout in our PA spring creeks. There were a few fish that were caught but hungry youths and light rain starting was enough to decide to move inside and start lunch. Lunch reminded me of many lunches that I have had at many fishing camps. There were stories being told and pictures being shown both by the volunteers and the youth participants. It was the perfect way to end the first youth fly fishing clinic.

Overall the day turned out to be a great success! The event would not have been possible without the great generosity of Hugh Wenger for letting us use his pond and bailing us out and letting us take shelter in his basement when the rain came down. One more big shout out has to be made to all of our awesome volunteers that went above and beyond to make the youths feel welcomed and help them start to learn the new skill of fly fishing. This was the first of many events that will be specifically targeted to the youth audience. Have no fear, we are not turning DTU into a new youth fishing club. Our chapter’s main focus always has and always will be cold water conservation, but we have to be looking into the future and ensure that generations behind us will continue to carry out our chapter’s mission. With that said, these new youth-focused events will hopefully be the starting blocks that will help build and strengthen the next group of great cold water conservation leaders. Once the connection is made that fishing is fun and cold clean water is required for fish, it will all start to come together. This is the primary goal of the new youth programs: to be able to bring fun activities like fly fishing and fly tying and present them in a way that will always have an end focus on cold water conservation and environmental stewardship. Keep checking back on our website for any news about new upcoming youth events or if you know of any schools or other youth programs that would like to learn about cold water conservation and fly fishing please refer them to me. Every step we take to get more youth involved in our chapter is another step towards ensuring the cold waters we love will continue to remain cold, clean and protected.
Wish you could all have been there to attend this event and share in the success of our first Youth Fly Fishing Clinic which had 5 girls and 10 boys from ages 12-18 sign up.

We had previously held our Special Olympics Derbies at Dr. Wenger’s so we knew what was in store with the huge property and one acre pond that displays such a vast panorama of views of the farmlands and development there.

We arrived in the rain not knowing what to expect with the attendance. Shortly our first attendees arrived and altogether 13 showed up and the two that didn’t had medical issues which prevented them from attending this year.

So, we proceeded down to the pond and started rigging up rods, leaders, & flies under the careful instruction of Derek Eberly, who works at the Orvis Outlet Store, which provided many materials for the day’s event. Mark Ebner and Derek, together began the instruction program for the youths to get them on the pond to fish. Bud Glassmoyer came with his grandson Blake and set up a tying bench in the Rec Room of Hugh’s home.

Starting at 8:30, we set about assigning casting instructors to assist each youth with their casting and assist in catching some fish, and continued with instructions and fishing while the light rain continued.

It started to rain pretty hard around lunch time and we decided that it was best to call it a day and proceed to the Rec Room and partake of the lunch provided by Stauffer’s of Kissel Hill and headed up by Fran McIlhinney, our Membership Chairman. There were some good sandwiches, chips, beverages and snacks to warm the cockles of our hearts. It sure was a nice addition to the event and everyone enjoyed the lunch and the conversation and there were many positive comments from family and youths who now were armed with new instruction and tools for the sport of fly fishing.

Volunteers Dan Van Buskirk, Garry Longenecker, Wayne Boggs, Jim Wellendorf, Hugh Wenger, Moirajeanne FitzGerald and Cathy Wise all were there to assist in any place needed. The youths that attended were Carolyn Spotts, Kayla Woolman (both of whom had previously attended Rivers Camp), Blake Leed, Lia Hugh, Charlotte Molitoris, Asher Hardin, Bobby Wenger, Dorian Edsall, Adam Brossman, Luke De Bruin, Skyler Horton, Conner Martin, and Andrew Logan.

Of course we couldn’t have had this opportunity, without the generosity of Hugh & Kathy Wenger’s lovely home and property for the event.

This was a busy day and much to do. We are all looking forward to having another clinic next year which I’m sure we will be even better as we use the experience from this clinic to improve on.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
FAVE E. HARRING
WOMEN’S INITIATIVE CHAIRMAN