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Report from Trenton

## Message for Earth Day, 2014

By Chapter Director Jeff Tittel (jeff.tittel@sierraclub.org)

New Jerseyans celebrated the 44th Earth Day by cleaning up parks and beaches, planting trees, taking hikes, or just enjoying the environment. But the one issue New Jersey did not address this Earth Day is Climate Change.

President Obama has been implementing a Climate Action Plan by requiring federal agencies to adopt policies and rules on Climate Change. E.g. HUD and EPA require Hurricane Sandy relief funding to consider the anticipated consequences of Climate Change and sea level rise. In contrast, New Jersey's Hazard Mitigation Plan does not. In consequence, we may not only lose federal money, but could end up rebuilding in a way that invites disaster.

Gov. Chris Christie's policies have made us more vulnerable to environmental impacts. He closed the Office of Climate Change in the DEP, and illegally pulled our state out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a compact between 10 Northeastern States to reduce carbon pollution. He has buried rules that are needed for offshore wind projects to move forward.

He has done this in order to hold New Jersey hostage to his national political ambitions, which require allegiance to the Koch brothers' money and Tea Party principles. Never mind that eighty-five percent of Republicans under 30 believe in man-influenced Climate Change.

Meteorologists believe that New Jersey will suffer some of the biggest impacts of Climate Change, not only from more severe storms such as Sandy, but also from sea level rise. According to a Rutgers Study almost nine percent of the state could end up under seawater by the end of this century. Some Delaware Bayshore communities have already been abandoned.

There's good news in that our young people are more sensitive to the environment than their parents' generation. Clean air, clean water, and Climate Change are second nature to them. They are more active in opposing fracking and

the use of Genetically Modified Foods. They are more likely to recycle, live in walkable communities with transit, purchase locally grown organic produce, and be active online in supporting environmental issues.

Consider Earth Day 40 years ago: Some of our strongest environmental champions were elected to Congress that year: Jim Florio and Andy McGuire in New Jersey, Henry Waxman and George Miller in California and dozens of others. Their energies led to the Superfund law, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the federal Pinelands Act, and dozens of other pieces of bipartisan legislation. Even during the height of Watergate, President Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act, not only to protect and save species like the Bald Eagle but also to help protect millions of acres of environmentally important lands. The environment was a bipartisan issue on both sides of the aisle.

Today's Congress is swarming to roll back many of those protections. Even New Jersey's Congressman Leonard Lance, who stood up for the environment as a State Senator and Assemblyman, follows lock step with the anti-environmental Republicans in Congress. He voted to regulate greenhouse gases when in New Jersey's Legislature, but against doing so in Congress.

The last of that group, Congressmen Henry Waxman and George Miller, are retiring this year.

In 1974, there were teach-ins on environmental issues and politics. Earth Day today is more important than 40 years ago because politicians have forgotten that the environment is an important political issue. It's time to return to those petition drives, phone banks, door-to-door canvassing: thinking globally and acting locally.



## "P" is for "Pipeline"

By Joe Testa (Testa-J@live.com), Chapter Secretary and Chair of our Singles Group

What do "Pinelands", "Princeton Ridge", and "Pilgrim" have in common, besides starting with the letter "P"? They are all Proposed Pipeline Projects that, if built, will each do damage to New Jersey's environment and promote more use of climate-damaging fossil fuel.

The New Jersey Pinelands are the nation's first Natural Reserve, carefully managed to preserve the unique ecological treasure of the Pine Barrens. South Jersey Gas has proposed to build a natural gas pipeline through the Pinelands to supply the B.L. England power plant in Cape May County, instead of choosing a longer route around the Pinelands. There are strict regulations on building infrastructure in the Pinelands, allowing it only when it's needed to serve the residents of the area. Most of the power from this plant serves demand from outside the Pinelands, and other plants are available to satisfy that demand.

To get their shortcut through the Pine Barrens, South Jersey Gas tried to get around the regulations by applying to the Pinelands Commission for a "Memorandum of Agreement" for a waiver of the rules that everyone else has to follow. The Commission rightly refused to allow this waiver. But victory is not really permanent. Allies of the gas company and the Governor have upped their game, removing three of the Commissioners who voted 'no,' and replacing one with a pro-development realtor. We are monitoring what the next moves will be from the pipeline proponents.

The Princeton Ridge is an environmentally sensitive area where the Williams Co. is planning on building an expanded

pipeline along an existing pipeline route. Construction of the new pipeline would require an enlarged easement creating a large scar through the forest. The company's surveyors failed to identify wetlands areas that would be impacted by the project. The area contains 13 species that are Threatened, Endangered, or Species of Concern, including the wood turtle, red-headed woodpecker, barred owl, and red-shouldered hawk. Local activists along with the Sierra Club are working to reduce the impact of this project.

The newest pipeline plan is the Pilgrim Pipeline, which would bring dirty Bakken shale oil from a storage facility in Albany, NY, down along the I-287 corridor through the Highlands to Parsippany, and then to a refinery in Linden. The final route hasn't been determined yet; the pipeline company is contacting landowners seeking permission to survey their land. Transporting oil through an area vital for our state's water supply and making it easier to refine and market this product of fracking is a lose-lose for our environment. This project is in its early stages, and we are monitoring developments and informing residents in these communities.

Working together, Sierra Club members can help to stop these damaging projects. The Chapter's Trenton staff is busy identifying opportunities where you can make a difference. Sign up for the Chapter's Action Alerts at <http://scnj.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=home> to receive timely updates on environmental issues and directions on how you can take action - attend a rally, send a message to your legislators, etc. Because "P" is also for "Participate"!

### Volunteer with the Sierra Club!

Volunteer members founded the Sierra Club in 1892, and made it the most influential environmental organization in America. We continue to be primarily a "club," sharing outings, friendship, social activities, and political activism. In New Jersey there are 12 local groups and five sections, all run by member volunteers, with activities described in the Group News section of this Newsletter. We educate the public. We need more of us to become more active!

Many of the positions in the groups and sections are shown as vacant. These are open to members of ALL ages and occupations. Your work as a volunteer will be fulfilling, educational and fun!

If you are interested in volunteering with the New Jersey Sierra Club please email or call our Outreach Coordinator: Nicole Dallara (nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org or 609-656-7612). Thank you for all that you do!

## Meet Bob Moss, our newest ExCom Member



### 1. What environmental issues concern you most?

Right now, my number one topic is Green Acres diversions. I see open space as being as important as many of our other issues. Dirty air threatens our health immediately, CO<sub>2</sub> threatens

civilization in not so many years, overpopulation is competing with CO<sub>2</sub> to see which can destroy civilization sooner, and if we survive those three, there's no point going on without open space. I'm also hoping it's possible to use threats to open space as a way to turn people's thoughts to the population problem, as

in, "New Jersey's just about at build-out, the only place to build is on supposedly permanently protected open space, and ultimately, we can't just keep growing and 'developing'."

### 2. How do you explain your activism? (What turned you on?)

Momentousness aside, I came to activism because I love hiking (though not in this weather). While active in the New York - New Jersey Trail Conference, I got involved in the fight to preserve Sterling Forest. My viewshed analysis, done by hand while we waited for software, prompted New York State to include viewsheds in the scope of the comments. In 2010, I became active on the Conservation Committee after seeing McLoone's Restaurant built on supposedly protected open space in South Mountain Reservation—another of my favorite hiking areas.

### 3. Might you have a "success-story" to share?

I don't yet have a specific success story on the Green Acres front, but local opponents of diversions are always glad to have a Sierra Club representative show up to support them.

### 4. What advice would you most like to give New Jersey's politicians?

Our politicians need to realize that we have limited land, water, and air, and these have to be carefully protected.

### 5. Tell us about your educational, geographical and environmental background.

I've lived all my life in New Jersey, except for the normal wandering years of college, followed by two years in the Marine Corps. I have a BA in Economics from Antioch College, and am now a retired computer programmer.

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## Poetry

## These Gifts

By Eric Hausker, Co-Chair of our Loantaka Group

Seek not to attain what we know to be  
vain  
Excesses of Rank and Might  
Rejoice instead in the Gifts of Love and  
Touch  
and Taste and Sight

## I.

The silky skin of a child's face  
The warm inner arms of a spouse's  
embrace  
To see running children play at dusk  
After a filling repast shared  
With loving kinfolk free of airs  
These are what sustain the Heart  
When castles crumble into dust.

## II.

Dark green woods, untouched and  
dense  
Meandering streams, wild flowers'  
incense  
Twittering birds arrayed on a limb  
To these men and women write  
great hymns  
of adulation  
We sing them humbly as we ponder  
our own Creation

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## III.

To nourish and nurture another in  
need  
To see the meek and downtrodden  
receive  
Should quicken the spirit of all human  
beings  
Acts of Kindness leave deeper marks  
Than satiating the gluttonous Self  
As we flicker in the cosmic dark

## IV.

The Self enthroned, devoid of shame  
Demands obeisance from the rest  
And yearns to throw upon the pile  
More acquisitions  
Self-besotted, self-obsessed,  
Its well-fed zealots grow their gains  
As hunger drives the crocodile  
Generous souls they see as fools  
And they kiss tall mirrors encrusted  
with jewels.

Seek not to attain what we know to be  
vain  
Excesses of Rank and Might  
Rejoice instead in the Gifts of Love and  
Touch  
and Taste and Sight

## V.

Possessions as the highest Good  
Increase as the guiding star -  
Were these not once understood  
To lead to ruin? We've drifted far  
from simple truth:  
That to be mastered by one's cravings  
As insubstantial as wood shavings  
Lying on the sawmill floor  
Is tantamount to bleak defeat  
at one's own hands  
Though one may still grasp for more  
and more

## VI.

Mindless and feckless and hungering for  
That which corrupts our innermost core  
We place our appetites high at the helm  
Of our lives as we scour Earth's dwindling  
store  
Such reckless gorging will yet over-  
whelm  
And trample the voiceless who bear our  
weight  
Casting envious eyes at our well-guarded  
board.

Seek not to attain what we know to be  
vain  
Excesses of Rank and Might  
Rejoice instead in the Gifts of Love and  
Touch  
and Taste and Sight

## VII.

The answers to questions bedeviling our  
minds  
Hover heartbreakingly just out of reach  
Of eyesight beclouded by all that we  
crave  
Dead Prophets and Saints since the ear-  
liest times  
Remind yet from beyond their graves  
That lusting for far more than that  
which we need  
Brings us but bitterness, not inner  
peace.

## VIII.

So let us spread the word from place to  
place  
Simplicity, Fortitude, Family, Thrift  
We beg for the wisdom to help us dis-  
cern  
The false and fleeting from venerable  
virtues  
Let us teach whom we can with our  
meager gifts  
And bear our deaths with utter grace.

Seek not to attain what we know to be  
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and Taste and Sight

Bike Share Program in  
Camden

From Gina Carola, Chair of our West Jersey Group

Residents of Camden now have the opportunity to rent a bicycle for just \$25 per year - or a promise to volunteer time helping to repair bikes. If a family wants to rent more than one bike, each additional bike is only \$10. All bikes come with helmets, and locks will be distributed soon. The Camden County program started in April; it will enable residents to enjoy exercise, ride to work, and run errands. You may be surprised to learn that there are actually 25 miles of bike-trails within the city of Camden, some on paved roads and some through parks that connect Camden to Philadelphia via the bicycle-and-walking path on the Ben Franklin Bridge.

The first 26 bikes were quickly snapped up by eager residents, leaving many people waiting. The inventory of refurbished bikes came from donations and stolen/unclaimed bikes recovered by police. As more bikes become available, volunteers are waiting to repair and refurbish them. Besides these benefits, old bikes are saved from landfills.

*Editor's note: Bike riders in South Jersey may be interested to learn the use of a new interactive map-based Internet resource showing all the bicycle routes in the Greater Philadelphia area, extending to the Jersey Shore: <http://connectthecircuit.org>.*

## Population Issues Coordinator's Report

## Let's Talk Condoms

By Bonnie Tillery (blt44blt@msn.com)

It was spring clean-up time at the bucolic Abbott Marshlands ([www.marsh-friends.org](http://www.marsh-friends.org)). The Marsh is the northernmost, tidal, freshwater wetland on the Delaware River, running from Bordentown through Hamilton Township and into Trenton. While Native-American artifacts have been found there, all I found that morning were cans, bottles, Styrofoam and condom wrappers. As the Chapter's volunteer population issues coordinator, I was happy to see condoms were being used, but wished the users weren't such litterbugs.

Condoms have been in use for 12,000-15,000 years as evidenced by cave wall art in France. They have been used since the 16<sup>th</sup> century to protect against sexually transmitted infections, and since the 18<sup>th</sup> century to avoid pregnancy.(1) Condoms are still an effective way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and, when used correctly, an effective and inexpensive means of birth control (82-98% effective).

The Guttmacher Institute reports that about half (3.4 million) of the 6.6 million pregnancies every year in the United States are unplanned. This is much higher than most other developed countries. They also note that New Jersey has one of the highest rates at 60%, with only six other states topping this.(2)

While the costs for unintended pregnancy in terms of dollars are high, the environmental costs are also high. The more our population grows, the more resources we consume. At 5% of the world's population, we still use about 25% of the world's resources - much more than our share.

In order to get people, especially young people, to think about the consequences of their actions, the Sierra Club's Global Population and Environment Program has made condoms available, free, at tabling events. The message: "The fate of the world is in your hands...and your pants." It's edgy, but it's a message that sticks and hopefully makes people think. Another organization, the Center for Biological Diversity, also makes free

condoms available for tabling events with colorful packaging and catchy phrases like: "In the sack? Save the leatherback" or "Wrap with care...save the polar bear."

There are vegan condoms, fair trade condoms, and a manufacturer (L. Condoms) who will, for every condom you buy, donate a condom to "impoverished places rife with AIDS and lacking condoms...(They also) support programs that train women as health workers and pay them to distribute condoms. L. also supports sex ed and condom access for students in sub-Saharan Africa."(3) If you live in Manhattan you can even have your L. Condoms delivered within an hour via bike messenger.(4)

So, get the word out. No excuses. The cost is low, the payback is high, and the fate of the world IS in your hands.

UPDATE: In the April-June 2013 issue of the Jersey Sierran, we were happy to report about the Reproductive Health Law of the Philippines going into effect. Sadly, this law was challenged and put on hold. Now we are glad to finally report that the Philippine Supreme Court has upheld the law and the government will now provide free contraception to the poorest Filipinos and provide safe-sex education in schools. Implementation of the Law, supported by 72% of the population, will help prevent maternal deaths and allow women to plan their pregnancies. Fish are the country's main source of protein and every species in Philippine waters shows the effects of over-fishing. Rice is the staple food, and now must be imported. Allowing women to choose their family size will go a long way in helping reverse these problems of feeding Philippine families, and help reduce stress on environmental resources.

(1) *Planned Parenthood Fact Sheet, July 2011*

(2) *Guttmacher Institute Fact Sheet, December 2013*

(3) *Holly Richmond in Grist, 4/15/2014*

(4) *NBC Business News, 5/2/2014*

Remembering Margaret Yohe  
(Peggy) Snyder

From Jeff Tittel, Chapter Director

Peggy Snyder, of Pennington (Mercer Co), died of an aneurysm on May 1st, aged 54. She was a civil engineer who devoted her life to the protection of wetlands in New Jersey, founding her own company: Emerald Environmental Solutions. In perhaps her most famous case, in 1999 she successfully opposed Merrill Lynch's proposal to fill wetlands for its offices in Hopewell. She was a crucial help, last year, in preserving the Rural Resource Conservation Area in Hamilton Twp (Mercer Co). She represented the Sierra Club at many DEP stakeholder meetings. Her work on storm-water helped us stop many terrible developments from Allamuchy and Del Barton to Barnegat Bay. She was a close personal friend, whose wonderful personality and passion for the environment will be sorely missed.

Save the Date: Monarch Butterflies –  
A Species in Crisis, October 23, 2014, 7:30-9pm  
Princeton Public Library, Community Room.

A panel of experts will explore the crisis facing the Monarch Butterfly, why it is facing possible extinction, and what can be done to save it. Threats are the loss of Milkweed in the United States and deforestation in Mexico. The Milkweed, which is historically found along farm fields is being seriously impacted by pesticides, farming methods and genetically modified seeds that are "immune" to pesticides. In addition, there has been a 44% degradation of the oyamel, pine-oak forest ecosystem in Mexico where the Monarchs overwinter before returning to North America for breeding. Problems in

Mexico stem from logging and agricultural conversions. Included will be references to the recent work of the World Wildlife Fund in Mexico to slow logging and protect Monarch living areas. The panel will conclude with recommendations for constructing milkweed gardens, the pros and cons of Butterfly Bushes as an invasive species, and actions that can be taken to save the Monarch. The panel is sponsored by the Sierra Club - Central Section of the New Jersey Chapter, and co-sponsored by the Princeton Public Library. Free. More in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Is there an environmental issue that we're MISSING? If so, please call or write to Club officers.

## Editorial

# Long Live the Conservation Chair!

By Dick Colby ([dick.colby@stockton.edu](mailto:dick.colby@stockton.edu))

With passing of the torch from Laura Lynch to Greg Gorman (see the first resolution, below), the New Jersey Chapter takes on its ninth Conservation Chair since our founding in 1973. This editorial remembers some of the great struggles led by our successive Chapter Conservation Chairs – all volunteer Club members dedicated to protecting New Jersey's environment – as reported in back issues of *The Jersey Sierran*.

Prior to 1988, the Leader Lists in the *Jersey Sierran* do not include a Conservation Chair. Rather, there was a list of at-large members of the Executive Committee, headed for many years by Diane Graves Walker. Diane belonged to a husband-wife team, partnering with Ian Walker who served for many years as Chapter Chair, working essentially full-time on battles such as that which built our membership: opposition to the construction of Tocks Island Dam – on the Delaware River just above the Water Gap. That struggle with the Army Corps of Engineers extended from 1962 to 1975, by which time much of the land (including 2500 homes) had been acquired by eminent domain; it became the 70,000-acre Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Of course most environmental struggles engage COALITIONS of activists, and there were other organizations that contributed to this and all our other victories (and losses). And many were the campaigns led by Club Officers other than the Conservation Chair. (Each of our Groups is entitled to a Conservation Chair, and each of our Chapter Issue Coordinators is responsible for a conservation program.) An unsuccessful struggle in the 1980s was the effort by Al Kent and others to require deposits on beverage bottles and cans, as many nearby states have done, but was opposed by South Jersey's now-defunct glass industry.

Roger Stewart used his time as Chapter Chair (1990-1992) to lobby for Pinelands protection. Mary Penney was never our Conservation Chair, but her campaign opposing the construction of a solid waste incinerator in Mercer County was one of our most spectacularly successful, with many intrigues described in an article she wrote for the JS in January, 1997.

Here's the full list of our Conservation Chairs, by year of appointment:

1988: Joan Denzer  
(later Chapter Chair)  
1990: Molly Hunter



1992: Bill Green (later Chapter Chair)  
1994: Ed Morely  
1995: Lora McPartland and Dennis Schvejda  
1996: Dennis Schvejda  
2001: Dennis Schvejda and Laura Lynch  
2003: Laura Lynch  
2014: Greg Gorman

Joan Denzer and Molly Hunter will be remembered for their successful opposition to highway development in Central Jersey, and to support for legislation that required automobiles to reduce their emissions of unburned fuel ("Stage II Vapor Recovery").

Bill Green will be remembered for contributions to successful efforts to limit development in the periphery of New Jersey's Great Swamp, a site proposed at one time for an international airport.

Many of our Conservation Chairs, especially Ed Morely, worked to save Sterling Forest from residential development (both in NJ and NY), and for the protection of the NJ Highlands by a mechanism similar to that pioneered by NJ's Pinelands Legislation.

Dennis Schvejda used his tenure for a different purpose: he took on responsibility for federal lobbying, partnering with our first Chapter Director, Tim Dillingham (1992-1998), so that Tim could concentrate on State issues. Dennis also pioneered our Action Alert system, sending regular newsletters on conservation issues initially in print versions, and later using the Internet.

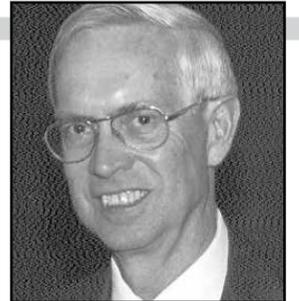
Laura Lynch's efforts and accomplishments are many: (1) Camden County open space preservation tax, (the measure had failed on ballot the first time around - 1998; West Jersey Group participated heavily in campaigning for the ballot question, which passed overwhelmingly). (2) Millstone Bypass (a.k.a. Penns Neck Area EIS), (defeated environmentally damaging alignment, helped to create the EIS - 2004). (3) Route 92, (helped to defeat plan that had been on the books 50+ years - 2006). (4) Wal-Mart (Lawrence Township), (Wal-Mart turned tail when coalition sued over zoning violation; Central Group part of coalition - 2008). (5) NJ Turnpike widening (comments ignored, turnpike widened - circa 2007). (6) Responsible for a booklet instructing opponents to environmentally irresponsible zoning proposals: Land Use and Preservation: A Beginner's Guide, 2010.

We wish Greg many successes.

## Chair's Message

# Remembering Jane

By Ken Johanson ([kjohan@comcast.net](mailto:kjohan@comcast.net))



This past March the State of New Jersey, and all of us who care about the future of this planet, lost one of our environmental heroes, Jane Tousman.

When Jane and her husband Dan moved to New Jersey in the 70's it didn't take long for Jane to get involved. She started out with the League of Women Voters and went on to become a member of the Edison Town Council, eventually serving as president. She also ran (unsuccessfully) as a Republican for the State Assembly.

But it's Jane's efforts to preserve open space, especially her beloved Dismal Swamp, that we will remember her for.

The Dismal Swamp Conservation Area, a 1240-acre tract of wetlands located in Edison, South Plainfield and Metuchen, would be filled in and paved over today had it not been for Jane and a small group of activists who, using the name "Save Our Swamp," or S.O.S., mounted an organized campaign to oppose the construction of 2000 residential units in the swamp. Jane and her fellow activists fought the project for eight years. Eventually the parties reached a compromise, resulting in the preservation of hundreds of acres of wetlands.

But Jane's efforts to protect and preserve the Dismal Swamp did not end when the developer finally realized that Jane was a force to be reckoned with and that it was time to salvage what he could from his original proposal. Jane continued to oppose environmentally inappropriate projects and continued to advocate for preserving undeveloped areas within the Dismal Swamp, as well as other areas throughout the State, until the day she died.

Today 660 acres of the Dismal Swamp are protected. According to Bob Spiegel, executive director of the Edison Wetlands Association, "If it was not for [Jane] there would be no Dismal Swamp or many other open spaces." These sentiments were echoed by Senator Peter Barnes who, according to NJ.com, noted that "It's hardly an exaggeration to say that Edison would look vastly different . . . if it weren't for Jane Tousman. Fewer parks, fewer open spaces. More strip malls and subdivisions. Maybe no Dismal Swamp, at all."

Jane was an active member of the Edison Wetlands Association, served as a member of the Edison Open Space Committee and recently was appointed to the Dismal Swamp Commission. And, fortunately for us, Jane was also an active

member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Jane was reelected to the New Jersey Chapter's executive committee just before her death. She served as a member of the executive committee for 18 years and, during this period, rarely missed a meeting. Jane played an active role in many of the Chapter's campaigns and initiatives, but it was clear to all of us that her top priority was protecting open space and defeating environmentally harmful development proposals.

At our monthly executive committee meetings Jane frequently would alert us to a development proposal that she felt posed a threat to the environment and that we should oppose. I don't think we ever disagreed with Jane that the proposal posed a threat to the environment and that we should oppose it. But we weren't always as optimistic as Jane was that the proposal could be defeated.

On more than one occasion I remember several of us pointing out to Jane that the law was not on our side, that we had no political support for our position and that there was little or no community opposition to the project. We said, "Jane you're not going to win this one." Jane would smile, thank us for our input, and proceed to show us all that we were wrong. To this day I don't know how she did it, but I think her successes were due in large part to her unbridled enthusiasm, her willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done and, above all, her irrepressible optimism.

But Jane wasn't all business. She also knew how to have a good time and rarely, if ever, missed an opportunity to get together with fellow volunteers and staff members at the Chapter's annual holiday party, our summer picnic or an event honoring a departing staff member or volunteer. We all contributed to these events, and Jane was no exception. Without fail, Jane would send around an email asking whether she should bring shrimp cocktail or her green mold. Invariably we all responded that she should bring her green mold, not so much because we preferred it over shrimp cocktail (although it really was quite good), but because, as environmentalists, the name that Jane had given to her dish just seemed so appropriate.

Jane was a great environmentalist. But she was also a warm and loving friend to so many of us in the environmental community. She will be missed. (*photo credit: Edison Wetlands Assn.*)



## Resolutions Passed by the Chapter Executive Committee in March, April and May

Greg Gorman was approved as our new Chapter Conservation Chair (replacing Laura Lynch, who becomes *Emerita*), Edgar Shepherd as Home Solar Issues Coordinator, and Joan Denzer as an Acting Member of the Chapter Executive Committee, substituting for Jane Tousman. (Mar)

Legal action was approved (by electronic ballot) to oppose the desecration of the Hudson River Palisades in Englewood Cliffs (Bergen Co) by a high-rise office building for LG Electronics. (Mar)

Following the death of Jane Tousman (see the Chair's Message on p. 3), Laura Lynch was approved to replace her as the Chapter's Sprawl Issues Coordinator, now to be known as the Land Use Issues Coordinator. Rich Isaac replaces Jane as the Chapter's Delegate to the Club's (national) Council of Club Leaders (CCL), and Joan Denzer takes Jane's place on the Chapter Executive Committee. (Apr, May)

### YOU HAVE MORE TO GIVE THAN YOU KNOW

Maybe you can't make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to a special Club program or to the New Jersey Chapter.

For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter call George Denzer at 609-799-5839.

## Candidates Sought for Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom)

The next (Oct-Dec) issue of this Newsletter will include our annual ballot for the election of three members of our Chapter governing body (ExCom), as well as members of the ExComs of each of our active Groups, and some Sections. (ExCom members whose three-year terms are ending are Ken Johanson, Lee Snyder, and Joe Testa.) To nominate yourself, or someone else, please contact Sunil Somalwar ([sunil.somalwar@gmail.com](mailto:sunil.somalwar@gmail.com)) by August 1.

## Roy Cho Endorsed in New Jersey's 5th District Race Against Incumbent Scott Garrett

By Jennifer Rothschild, North Jersey Group Political Chair

Scott Garrett is the only member of the New Jersey delegation to vote to allow oil and gas drilling off New Jersey's coast. This year alone, he has voted to nullify safeguards that prevent dumping of mining wastes into waterways, eliminate the president's ability to protect lands and cultural sites by weakening the Antiquities Act, and weaken the Superfund law. Scott Garrett's extremism makes him the most anti-environmental member of the New Jersey Congressional delegation.

Challenging Garrett this year is Roy Cho. He exhibits a strong vision, leadership skills, and a willingness to protect the environment. In contrast to climate change denier Garrett, he believes climate change is a national priority and will champion initiatives that will reduce greenhouse gases. The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Roy Cho for Congress in the 5<sup>th</sup> district.

Mr. Cho is the son of Korean immigrants who came to the United States with very little in the way of material possessions. Their hope that hard work could lead to opportunity and success led Roy to believe in the promise of America.

With a background as an assistant to former U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, as an aide to Governor Jim McGreevey, and as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Roy grasps both the problems and possibilities of government and how to get things done.

Mr. Cho has been a pro bono legal counsel to both community development nonprofits serving low-income areas and urban environmental groups. He also serves as a board member of New Jersey Needs You, a nonprofit that focuses on

mentoring first generation college students from low-income backgrounds and creating career and job opportunities for these bright young minds.

His commitment to the environment was evident during his endorsement interview, where he showed passion for issues such as clean energy and opposition to fracking - he would support a ban in New Jersey of both fracking and the importation of fracking waste - and in the urgent need for better mass transit. Mr. Cho supports the expansion of rail options into New York City from northern New Jersey.

The Cho campaign has accumulated an impressive war chest, but he will require ongoing support to oust Tea Party favorite, Scott Garrett. Another promising prospect for Cho's victory lies in Bill Maher's "Flip a District" segment. Featured on his "Real Time with Bill Maher" HBO weekly show, Maher intends to focus on one out-of-touch incumbent most hated by his or her own district. Maher, whose home town is River Vale, New Jersey, has indicated that Scott Garrett "might be the winner" as the most out of touch.

We strongly encourage members to support Roy Cho in this important electoral battle. For more information or if you want to get more involved, please contact Jennifer Rothschild at jenniroth2@gmail.com.



## Reports from Trenton

### New Jersey Drops Further to #5 for Solar Installations

From a press release issued on March 5th

New Jersey has dropped from third to fifth place in the nation for solar panel installations. Before the Christie Administration began attacking clean energy, New Jersey was ranked number 2. Now we have fallen behind California, Arizona, North Carolina, and Massachusetts.

This is costing jobs as well as hurting our environment by increasing our greenhouse gas emissions. New Jersey used to install 24 to 30 megawatts of new solar each month. Now we are down to 8 MW, the lowest level in almost a decade.

Governor Christie has ended solar rebates (subsidies for residents to put

solar on their homes) in our state. The Administration has also made it difficult for small projects to get Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs). In addition the Governor has been diverting money that could have gone towards solar and offshore wind projects to balance his budget, taking \$152 million this year and \$720 million total from the Clean Energy Fund. He has provided \$2 billion in subsidies to natural gas power plants.

Here is the link to a Solar Energy Industry Association Report: <http://www.seia.org/research-resources/solar-industry-data>

## Court Victory for RGGI

From a press release issued on March 25th

by Chapter Director Jeff Tittel ([jeff.tittel@sierraclub.org](mailto:jeff.tittel@sierraclub.org))

A federal Appellate court has ruled it illegal for the DEP to have pulled out of the Northeastern States' Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) without going through "rulemaking." RGGI has proven an effective mechanism for reducing climate-changing carbon emissions by many of our neighbor states. This decision doesn't get us back into RGGI, but it means that the Christie Administration will have to follow proper procedures, which require public hearings.

If nothing else, this is a demonstration of the Governor's arrogance, revealing both his disrespect for the rule of law and his contempt for the environment, not to mention his coziness with friends in the fossil fuel industries

It will be interesting to see whether the Administration will actually comply with the Court's ruling, or just ignore it - as it did with COAH (requirements for affordable housing). The Sierra Club hopes this will be the beginning of a battle over climate change. Especially after Hurricane Sandy, New Jersey needs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases through RGGI.

A report by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners found that New Jersey's participation in RGGI created \$151 million in economic value and 1,772 jobs in our state. Throughout the region, RGGI saved customers \$1.1 billion on their electric bills and \$174 million on gas bills, offsetting the \$912 million paid by customers. RGGI's energy efficiency programs helped keep \$765 million in the regional economy instead

of going to out of state fossil fuel interests, including natural gas and coal."

### RGGI Facts:

- When New Jersey participated in the program, the state achieved the RGGI greenhouse gas reduction goal of 10% in the first three years

- RGGI is achieving its goals and more. Due in part to its programs, global warming pollution is down 15%-30% since it launched.

- The economy in the region has grown by more than \$2.3 billion because of RGGI.

- RGGI is directly responsible for creating or saving almost 18,000 jobs

- Companies that receive RGGI funds have been able to make energy efficiency improvements or build on-site clean energy projects. These projects help companies save energy and money and also support local jobs, putting people to work retrofitting buildings or installing solar arrays and other projects

- The first 12 projects in New Jersey funded by RGGI proceeds helped New Jersey businesses generate over 167,000 megawatt hours of clean energy per year - equal to the amount of energy consumed by 19,600 households per year - and reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 84,000 metric tons.

- RGGI has also helped lead to hundreds of clean energy businesses - both large and small - starting up, expanding or moving to New Jersey. These companies employ thousands of New Jerseyans in the growing clean energy market.

## Congressional Election: Several New Jersey Races will be Close

New Jersey sends 12 Members of Congress to Washington DC, and all will be elected (or re-elected) on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the retirement of Congressmen Robert Andrews (D, 1<sup>st</sup> District), Jon Runyan (R, 3<sup>rd</sup> District) and Rush Holt (D, 12<sup>th</sup> District), the contests will be more uncertain (and interesting) than usual - at least in two of those Districts (the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>), which are roughly evenly split between Democratic and Republican voters.

Much is at stake environmentally, because of the extreme differences on national policy between Republicans and Democrats. By the time you read this, the Primary Elections will have taken place (on June 3<sup>rd</sup>), and we will know who will be on the November ballots.

Members of the Chapter Political Committee have been at work preparing for our endorsement decisions that will be published in the next issue of this Newsletter. We rely partly on scores calculated by the League of Conservation Voters (LCV), which are based on votes on energy legislation, open space protection, clean air and water measures, transportation, wildlife protection, and initiatives to limit climate change.

Please see Jennifer Rothschild's special report on Congressman Garrett's District, above this article.

For the present, please consider the following 2013 and lifetime LCV scores achieved by members of the New Jersey Delegation to Congress: Since a fundamental responsibility of Club members is to lobby legislators to support good environmental legislation, members of the Political Committee urge you to contact your member: with praise or criticism, as you think appropriate. More details, e.g. of specific votes, are on the LCV website.

Representative/ District:	2013 Score	Lifetime Score
Robert Andrews (D-1)	93	91
Frank LoBiondo (R-2)	25	63
Jon Runyan (R-3)	18	17
Christopher Smith (R-4)	29	68
Scott Garrett (R-5)	11	11
Frank Pallone (D-6)	75	95
Leonard Lance (R-7)	21	31
Albio Sires (D-8)	89	88
William Pascrell Jr. (D-9)	96	92
Donald Payne Jr. (D-10)	93	93
Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-11)	11	42
Rush Holt (D-12)	64	96

### Is Your Email Address Up-To-Date?

Does the Sierra Club have your current email address on file? This lets us send you online membership renewal notices and ballots in our annual elections. Don't know? You can check at <https://secure.sierraclub.org/site/ConsProfileUser>. To update your address, please send an email to [membership.services@sierraclub.org](mailto:membership.services@sierraclub.org) with your name, address, and (if you know it) your membership number.

## Political Chair's Report

### We Support Aimee Belgard in New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District

By Chapter Political Chair Rich Isaac ([risaacx@aol.com](mailto:risaacx@aol.com))

The most competitive Congressional race in the state this year will be in the 3rd District (most of Burlington, part of Ocean Cos), where there's an open seat because of Rep. Runyan's retirement.

The nonpartisan, widely respected Rothenberg Political Report rates this race to be a "pure toss-up" - one of only seven nationwide this year.

The Democratic candidate will be Burlington County Freeholder Aimee Belgard, who not only received a degree in Environmental Sciences from Stockton College and then studied environmental law at Widener University, but was instrumental in saving Burlington County's Rancocas Nature Center and played a piv-

otal role in establishing single-stream recycling in Burlington.

Her opponent will be a former Mayor from Northern New Jersey: Tom MacArthur from Morris County.

MacArthur was chairman of the board and one of the major shareholders of York Risk Services Group (a unit of AIG insurance that processes claims and vets customers for traditional insurance companies) when the company was sued for cheating Hurricane Ike victims.

Club members in the 3rd CD who would like to participate in Freeholder Belgard's campaign would be welcome to please contact me at [risaacx@aol.com](mailto:risaacx@aol.com) or 973-716-0297.

2014 is an election year - for all 13 members of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation - and many other officials. To taste the excitement of campaign activities supporting endorsed candidates, contact members of our Political Committee.

*Reports from Trenton*

## Council Sides with DEP over People of Roxbury

From a Press Release

On April 15th, Roxbury Town Council (Morris Co) voted to support a DEP plan for capping the Fenimore Landfill.

The council rubber stamped a plan that will not work, voting first and letting the public speak later, clearly having made its decision before the public had a chance to testify. Virtually all of the public comment was against the DEP's capping plan.

The Council rejected the recommendations of their own consultant, Maser Engineering, which urged delay in making a decision because of too many unanswered questions. In fact, the DEP had denied Maser access to the landfill site to check soil samples.

Fenimore accepted municipal solid waste from surrounding communities from 1950 to 1979, when it was closed but never properly stabilized by capping.

In 2011 there came a proposal to put 10 MW of solar panels on the site, which required proper capping of the old landfill. That led to the DEP taking control, and approving the delivery of capping materials that included gypsum-containing wallboard which began to release obnoxious and toxic quantities of hydrogen sulfide. More of the story is available from [www.fenimorelandfill.com](http://www.fenimorelandfill.com), and by googling fenimore landfill.

The Sierra Club contends that the latest additional capping plan, which includes treating vapors, will not work because landfills are not stable; caps will always fail at some point. Vapor scrubbers still release fugitive emissions. We believe the DEP should require the removal of all construction debris, especially the materials that are giving off the hydrogen sulfide.

## Passaic River Cleanup: Environmental Victory but Still More to Do

From a Press Release issued by Chapter Staff

On April 11 the federal EPA announced that it would remove 4.3 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment from eight miles of the lower Passaic River. The plan includes dredging and capping the contamination, which includes dioxins, PCBs, mercury and other toxins, and which has been impacting the people of Newark and nearby communities for far too long.

This is an environmental victory, but we still have a lot more to do. The rest of



the River is also contaminated, if not so badly, and there is a need for oversight to be sure that the job is completed properly, and that the dredge spoils are properly disposed of.

Dioxin is one of the most deadly substances known to man, accumulating in human tissues and causing cancer, especially of the liver. It came mostly from the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site in Newark, where pesticides, weed killers, and Agent Orange, the defoliant used during the Vietnam War, were manufactured. The dioxin in the River and Newark Bay has caused fish advisories all the way down to Florida and up to Maine.



Congressman Donald Payne Jr addresses the gathering. Also prominent: Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enk, and DEP Commissioner Bob Martin.

### An Invitation from our Pennsylvania Colleagues

The Sierra Club's Pennsylvania Chapter invites members of the New Jersey Chapter to join our annual outing (camping weekend) and Wilderness Act 50th celebration. It will take place July 11-13 at Chapman State Park in Clarendon PA (NW Pennsylvania, about 50 miles SE of Erie). Includes a keynote presentation by Ed Zahniser, son of Howard Zahniser, framer of the Wilderness Act.

**Leader:** Carli Feldman - 717-232-0101 ([carli.timpson@sierraclub.org](mailto:carli.timpson@sierraclub.org))  
**Location:** Chapman State Park, Allegheny National Forest, Chapman Dam Road, Clarendon, PA 16313.

There is no charge, but you must supply your own transportation, camping gear and food - and RSVP. One meal will be shared (pot luck).

## Volunteers' Report Keystone XL Opposed by New Jersey Members in Washington, DC

By Frank and Ellen Zinni, of our West Jersey Group

On April 26, in Washington DC, we were pleased to represent the West Jersey Group at a demonstration to oppose the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. If built, Keystone would carry crude petroleum from Western Canada to Gulf of Mexico refineries and ports: petroleum made from Alberta's Tar Sands in one of the most carbon-intensive pollution-generating processes in the history of the planet.

Several thousand enthusiastic Club members expressed their views against Keystone XL on the National Mall. The West Group also sponsored two student activists.

The demonstration included young and old, Native Americans, farmers and ranchers, students and retirees, and participants from all over the US. We carried signs, chanted slogans and

applauded the speakers -- including Lakota Sioux and members of other North American tribes. As we expected, no federal legislators were in evidence, although singer Neil Young and actress Darryl Hannah were present.

The event ended with a march to the American Indian Museum to present a hand-painted tepee cover.

In line with the "Home on the Range" atmosphere of the event, "discouraging words" were present in the form of huge banners in Washington's Metro stations - lauding the benefits and safety of Keystone XL, and the energy ties between the US and Canada.

We must therefore continue to express the need for changing our energy policies, and the urgency of weaning ourselves from fossil fuels.

Here are two photographs:



## Protecting the Palisades

Adapted from a press release issued by our Chapter Staff

On April 28 the NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee took testimony on preserving the Palisades. The viewshed is currently under threat by a proposed 143-foot LG Electronics USA office tower in Englewood Cliffs (Bergen Co). The Sierra Club urges the Legislature to pass legislation to restrict development so as to protect the Palisades. Not only should the historic and scenic view from both New Jersey and New York be preserved, but development of this area needs to be limited - analogous to the way the Highlands, Pinelands, Meadowlands, the D&R Canal, and many other open spaces are protected in New Jersey.

The proposed office tower would be the only high-rise along the Palisades north of Fort Lee. We suspect that corrupt politics explain why the existing zoning, which prohibits buildings taller than 35 feet, was waived by the granting of a variance - for which the proposal did not qualify. The proposed glass building would be a disastrous magnet for migrating birds. Its construction would invite more high rise development atop the Palisades, producing additional traffic as well as air and water pollution from runoff.

There are alternatives: The site is large enough to contain a low-rise building (below the tree-line) of the same floor area. LG refuses to redesign the building because (it claims) it does not want to go through the state and municipal approval process a second time. We think that only legislation would be able to cut

through the local politics to prevent the atrophy.

The Palisades Interstate Park Commission was formed in 1900 to protect the Palisades and the views they provide. Teddy Roosevelt was then Governor of New York, and a good friend of John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club; together they saved Yosemite Valley in California. One of things that Roosevelt learned from Muir was the importance of open space and wild places for people to enjoy. We would like the Palisades to continue as an oasis in one of the most densely populated places in the United States.

The project has prompted the use of hardball tactics in Englewood Cliffs: On April 30th, a special public hearing of the Planning Board was convened, in an upper school auditorium, to take community reactions to a proposed change in the zoning map that would permit the high-rise building. The meeting was stacked with 200 construction workers who arrived early, filling most of the seats, and hogging the speakers list to argue for the jobs that would be made available to them, preventing testimony from local residents (and environmentalists) for more than two hours. More than 100 environmentalists were kept outside in pouring rain, and made to undergo body searches when they were eventually allowed into the building.

The project remains embroiled in litigation.

## Another Anti-democratic US Supreme Court Decision

From a press release issued on Feb 4th

On April 2 the US Supreme Court issued "McCutcheon," another blow to clean government. By removing limits on political campaign contributions, the average voter became further silenced by dirty money from special interests. Following on the Citizens United decision of January 2010, corporations now

have a larger bull horn with which to gag the average citizen. The wealthier you are, the more you can now control Congress. We'll never have clean air and clean water without clean government. The only thing green in Congress and the State Legislature is now money from corporate polluters.



# Group News

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## HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)

**Skylands Group:** Sussex & northern Warren  
**South Highlands Group:** Hunterdon & southern Warren  
**North Jersey Group:** Bergen & Passaic  
**Gateway Group:** Essex  
**Hudson County Group:** Hudson  
**Loantaka Group:** Morris & Union  
**Central Jersey Group:** Mercer  
**Raritan Valley Group:** Somerset & Middlesex  
**Jersey Shore Group:** Monmouth  
**Ocean County Group:** Ocean  
**West Jersey Group:** Burlington, Camden & Gloucester  
**South Jersey Group:** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

*These designations are approximate; members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient*

(Groups are arranged in rough geographical sequence: North to South)

### Skylands Group

(Sussex and northern Warren Counties)

**Web-site:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/skylands/> Or click from the NJ Chapter's web-site.  
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**ACTIVITIES:** We provide education about a variety of environmental issues by hosting movies or speakers at our general meetings. We also provide information to residents by tabling at town days and other events throughout the spring/summer/fall seasons.

We join with other grassroots organizations to protect the natural resources and beauty of our environmentally sensitive area in Northwest NJ. Some of our activism includes protecting open space, maintaining water quality, promoting clean energy, and addressing local, national and global environmental issues as they arise. We participate in activities to protect the Delaware River Basin and oppose hydro-fracking and all the subsequent infrastructure needed for it. The Skylands Group also sponsors hikes and other outings throughout the region to encourage people to reconnect with the outdoors.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** SECOND TUESDAY of the month from 7-8:30pm at the Unitarian Fellowship, One W. Nelson St, Newton. Best check electronic sites for more current information.

**July, date TBD:** Skylands Group Picnic.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** We usually meet after the general meeting. The public is welcome to stay and provide input.

**EVENTS:** Posted on our Facebook website and the online events calendar on the Chapter website. We also advertise on various media sites throughout the Skylands region.

### South Highlands Group

(Hunterdon and southern Warren Counties)

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Look for us on Meetup.com at <http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub> or visit our

Sierra Club official calendar at [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Aug. 6 (Wed): 7:30 pm:** At the office of Jonathan D. Wall, PsyD, at 27 Center St, Clinton, 2nd Floor. Our quarterly Executive Committee meetings are casual and informative. This is great time to get to know more about the Club and see what you can do to become more involved. For those interested, after the meeting we will walk to Main Street for tea or coffee.

**GENERAL MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS:**

**Aug 16 (Sat) 1pm [Rain Date Aug 17 (Sun) 1pm]: Paddle Merrill Creek Reservoir.** Located at 34 Merrill Creek Rd, Washington, NJ, this beautiful 650-acre reservoir includes a 290-acre environmental preserve and 2000 additional acres of woods and fields. Take 15 minutes and rent a boat at the Paddlers Cove in Washington, Pelican Pools on Rte 22 in Whitehouse, or at Ramsey Outdoors in Ledgewood. PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) required. Check Merrill Creek's website to read up on their rules and regulations. Contact Jim Fleming ([jfleming18@comcast.net](mailto:jfleming18@comcast.net)) if you have questions. Limited to twenty participants. Sign up for this event on Meetup.com: <http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub/events/182266322/>

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:** 2nd Thursdays of the month at 7pm. Films are relevant to nature or the environment and will take place at The Ship Inn Brew Pub, 61 Bridge St, Milford. Separate checks with no minimum or cover. Parking is available on street or across the road in the church parking lot. For listing of films, please visit [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp) or [www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub/](http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub/). For additional information, please contact: Susan Schirmer: [soupys@att.net](mailto:soupys@att.net) or 908-797-6725. Space limited to limited to 25.

**July 10: March of the Penguins:** In the Antarctic, every March the quest begins to find the perfect mate and start a family.

**Aug 14: YERT: Your Environmental Road Trip:** Three friends travel across America in search of innovators and citizens tackling our environmental crises.

**Sept 11: No Impact Man:** Grand experiment for a NYC family to live one year with as little impact on the environment as possible.

**CURRENT ISSUES:** Delaware Water Gap: We support efforts to enhance park protections and funding by upgrading the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to a National Park and Preserve. We are working with local and state governments, outdoor enthusiasts, environmental, hunting & game groups... together with you... to conserve and enhance our local environment and protect it from the pressures of suburban sprawl, power lines, gas pipes and mineral and gas extraction.

### North Jersey Group

(Bergen and Passaic Counties)

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**EVENTS:**

General meetings are free and open to general public. Please confirm topics, dates, times, and venues of our meetings by visiting [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp) or [www.meetup.com/njsierraclub](http://www.meetup.com/njsierraclub). You can also email us at [northjerseysierraclub@gmail.com](mailto:northjerseysierraclub@gmail.com).

**June 25 (Wed): Open Records for the Environmental Activist** at Elmwood Park Recreation Center, 500 Boulevard at Market St., Elmwood Park, at 7pm. Walter Luers Esq. President of NJFOG, Open Records Advocate John Paff, and Laura Coll of the Sierra Club North Jersey Group and the Elmwood Park Homeowners Association will show how you can protect your community, through public records, announcements, and databases.

**July 29 (Tue): Our New Jersey Palisades** at Closter Nature Center, 154 Ruckman Rd, Closter, at 7:30 pm. Eric Nelson, Historic Interpreter for the Palisades Interstate Park will present a talk on the natural and cultural history of the Palisades.

**Aug 26 (Tue): The Joys of Birding** at River Vale Public Library, 412 Rivervale Rd, River Vale, at 7pm. Don Torino of Bergen County Audubon Society and author of Don's Jersey Birding will present a beginner program on birding. Join us and find out the basics of birding just in time for fall migration season.

**Sept 23 (Tue): The Endangered Species Act** at River Vale Public Library, 412 Rivervale Rd, River Vale, at 7pm. Julia Millan Shaw, Metro Outreach Representative for Defenders of Wildlife will speak about wildlife conservation and efforts to protect endangered species.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive and Conservation Committees of the North Jersey Group meet quarterly during the first week of February, May, August, and November. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, Aug 7 at 7:30 pm at a mem-

ber's home. The meeting is casual and informative. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the Club, discuss issues, plan future events, and become more active. Please check the on-line calendar of events to confirm date and time, or contact John at jkashwick@gmail.com, or Mary Ellen at meshaw.001@gmail.com for location or more information.

**CONSERVATION ISSUES:**

**LG Tower in Englewood Cliffs:** LG Electronics, a multinational corporation, is planning to build an office tower in Englewood Cliffs that will rise high above the treeline of the Palisades, and for the first time, violate the unspoiled ridgeline—a view enjoyed by Americans since before the founding of our nation. LG's proposed office tower will rise 143 feet above grade—far higher than the 35-foot limit that has, until now, been respected by other companies in this area. The Sierra Club North Jersey Group is part of the Save the Palisades Coalition working to stop this overdevelopment.

**Ridgefield Park Eagle Nest:** Al and Alice—probably the first pair of bald eagles to next in an urbanized area, have been under threat by construction at the industrial site upon which they have built their nest. Various parties have met on several occasions to discuss options to save the endangered species' home, and perhaps the eagles' future in the Village.

For more information about these issues, to become involved, or alerted to something that is going on, please contact our Conservation Co-Chairs—Mary Ellen Shaw at meshaw.001@gmail.com or Beth Ravit at ravit@envsci.rutgers.edu.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** Our group maintains the most magnificent section of the Appalachian Trail in NJ (up Wawayanda Mountain). If you think might want to join us just send an email to martincohen@verizon.net.

**OUTINGS:** If you have an idea for an outing you would like to lead, please contact Ellen: eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com to find out how.

Sign up for North Jersey Group e-mail notices by e-mailing John at jkashwick@gmail.com.

**Hudson County Group**

The NJ Chapter understands the importance of urban issues such as protecting the public's drinking water and air quality, maintaining good mass transit, providing access to the waterfront, and addressing environmental justice issues, and is currently trying to create a local grassroots presence in Hudson County. Anyone interested in working on any environmental issue is encouraged to contact Chapter Outreach Coordinator Nicole Dallara at 609-656-7612, nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org.

**Gateway Group**

*Serving Hillside, Elizabeth and Essex County (except for Livingston, Millburn and Roseland).*

The Gateway Group was organized in January 2011. Please contact any of the leaders below if you are interested in joining our campaigns to protect the environment. There are several Gateway Group positions open.

**Our website:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Gateway/>. (also accessible from the NJ Chapter website) On Facebook: Gateway Group, NJ Sierra or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gateway-Group-NJ-Sierra-Club/128998363842782?fref=ts>

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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Anne Hirs	973-844-1121	annehirs@msn.com
<b>Program Co-Chair:</b>	John Beadle	see above	
<b>Publicity Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
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<b>Elizabeth</b>			
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<b>Outings Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
<b>Group Executive Committee:</b>	David Yennior, John Beadle, and ZaSah Khademi		

**ACTIVITIES:** Please contact John Beadle or Barbara Conover, Gateway's Program Chairs, if you have a question about our program listed below or any suggestions for a program in the future. The Gateway Group invites YOU to join in the activism and asks your support as we strive to address the many issues facing our urban as well as suburban communities. Several vacant positions are listed above. For further information about upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities, or to discuss any concerns please contact David Yennior: dyennior@gmail.com or call 973-844-1384.

**EVENTS:**

We sponsor informative programs and/or fun socials almost every month, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Check our webpage: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Gateway/> and/or our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gateway-Group-NJ-Sierra-Club/128998363842782> for the latest. Be sure to sign up for our events via MeetUp too: <http://www.meetup.com/NJSierraClub/>.

**Loantaka Group**

*(Morris and Union Counties (except for Elizabeth and Hillside), plus Livingston, Millburn and Roseland, approximately)*

**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>

**OFFICERS:**

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<b>Union County:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
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<i>Open Position!</i>			
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If you might be interested in getting involved, come to one of our Executive Committee Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and get to know us. Or come to one of our General Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

To find out our activities, go to: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>

To join our e-mailing list, go to: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St, Chatham. All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St, Chatham. Come learn something new and make some new friends. We'd welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves. Please see the schedule, below, and join us!

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions are posted on our website: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**July and Aug:** No meetings.

**Sept 10:** Christine Sadovy will bring us up to date on the latest developments in the national **Beyond Coal Campaign**, which is a Sierra Club effort to reduce/eliminate the use of coal in power generation in the United States.

**ACTIVITIES:** (Consult our website (<http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>) for more information.) The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome. Call Paul (908-233-2414) or Eric (732-669-0719).

**Central Jersey Group**

*(Mercer County and neighboring towns in adjoining counties)*

Find the latest at <https://www.facebook.com/CentralGroupNJSC>.

Join our distribution list to receive timely information in infrequent emails. Please volunteer to help us. Openings for Outings, Outreach, Publicity, Webmaster and more. Contact Nicole Dallara at nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org.

**OFFICERS:**

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The Central Group is working on local environmental issues to preserve open space, promote effective planning, control invasive species, protect wetlands and build trails. We actively oppose the Transco pipeline in Princeton/Montgomery, natural gas pipelines in New Jersey, fracking and fracking waste disposal in New Jersey.

For news of meetings, please contact Nicole Dallara, [Nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org](mailto:Nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org) or 609-656-7612.

For Central Outings, sign up for the Central distribution list and visit the NJ Sierra Outings webpage.

**Raritan Valley Group**

*(Middlesex and Somerset Counties and surrounding areas)*

**OFFICERS:**

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<b>Group Vice Chair:</b>	<i>Open position!</i>		

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**Members in commuting distance of Trenton are invited to volunteer time to help run our state office: Call Nicole Dallara.**

## GROUP NEWS

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### Conservation

**Advisor:** Jane Tousman 908-561-5504 jdtous@aol.com  
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**Webmaster:** *Open position!*  
**Treasurer:** *Open position!*  
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**Secretary:** *Open position!*  
**Political Chair:** Daphne Speck-Barynski 732-390-5311 speckbartyn@comcast.net  
**Membership:** *Open position!*

**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/>

Our monthly meetings are usually on a weekday evening of the third week. We have a program with convenient telephone conferences to update the membership on activities. Please write to us on e-mail [sierra\\_nj\\_rartian@att.net](mailto:sierra_nj_rartian@att.net) to participate.

**Meetings Location and Updates:** Because meeting dates and locations change, please subscribe to our E-mail list: NJ-RARITAN-VALLEYNEWS after creating a password on <http://lists.sierraclub.org/>

Please contribute to our Quarterly News Letter sent via the E-mail list. On our home page, please click on the link: Submit Issues, Events or other News from your Township. The due dates are 15 of February, May, August and October.

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#### 1. Conservation and Protection of the Raritan River basin area.

Key issues: preservation of our water supply, wildlife and prevention of water pollution.

#### 2. Passage of and responsible enforcement of environmentally friendly zoning and development ordinances.

#### 3. Prevention of diversion of conserved land for commercial or other development.

Key issue: Diversion of Dismal Swamp Conservation Area in Middlesex County for development.

We encourage you to attend your town's planning/zoning board or land use board meetings. If you are aware of development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, PLEASE communicate concerns by attending our meetings and by contacting us via [sierra\\_nj\\_rartian@att.net](mailto:sierra_nj_rartian@att.net).

## Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/JerseyShore/>

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### Shore Group Happenings:

**Whale Pond Fundraiser:** The Jersey Shore Group and the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association held a successful fundraiser in October to help restore the eroded banks and water quality of Whale Pond Brook. The event was held at the 19th century Victorian-era Cedars and Beeches Inn in Long Branch - with the enthusiastic support of the owner.

**Whale Pond Cleanups:** We continue our cleanups with a coalition with Monmouth University, all the towns in the Whale Pond Brook watershed, and the NJ Friends of Clearwater. Hurricane Sandy dumped tons of trash back into the watershed, which we are still removing a year later, so more cleanups are being scheduled. Our long-range goal is to clean up the watershed and educate local residents about the detrimental effects of lawn fertilizers and storm water run-off, and the importance of integrated pest management.

Help explore, enjoy and protect this beautiful watershed. Our Sierra dynamo heading the clean up of Whale Pond is Conservation Chair Faith Teitelbaum at [faithtei@aol.com](mailto:faithtei@aol.com).

**Help Needed for Other Cleanups:** If you would like to participate in cleanups of our other local waterways, please contact another dynamo, Laura Bagwell at [l.bagwell3@verizon.net](mailto:l.bagwell3@verizon.net). Laura focuses on the Red Bank area watersheds. In this effort, we work with the Navesink Swimming River Group which, since 2002, has removed more than 20 tons of debris from our local banks and streams. Alas, pollution never ends; we are in constant need of volunteers.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** The general membership meetings of the Jersey Shore Group take place at 6 pm on the fourth Monday of the month at Brookdale Community College's Lincroft Campus. We are delighted that the college has invited us to continue the joint membership meetings through 2014. Our meetings, billed by BCC as "Science Monday," average 55 attendees a month, with some events peaking at 95 to 150 people. The cooperative effort between Sierra and BCC extends the "reach" of

both organizations into the Monmouth community. Our BCC host is Dr. Patricia Dillon, a biology professor who succeeds our previous host, recently retired BCC Director Bob Macaluso.

We meet at BCC to share our speakers with environmentally-concerned BCC college students, the NJ Friends of Clearwater, and other environmental organizations. A buffet is available for the students and adults at 6 pm. Contributions from non-students are encouraged to defray the costs. The programs start at 6:30 pm.

To get to Brookdale, take GSP Exit 109 to Rte 520 West (Newman Springs Rd, which becomes E. Main St at the Lincroft campus). Exit the traffic circle into the campus and follow the signs to the Warner Student Life Center (SLC), where the meeting usually is in the Twin Lights Rooms I and II. Use parking lot 7. As you walk towards the building complex, Warner will be down the slope on your left. If lot 7 is full, use parking lots 5 or 6. A campus map is at [http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP\\_04\\_08.pdf](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP_04_08.pdf).

**July 20 (Sun):** Noon to 3pm. Our annual summer pot-luck picnic will be held at Turkey Swamp Park, 200 Georgia Tavern Rd, Freehold. From Rte 9, take Rte 524 west to Georgia Road (Rte 53), turn left (south) on Georgia and follow the signs to the park. From I-95, at Exit 22 take Jackson Mills Rd north to Georgia Rd, turn left (west) on Georgia and follow the signs. Meet in the picnic area behind the main building. No speakers; just relax and enjoy the food and conversation. Check with Dennis Anderson ([Dennisaza@aol.com](mailto:Dennisaza@aol.com)) on what to bring and to get other details.

**Aug:** No meeting. Enjoy the remains of the Summer. See you in the Fall.

**Sept 22:** In the fast moving, corporately manipulated world of liquefied natural gas (LNG), the staff of Clean Ocean Action COA) and other environmental experts will bring us up-to-date on what is occurring in the natural gas industry, which is trying very hard to convince the public that the export of LNG will be good for the economy. But, this is just the opposite of what the industry was saying a few years ago. Then, the LNG industry was hyping the import of LNG, as one press release put it, to decrease US dependence on foreign fossil fuels. Go figure. A presentation to our chapter then, by COA and Sierra staffers, revealed that claim to be a lie. But as fracking, the environmentally destructive process of extracting both oil and gas from shale deposits, became technological possible, the gas industry now wants to export the fractured US gas as LNG, which on the worldwide open market is much cheaper than other gas reserves. COA, and other environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, have been fighting the LNG movement because of its destructive impact on the environment, economy, and social ties of the communities where it occurs.

## Ocean County Group

**WEBSITE:** [www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean](http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean)

### OFFICERS:

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**Group ExCom Member:** Nancy Brown 732-892-6089 nancybrown624@comcast.net  
**Group ExCom Member:** Sierra Palmerr

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Generally held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at the Ocean County Library.

**ACTIVITIES & ISSUES:** We're hard at work: Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and off the Jersey Coast, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting Mountain Top Removal and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We've also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues with special emphasis on the massive "over-development" of Jackson Township and Lakewood. We're also involved in the campaigns to create a new park at "Anchor Reef" on Barnegat Bay and to stop "nitrogen pollution" of the Bay. Protecting the Ocean County Hiking Trail in Lacey. We're watching the progress of the first Wind Turbine erected in the County which resides in Ocean Gate. We're also involved in creating a greener and sustainable environment in Ocean County.

Volunteers are needed to help with these all issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fund-raising and a computer-based voter education program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about our activities and events, please visit our web site: [www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean](http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean).

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS:** General Meetings are held bi-monthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the "Skywalk Cafe" in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. Information on meetings in Jan-March will be posted on the website: [www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean](http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean).

## West Jersey Group

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

**WEBSITE:** <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzev1ujt/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/WestJerseyGroupNJSC> Log on and Like Us

### OFFICERS:

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**Programs Chair:** *Open position!* Call Gina to volunteer. . 856-848-8831  
**Outings Chair:** *Open position!* Call Gina to volunteer. . 856-848-8831

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month, September thru May at the Quaker Meeting Hall on Friends Ave in Haddonfield.

The West Jersey Group does not meet in June, July or August. Please join us on a hike or paddling trip. Meetings resume on Sept 10.

**Sept 10:** To be determined. Please check our website and Facebook page

**Directions:** From I-295, take exit 34B onto Rte 70 West. Follow the signs for Rte 41 South, which is Kings Hwy (you will have to exit to the right into a jug handle and then turn left onto Rte 41 (Kings Hwy). Cross over Rte 70 and you will be briefly on Rte 154 (Brace Rd). Make the next right and then the next left onto Kings Hwy. After about 1 mile, you will cross Grove Rd (Indian King Tavern is on the right corner). After crossing Grove Rd, go two more blocks and turn right on to Friends Ave. Go one block to the Meeting House. Park in the lot next to the Meeting House and enter the auditorium through the doors on the right side of the building. Do not go into the Meeting House.

## South Jersey Group

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

### OFFICERS:

**Group, Outings Chair:** Tom Boghosian 609-625-0878 boghosian1@verizon.net  
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**Membership Chair:** Michele Cooklin lorax317@gmail.com  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Julie Akers 609-432-3280 julieakers56@gmail.com

Michele Cooklin (lorax317@gmail.com) is our new Membership Chair, and will be attempting to revitalize the Group.

The Cape May County Conservation Committee has unfortunately gone extinct. Members in Cape May County who see a need for Club "presence" there are invited to contact Michele Cooklin.

The central conservation issue, for which the South Jersey Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of those few officers who remain active both within the Sierra Club and in the Watershed Association (GEHWA) that "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we once scheduled. For now, we'll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. We strongly recommend GEHWA's website for keeping up with local issues, and for links to many other local, regional, state and national environmental organizations: www.gehwa.org. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meetings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.

**Current Issues:** (1) Our Earth Day (ACUA) table solicited interest in local legislation to encourage use of cloth shopping bags by imposing a fee on plastic bags distributed at stores. Michele Cooklin leads this campaign. (2) A land-use controversy in Millville has been in the news: complex attempts to balance public vs. private interests in environmentally-sensitive parcels in and near the Menantico Ponds Wildlife Management Area. Jane Galetto of "Citizens United" (forrivers@aol.com) is perhaps the best person to contact if you would like involvement. (3) There is much regional opposition to the construction of a large-diameter (24") natural gas pipeline to feed the BL England electric power plant in Marmora (Cape May Co), led by Georgina Shanley (shanleyg2001@yahoo.com) and the organization 350.org South Jersey (Glenn Klotz: glennk1949@gmail.com). The Pinelands Commission has rejected a direct route through its Forest Zone. (4 etc.) Campaigns to prevent the use of tropical rainforest wood for rebuilding oceanfront boardwalks, in Ocean City and Wildwood, are also being led by Georgina. Club officers and staff have been following several studies seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey, with the hope that findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) who advocate development. Other hot issues include damage done to sand trails by ATVs, a campaign to promote Community Solar (photovoltaic) installations (especially in each municipality in Atlantic County), support for legislation that would end the free distribution of plastic bags at supermarkets, and support for a New Jersey Bottle Bill, known as the Smart Container Act.

### Some Possibly Relevant Meetings of Allied Organizations:

**July 2, Aug 6 and Sept 3 (first Wednesdays), 7pm:** Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meetings of Friends of the Parks, a group which works to improve and promote the Atlantic County Park System. All are welcome. Warren Fox Nature Center (WFNC\*), Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor, Milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50, 3½ miles south of Mays Landing. Contact Julie Akers, 609-432-3280.

**July 22 (alternate fourth Tuesdays)** Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Association: Membership meeting, open to the public, Annual Picnic in the Park, Contact Lynn Maun, 856-453-0416 or email lynnkmaun@comcast.net.

**Sept 27-8, Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Association:** Membership meeting, open to the public, Annual Camping Trip on the River, Contact Lynn Maun, 856-453-0416 or email lynnkmaun@comcast.net.

**July 23, Aug 27, Sept 24 (fourth Wednesdays), 7pm:** Atlantic Audubon Society is a lively member-organization with strong environmental programs and an excellent monthly on-line newsletter. Membership is free. Meetings are in the Galloway Twp Library, 306 E Jimmie Leeds Rd. www.AtlanticAudubon.org.

**Aug 13 (alternate second Wednesdays), 7pm:** Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries: Meeting place: George Luciano Center, Cumberland County College. Cumberland County development issues are commonly discussed, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Lillian Armstrong (CU) at 609-774-5853 or lillian.armstrong@cumauricriver.org. Website: www.cumauricriver.org.

**Aug 20 (alternate third Wednesdays), 7pm:** Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council: Representatives of the 12 municipalities discuss river management strategies. Open to the public. WFNC\*. Contact Julie Akers, 609-432-3280.

350.org South Jersey is a recently formed organization that opposes Climate Change, and that tries to hold monthly meetings at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pomona Rd (Rte 575) opposite the Stockton College campus in Galloway Twp, Atlantic Co. Contact Glenn Klotz: glennk1949@gmail.com.

## Singles Section

(A chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanups, social gatherings, meetings, etc.)

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them - if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Singles/>

The BEST way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv. Anyone may subscribe by going to: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html> and clicking on "Join or leave the list." You may subscribe and unsubscribe at will; directions on how to unsubscribe are at the bottom of each announcement. We recommend joining the listserv to receive announcements for all of our events a few weeks before each event. Events are also listed on the online calendar on the Chapter's web site: [newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp).

You can now also "like" us on Facebook: "Singles Group New Jersey Sierra Club".

### OFFICERS:

**Chair:** Joe Testa testa-j@live.com  
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**Publicity:** *Position Open.* Contact us! We need you!  
**Membership:** *Position Open.* Contact us! We need you!  
**Nominations:** Nancy Sullivan nancysullivan@comcast.net

2014 Executive Committee members: Joyce Haddad, Ron Pate, Joe Prebish, Jeff Sovelove, Daphne Speck Bartynski, Joe Testa, Joyce White.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed as hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including planning social events and conservation activities. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We're happy to help you learn the ropes.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, speakers, and letter-writing at the Chatham Library. Dates and topics will be announced on our listserv; see above for subscription information.

**ExCom MEETINGS** take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

**SOCIAL DINNER:** THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner at a variety of Montclair restaurants. Location will be announced 2 weeks before each social. RSVP is required as described in the announcement.

**SOCIAL DINNERS with MOVIE SHOWINGS** are scheduled approximately monthly in Milford (Hunterdon Co.) and New Brunswick. Join us for thought-provoking films and conversation over casual dinners. Topics and locations will be announced on our listserv and on the Chapter's online calendar (see above).

### HIKES AND OTHER OUTINGS:

The Singles Section sponsors many outings, ranging from beginners' level to advanced difficulty. Some of these are listed in this newsletter; others are announced only on our listserv and the Chapter's online calendar. See the Outings section of this Newsletter for singles outings led by Jimi Oleksiak (July 12 and Sept 13) and Jeff Sovelove (July 12, Aug 16, and Sept 27). Please join the listserv to receive notification of all of our outings (see above for instructions on how to subscribe).

Sierra Silver Singles is a subgroup that organizes hikes and other social events to appeal to Singles over 50. Most events are scheduled followed by an optional meal at a location determined by the leader. See the Outings section of this Newsletter for Silver Singles outings. Check the Singles listserv for announcements of more Silver Singles outings.

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**Become active in one of your Group's conservation campaigns! Attend a Group meeting! Meetings offer interesting speakers and topics, nice fellow-members, and usually food!**

## GROUP NEWS

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### Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Section

The mission of this Section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism within the LGBT community through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

#### OFFICERS:

**Acting Co-Chair:** Jonathan Wall      psychologist@jonwall.com  
**Acting Co-Chair:** John Kashwick      jkashwick@gmail.com

#### NEXT OUTING:

**Sept. 27 (Sat) Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Tour and Hike on Delaware Canal. 10am.** Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve showcases an extraordinary diversity of plants native to Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley region. They care for and protect a native plant collection with the goal of encouraging the public to visit, enjoy, and learn about the richness of Pennsylvania's natural heritage. Following the self-guided walk through the preserve, we'll hike along the Delaware Canal Towpath to Washington Crossing and back. We'll walk for about 1-2 miles in the preserve and 9.5 miles on the towpath. Bring a picnic lunch, water, snacks, and sun protection. \$5 entrance fee for admission to the preserve. Leaders: John Kashwick (jkashwick@optonline.net or 201-294-1092) and Jonathan Wall (908-295-1890). For meeting location and more information, please register through our on line calendar at [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp), at [meetup.com/njsierraclub](http://meetup.com/njsierraclub), or by emailing a leader. Rain cancels—call or text leader the morning of outing if in doubt. This outing will be run in conjunction with Sundance Outdoor Adventure Society. Group limit: 12.

Please check our listings on our online calendar at [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp) or [meetup.com/njsierraclub](http://meetup.com/njsierraclub).

We are currently recruiting volunteers to lead outings and serve on the section executive committee. For more information, please email [njsierra.lgbt@gmail.com](mailto:njsierra.lgbt@gmail.com).

### Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section

*(A chapter-wide special interest section which offers a monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, dinner get-togethers and other functions intended for those members over fifty)*

In addition, a monthly Buy & Sell newsletter is sent out to members free of charge, in which they can list items they are searching for or want to buy.

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

We work through a "List Serve," by which members learn about current environmental issues, and how they can be supported.

Arline Zatz is the editor of the Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section. She can be reached at [azatz@funtravels.com](mailto:azatz@funtravels.com). and invites members to check her web site at [www.funtravels.com](http://www.funtravels.com) for trips and travel information.

### Young Sierrans

*(A special interest section for Sierra Club Members in their 20's & 30's, providing Socials and Outings to inspire a sense of community, appreciation for the environment, and involvement in preserving our future. Many events are open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status, so whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)*

WEBSITE: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans/>

#### YOUNG SIERRAN COMMITTEE POSITIONS

<b>Head Chair &amp; Coordinator:</b>	William Sevchuk	wsevchuk@yahoo.com
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position</i>	Please Contact Us!
<b>Moderator:</b>	Diana Christine Eichholz	MistyAngel22@aol.com
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<b>Outings Chair:</b>		
<b>(Northern Jersey)</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>	Please Contact Us!
<b>Outings Chair:</b>		
<b>(Central Jersey)</b>	Leon Yerenburg	lyerenburg@gmail.com
<b>Outings Chair:</b>		
<b>(South Jersey)</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>	Please Contact Us!

We need Young Sierran Outing Leaders for all areas, but extra especially for the Northern and South Jersey areas. We will help you step-by-step through the training process to properly lead hikes and outdoor activities. Reimbursement, insurance and guidance are provided under the Sierra Club's membership. If interested contact Chair or Young Sierran Coordinator at [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com).

**EVENTS:** Volunteers for events throughout New Jersey wanted. Meet great people in your area! Publicity provided. Contact Coordinator at [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com) for information.

All Events will be announced via The Young Sierrans' E-Mail List Serve. To be put on it, send an e-mail to [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com) with subject heading "Young Sierrans E-Mail List" — or to subscribe directly go to <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-YOUNG-SIERRANS-NEWS.html>. Events for 20's only are available for those wanting to volunteer to host 20's only events. Young Sierran Event Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

### Sierra Student Coalition

*(a semi-autonomous organization of college and high-school students)*

National Website: <http://www.ssc.org/>

### Inner City Outings Section

*(another Chapter-wide special interest activity with the motto: No Child Left Inside!)*

#### OFFICERS:

**Chair:** Marty Cohen      201-670-8383      martincohen@verizon.net  
**Treasurer:** Anne Dyjak      732-560-0953      annedyjak@verizon.net

If you thinking of volunteering with us, or if you would just like to learn more on how we operate please send us an email (address above) and we'll notify you of the date and other details of our next training event.

Inner City Outings is a community outreach program, providing wilderness adventures for city youth of New Jersey. Volunteer certified outings leaders conduct outings (generally day-trips) mostly on weekends. If you would like to experience the rewards of introducing inner-city youth to the wonders of nature, your involvement is encouraged and you are requested to contact Marty at the above e-mail address. For our current schedule and other info, please visit our webpage: [ico.sierraclub.org/newjersey](http://ico.sierraclub.org/newjersey).

## On the Trail

# A Hike Back in New Jersey's Past

By George Fluck ([Leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pineypaddlers.com))

After the snowy winter of 2014, a lovely spring day awaited our Sierra Club hikers, on April 6, at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Every year Patriots Week takes place in Trenton to celebrate the Battles of Trenton and Princeton in 1776 and 1777, respectively, during the American Revolutionary War. The political triumphs by the Continental Army and General George Washington continued at the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778. It was one of the largest battles of the War.

The newly-renovated Visitor Center stands on top of Combs Hill, the site controlled by the Continental Army artillery. Standing there we viewed the landscape and the farms that were thankfully preserved through New Jersey's first Green Acres Bond Referendum in 1961. Without this funding the land would have been lost to housing and commercial development. The Park is near Freehold - a highly developed area, bustling with traffic on Rte 9 even on a Sunday.

The Battle of Monmouth was very complex. We toured the Visitors Center's displays and interactive media including an animated relief map which follows the battle's complicated maneuvers, strategy and tactics.

Leaving Combs Hill we hiked on rolling hills through farm fields, orchards and woods. (See photograph on next page.) Some of the small streams have boardwalks where we saw early shoots of Skunk Cabbage and heard the Spring

Peepers. There were soaring Turkey Vultures - and others resting in a tree at an 1800's farmhouse with a wooden silo that was once a dairy farm. It was a step back in time as we studied the house's construction and looked through broken doorways. The property had an old well-house on the brook.

Hiking through the Battlevue Orchards, we took a closer look at what appeared to be signage on each young tree. To our amazement they were small bars of white-marbled Dial soap, still wrapped, and tied with a string through the soap. See the photo. We guessed it was there as deer repellent, confirmed by further research - using Google!

After the hike and lunch at the Visitors Center we took a guided tour of the Craig House, conducted by The Friends of Monmouth Battlefield. See photo below. The Craig House is a restored mid-18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse. From our guides we learned about the Craig family and the construction of the house. It is furnished as it would have been during the period. The Friends are a non-profit organization of volunteers who are very dedicated to this National Landmark, assisting in education and special projects.

We'll be scheduling another Outing there in October - hiking to the spring that provided water to Washington's army, and imagining how the legendary Molly Pitcher carried water to the troops - and loaded and fired a cannon.





# Outings

Learn more about your environment... take a Sierra Club educational hike!

## GROUP OUTINGS COORDINATORS (roughly north to south)

- Central Jersey:** Vacant
- Gateway:** David Ogens, 973-226-0748 (H)  
64 Elm Rd, Caldwell 07003
- Hudson-Meadowlands:** Vacant
- South Highlands:** Susan Schirmer  
908-996-7722 (H)
- Jersey Shore:** Mike Verange, 908-732-8364 (H)  
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- North Jersey:** Ellen Blumenkrantz  
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- Skylands:** Pat Mangino, Pmangino@aol.com
- Raritan Valley:** Vacant
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- West Jersey:** Vacant
- River Touring:** Fred Tocce, 908-453-2205 (H)  
RD-1, Box 277, Washington, 07882
- Inner City Outings:** Anne Dyjak 732-560-0953 (H)  
NJ-ICO, 17 Mt. Horeb Rd, Warren, 07059
- Chapter Outings Chair:** Ellen Blumenkrantz  
eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com, 201-784-8417

**Outing Leaders:** Please send October-December 2014 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator (or, if you don't associate yourself with a single Group, directly to Ellen Blumenkrantz, the Chapter Outings Chair) before May 5. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our quarterly publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierran, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

**Note:** Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your October-December 2014 trip write-ups by August 8.

**NOTES ON OUTINGS:** All Outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. ALL participants must sign liability waivers on ALL outings sponsored by the Sierra Club. Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the event description specifically includes bringing pets.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety, welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment, routes to be followed, and special precautions

to be taken. Please arrive adequately prepared and equipped. If you have any allergies, please remember to bring your medication. The leader has the final word in the conduct of the trip. Your cooperation will help assure a safe and pleasant outing.

Please arrive early at the meeting place so that the outing can start on time. For day hikes, lunch, water (at least a liter), extra clothing, rain gear, and emergency equipment should be carried in a small daypack. For all except easy hikes, sturdy over-the-ankle shoes or boots should be worn. For most trips, you are expected to have your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers - check the yellow pages or call the trip leader. If the weather is questionable on the date of the outing, you may assume that it will take place, unless the schedule indicates otherwise.

Unless registration is required, such as for weekend trips or river tours, or if you have a question about the outing, it is not necessary to contact the leader before the trip. However, as these outings are planned many months in advance, we do advise that you contact the trip leader 1-2 days before the outing to make sure it is not cancelled. Do not call to join a trip after the posted deadline date. When phoning a leader, please honor his or her requested calling times and call 3 to 5 days before the outing. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) when writing to a leader. On popular trips, Sierra Club members will be given preference.

Watercraft trips let you experience the unspoiled parts of our region, but water safety does impose special requirements. The size and skill of each party must be appropriate to each river, so participation in each trip must be at the discretion of the leader. We ask you to register at least one week in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest assessment of your paddling experience, whether you need or can offer a ride, your phone number, and any questions you may have. You will receive a description of the trip, with directions, where you can rent a canoe, and what you will need to bring. Almost all trips can arrange partners to share a canoe if you are coming by yourself. Unless stated otherwise: rental canoes are available, trips do not require advanced paddling skill or exceptional physical conditioning, public transportation is not available, non-members may participate, and responsible smokers are welcome.

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in becoming an Outing Leader or have suggestions for new outings, contact your Group Outings Chair or the Chapter Outings Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Group contributing each outing is given at the end of the write-up, as follows:

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| (C) - Central Jersey                                | (JS) - Jersey Shore       |
| (G) - Gateway                                       | (L) - Loantaka            |
| (N) - North Jersey                                  | (Sk) - Skylands           |
| (RV) - Raritan Valley                               | (S) - South Jersey        |
| (W) - West Jersey                                   | (NJ) - NJ Chapter         |
| (RT) - River Touring                                | (ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter |
| (SNG) - Especially for Singles<br>(but ALL welcome) |                           |

**Jul 12 (Sat): Camp Mohican Hike & Swim, Blairstown (Warren Co).** 10am. The hike will cover 8 miles in 5 hours in very hilly terrain. Camp Mohican is in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The web site is <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/mohican/> Facilities: There's a port-a-john at the parking lot for before the hike, and there are flush toilets and indoor changing rooms at the camp. No beginners, no pets. Hiking boots and a day-pack with water and lunch required. Swimmers should bring a swim suit and towel. Registration required via web: [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp). If you haven't hiked with The Hike before, include a brief description of your hiking experience with your registration. Directions for the meeting place will be sent via e-mail to members who register. Leader: Jimi Oleksiak: the\_hikeist@mac.com.

**Jul 16 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak the N. Branch Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co).** 9am. The NJ Sierra Club appreciates the work of the Burlington County Parks Department for maintaining the 14-mile Canoe Trail from BCCC to Mount Holly. Meet at the Vincentown Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Jul 20 (Sun): Turkey Mountain Sierra Silver Singles Hike (Morris Co).** 10am. We will hike approximately 3.5 miles over both flat and hilly terrain. Boots recommended. Bring water. Optional lunch to follow. Meet at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. Any questions, contact the leader, Jay Dibble: 908-289-8813.

**Jul 21 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands (Burlington/Mercer Cos).** 9am. We'll meet at the confluence of the Delaware River and Crosswicks Creek: Bordentown Beach. During the 8-mile tidal trip we'll explore the Abbott Marshlands and learn about Joseph Bonaparte's residence in Bordentown at Point Breeze. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Jul 23 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak with your Pooch on the Wading River (Burlington Co).** 9am. Fortunato invites his "cousins" and dog lovers as we paddle 10 miles from Hawkin Bridge to Beaver Branch. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Mick's Pine Barrens Canoe and Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoe-rental.com](http://www.mickscanoe-rental.com) Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Jul 25 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak the Great Egg Harbor River (Atlantic Co).** 8:30am. The Great Egg is the largest canoeing river in the Pinelands and nearly all of this 129-mile river system rests within the Pinelands National Reserve. We're paddling 17 miles from Penny Pot to Lake Lenape. Rentals are not available. Lunch break will be at Palace Restaurant along the river. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

## AUGUST

**Aug 9 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak the Oswego River (Burlington Co).** 8:30am. Rise and Shine - join us for an early trip before the crowds! We'll paddle 8 miles from Lake Oswego to Harrisville Lake. Meet at Lake Oswego, Lake Oswego Rd. Boats can be rented from Mick's Pine Barrens Canoe/Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoe-rental.com/](http://www.mickscanoe-rental.com/) Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Aug 13 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek (Ocean Co).** 9am. Enjoy a long summer paddle in the cool amber waters of Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Aug 17 (Sun): Watching Reservation, Mountainside Sierra Silver Singles Hike (Union Co).** 10am. We will hike approximately 4 miles at a moderate pace with some ascents and descents. Wear hiking boots, bring water and lunch. Meet at the Trailside Nature and Science Center parking lot on Coles Ave where it intersects New Providence Rd. Leader: Rozanna Fanelli: [rfanelli39@hotmail.com](mailto:rfanelli39@hotmail.com)

**Aug 19 (Tue): Canoe/Kayak the Delaware River from Bordentown to Bristol (Burlington/Bucks Cos).** 10am. This is a 10-mile tidal trip - from one historic city to another! Bristol is the oldest town in Bucks County and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in PA. Experienced paddlers only; expect power boat traffic and boat wakes. Kayaks must be 12 ft or over; spray skirts recommended. Bring lunch and water. Trip is open to current Sierra Club members only. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Aug 16 (Sat): Patriots Path Stroll (Morris Co).** 10am. Come take an easy stroll on Patriots Path in Morristown. This 5-mile stroll will start out from the Speedwell Lake parking lot: across the street from Historic Speedwell. See the Morris County Parks website (<http://www.morrisparks.org/>) for directions or put the following address into your preferred map engine: 300 Speedwell Ave, Morristown NJ 07960. Please bring plenty of water and a light snack. Great for beginners. Heavy/steady rain cancels. No pets please. Leader: Jeffrey Sovelove: [Hiker\\_Dood@Yahoo.com](mailto:Hiker_Dood@Yahoo.com). Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

**Aug 21 (Thu): Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands (Burlington/Mercer Cos).** 9:30am. We'll meet at the confluence of the Delaware River and Crosswicks Creek: Bordentown Beach. This is an 8-mile tidal trip to Roebing Park and back. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Aug 23 (Sat): Pine Meadow Loop in Harriman State Park (Rockland Co, NY).** 10am. This will be a moderately-paced hike of about 8-9 miles on some of the most scenic trails in the park. There are some rocky sections and 1-2 hills. Lunch and at least 2 liters of water required. Beginners welcome as long as physically fit and can hike for 5-6 hours (includes lunch and snack stops). Group limit 12, and everyone must preregister to obtain meeting location/directions and confirm there is still room for them. Rain will cancel. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz: [eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com](mailto:eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com)

**Aug 24 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Delaware River (Hunterdon Co).** 9am. We're paddling 15 miles from Kingwood Access to Lambertville; lunch break at the Hot Dog Man's River "Restaurant"; bring or buy lunch. Paddling helmets required for all participants. Rentals are not available. Current Sierra Club membership required. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Aug 27 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak the Wading River (Burlington Co).** 9am. Our trip will begin at the town of Speedwell: former site of an iron furnace. This is a 13-mile trip for experienced Pines paddlers; expect downfalls and portages. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

## SEPTEMBER

**Sep 1 (Mon): Mercer Park Land and Water Cleanup - Sierra Club Water Sentinels and Princeton University SVC (Mercer Co).** 9am to 12pm. Lake Mercer was formed by Assunpink Dam #20 and is part of the Delaware River Watershed. Join the NJ Sierra Club and the Princeton University Student Volunteers Council on Labor Day! Help us pick up litter and trash as we enjoy a scenic walk along Lake Mercer and the lovely wooded trails. Or you can bring your kayak/canoe to collect trash on the lake (life jackets must be worn). Bring lunch and water. Trash bags will be provided. For registration contact George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 4 (Thu): D&R Canal Land and Water Cleanup - Sierra Club Water Sentinels and Princeton University SVC (Mercer Co).** 9am-12pm. The Princeton University Student Volunteers Council and the NJ Sierra Club are partnering for their 5th Annual Land and Water cleanup of the D&R Canal as part of the Sierra Club Water Sentinels Program for the Delaware River Watershed. Walk along the canal to pick up litter or bring your canoe/kayak to collect trash in the water. Our cleanup will take place in the Lawrenceville section of the canal; meet at Cherry Tree Lane. Bring lunch and water. Trash bags will be provided. Contact George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [Leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:Leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 7 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Delaware River (Hunterdon Co).** 9am. The trip is 15 miles from Kingwood Access to Lambertville. Paddling helmets required for all participants. Bring lunch and beverage. Rentals are not available. Current Sierra Club membership required. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 7-12 or Sept 14-19 (Sun - Fri): September in Western Maine! Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME.** This is an historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeung Lake. Many activity options, excellent food and a comfortable warm environment provide relaxation and fun. Internet access available. Outing includes: hiking the AT, guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick. Log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, breakfasts and dinners in the lodge dining room, sack lunches for the trail. \$1300 per person. For more information contact leader: Judy Norcross: 609-288-6737 or [jnornorcross@aol.com](mailto:jnornorcross@aol.com) (W)

**Sep 12 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek (Ocean Co).** 9am. It's George's b'day paddle!! We'll eat cake and paddle 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Cedar Creek is one of the prettiest Pines streams. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pinceypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pinceypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 13 (Sat): Hamburg Mountain WMA Hike, Hardyston Township (Sussex Co).** 10am, The hike will cover 7 miles in 4-5 hours in very hilly terrain. <http://www.nynjtc.org/park/hamburg-mtn-wildlife-mgt-area>

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Facilities: There are no restroom facilities. No beginners, no pets. Hiking boots and a day-pack with water and lunch required. Registration required via web: [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj\\_calendar.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp) If you haven't hiked with The Hikist before, include a brief description of your hiking experience with your registration. Directions for the meeting place will be sent via email to members who register. Leader: Jimi Oleksiak: the\_hikist@mac.com.

**Sep 13 (Sat): Norvin Green State Forest (Passaic Co).** 10am. Moderately paced hike of 8-9 miles includes several steep ascents/descents on rocky terrain to some great viewpoints. Lunch and at least 2 liters of water required. Group limit 12, and everyone must preregister to obtain meeting location/directions and confirm there is still room for them. Rain will cancel. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz: eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com.

**Sep 14 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the N. Branch Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co).** 9am. We'll paddle the 14-mile N. Branch Rancocas Creek Canoe Trail from BCCC to Mt. Holly. It's "Arts in the Park Day" at Smithville - so during our lunch break we'll enjoy entertainment on three stages featuring music, dance, theater and storytelling. Meet at the Vincentown Diner - arrive early for breakfast. Contact leaders to confirm trip. Rentals are not available. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pineypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 19 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands and the Crosswicks Creek (Burlington/Mercer Cos).** 9:30am. We'll meet at the confluence of the Delaware River and Crosswicks Creek: Bordentown Beach. This is a shuttle-less 14-mile trip with the tide to Groveville and back. Kayaks 12 ft or over are required. Bring lunch and beverage. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pineypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 20 (Sat): New Jersey Sierra Club International Coastal Clean Up (Ocean Co).** 10am-12pm. Please hold the date for a NJ beach clean up to help keep our oceans clean! Last year the New Jersey Sierra Club joined thousands of citizens around the world for International Coastal Clean-up Day and we are doing it again this year. Contact Nicole for beach location and cleanup information: [nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org](mailto:nicole.dallara@sierraclub.org)

**Sep 20 (Sun): Ross Dock in the Palisades Interstate Park (Bergen Co).** Meet by the playground at 10am. Maximum four miles on flat ground, next to the river, at a pace that suits the group. Rain cancels. Please contact leader at [blehlwalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:blehlwalsh@hotmail.com) for questions and to RSVP. Optional meal afterwards.

**Sep 21 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Tidal Maurice River (Atlantic Co).** 9:30am. The Maurice is a nationally recognized Wild and Scenic River and its environment supports a great variety of plant and animal life, including Ospreys and Bald Eagles. We'll paddle 10 miles on the tidal Maurice River. Rentals are not available. Participants must be current Sierra Club members. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pineypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 27 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak the Oswego River (Burlington Co).** 10am. We'll paddle the "Jewel of the Pinelands" from Lake Oswego to Harrisville Lake. Meet at Lake Oswego. Boats can be rented from Mick's Pine Barrens Canoe/Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanocrental.com/](http://www.mickscanocrental.com/) Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pineypaddlers.com) (W)

**Sep 27 (Sat): Turtleback Rock, South Mountain Reservation (Essex Co).** 10am. 6-mile hike. We will start at Turtleback Rock trailhead. See the Essex County Parks Commission website <http://www.essex-countynj.org/p/index.php?section=parks/sites/so> for directions. Bring lots of water, and wear hiking boots. We will take the orange trail down to Hemlock Falls and also see the famous Turtleback Rock. Heavy/steady rain cancels. No pets please. Leader: Jeffrey Sovelove: Hiker\_Dood@Yahoo.com. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

**Sep 28 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak with your Pooch on the Wading River (Burlington Co).** 9am. Fortunato invites his "cousins" and dog lovers. Boats can be rented from Mick's Pine Barrens Canoe and Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanocrental.com](http://www.mickscanocrental.com) Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or [leona@pineypaddlers.com](mailto:leona@pineypaddlers.com) (W)

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All members are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, usually held on SECOND SATURDAYS. Details, including agendas and travel instructions, are available from Ken Johanson, the Chapter Chair. (Best confirm!)

Conservation and/or Political Committee meetings usually start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meeting starts at 1pm.

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