

DuPage Sierran

Sierra Club, River Prairie Group of DuPage County



Jeff enjoying the lake near Montague, MI, in early August.

Jeff's Jots

By Jeff Gahrns

For me it's a hard, tiring slog lately in an effort to keep our momentum going as a local Sierra Club group that protects the environment. Fortunately, I have been inspired by the beauty of the outdoors, and most of all, I am inspired by our volunteers whose efforts range from political activism, water monitoring, clean energy advocacy, outings, and new member outreach. Ultimately, this ongoing work will be handed over to the next generation of future volunteers. Will you be one of them?

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Illinois Executive Committee meeting in Urbana and left feeling a strong sense for the complexity of what the Sierra Club is trying to do. We are focused on building a movement that is more inclusive while making sure all of society is part of the environmental solutions.

Tired as I may get sometimes, I must carry on. Frankly, we have no choice. Our cultural amnesia allowed us to forget that the climate change problem was understood by academia, the business community, and our government decades ago, and all were poised to act on it. We urgently need to change that amnesia into action! I will "rise up" for the Peoples Climate March on September 8, and I will vote in November. Will you join me?

Volunteer position opening: Media Relations

The River Prairie Group is looking for a reliable volunteer who is savvy with both printed and social

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media, who can develop relationships with local news media contacts, prepare news releases, and pursue other related activities. A Sierra Club Communications Handbook will serve as guidance. The volunteer will work with our Executive Committee and our Member and Outreach Committee as needed. Our goal, among other things, is to have more news articles and public announcements about our program events and other news of public interest. Contact jgahrns@gmail.com if interested.

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Sierra Club members are on the Illinois Solar Tour!

The Illinois Solar Tour is scheduled for September 22nd. This is a great opportunity to visit homes and businesses that have been opened up to showcase solar energy systems. Several Sierra Club members have solar installations in the area, and they will be on the tour. Can you guess which homes? They will be happy to share their experiences with residential solar energy. Find more information at: <https://illinoisolar.org/Solar-Tour>.



A rooftop at North Central College, a stop on the solar tour.

The River Prairie Group could not function without the volunteers who step up to the various jobs and positions.

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- Jeff Gahrns – Chair
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- Dave Blake – Newsletter Layout



Getting to Know Our Volunteers: A Spotlight on Sherry Stratton

By Connie Schmidt

Meet Sherry Stratton, an Elgin native, current DuPage County resident, and the reason you rarely find an error in the DuPage Sierran. She is our newsletter editor. Recently, we sat down for a chat and I learned more about her.

Sherry's childhood neighborhood provided a park with a stream and lagoons to explore, paths and woods to wander, and even a little zoo to discover her love of creatures of the wild. But her grandmother's cottage in central Wisconsin on Stratton Lake is what deepened her love of the natural world and continues to tug her heart northward for summer visits. Identifying the genius of birds began with the discovery of her grandmother's bird book many years ago.

After Elgin High School, Sherry attended the College of Wooster in Ohio, graduating with an Urban Studies major. A significant factor of her education there was the required independent study, where in-depth research fostered her desire to write. One experience led her to St. Louis, where she became immersed in the community working at a social service center helping people in need attain services.

In addition, Sherry assisted her friends by editing their papers, a practice in what was to become a career down the line.

Working a myriad of jobs, Sherry landed at Bell Labs where she met Dick Thomas, the love of her life. After several suburban homes, they decided to look for a place that would back up to a park or forest preserve, and they found the perfect spot. Dick's love of gardening netted a backyard pond, pathways through native prairie plants, and a vegetable garden, as well. Sherry lives there alone now, since Dick's passing in 2011. As we chatted on the porch, I watched monarchs flit through the milkweed, heard of a visiting eight-point buck, and then watched a little possum wander across the yard for a drink at the pond.

Sherry and Dick planned their vacations around visiting natural areas. From Alaska to Florida, and Hawaii to Maine, they enjoyed seeing creatures and habitat in this vast variety of settings. For years they took backpacking trips in the Smokies, and of course they continued visits to the Wisconsin cottage. A glance around her home shows her love of literature, with books and magazines stacked about on a variety of nature topics.

Asked to provide some input, our RPG Executive Chair Jeff Gahrns added this:

"Sherry is that quiet but strong force behind the scenes of our newsletter. As editor for the last several years, she has kept us on task and on deadline, adding a professional touch with an eye for detail. She pulls together the talents of our graphic designer, Dave Blake, and the various writers of our articles. Those of us on the newsletter team are happy to meet at Sherry's house, where we can enjoy the natural beauty of her backyard near the West Branch of the DuPage River and all of its delightful seasonal changes."

In retirement, Sherry went back to being a student and earned naturalist and ornithology certificates from courses at the Morton Arboretum. Along with her editing for DuPage Sierran, she also loves her work as copy editor for the literary magazine Fifth Wednesday Journal. She continues her growth in learning with a writers group where she has honed her skill and developed multiple essays that have been published. A self-described introvert, Sherry states that writing is a very personal way of allowing someone

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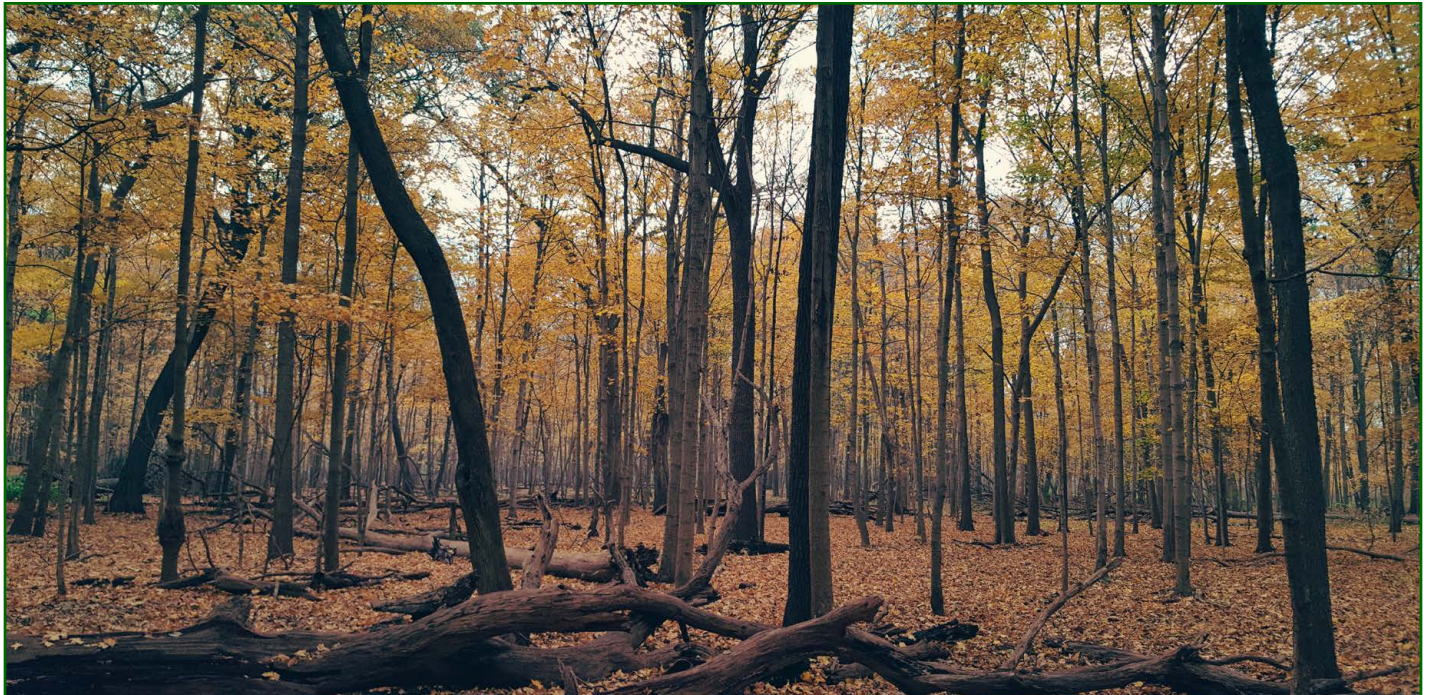
DuPage County Forest Preserve Update

By Ryan Smith, Senior Ranger
Forest Preserve District DuPage County

The changing of the season is upon us, a change that highlights the wonderments of our natural world. Plants and animals take this opportunity to put on a final show before the frigid Chicago winter months. Temperature drops trigger mass migrations, and fall can be a great time for birders to search for rare birds. According to the Bird Watchers Digest, young birds that have never migrated before may get off course. Hurricane season has been known to send birds out of their range. In Illinois, many of the rarities for bird watchers have been documented to occur in October and November. Recently, these sightings have included western grebe, sharp-tailed sandpiper, vermilion flycatcher, and even brown pelicans. The colors of autumn may not be as unusual and elusive as certain bird species; however,

blink and you will miss it! For just a few weeks, we will be presented with a brilliant display of fall colors throughout the forest preserves. Color change of leaves is greatly dependent on light more than temperature; therefore, it takes place around the same time year after year. Temperature will affect the intensity of the colors and how long these colors will persist. Fall colors in Illinois start in September with poison ivy and sumac, and end in November with larches and weeping willows. We encourage you all to venture out to one of your local forest preserves to witness these highlights of fall. My personal favorite for fall colors is McDowell Grove in Naperville, but Fullersburg Woods is known to showcase some amazing views, too.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is



Above: Autumn woods in a DuPage County preserve.

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excited to announce some wonderful opportunities for you to join us this fall season. The kickoff begins October 14th with our annual Danada Fall Festival. Here families can come out and enjoy equestrian performances, hay rides, kids' activities, and many other displays. Also in October, DuPage County anglers are invited to grab their fishing gear, license, and trout stamp and head out to the popular Fall Trout Opener October 20th. Trout fishing within DuPage County Forest Preserves can be done at Blackwell, Pratt's Wayne Woods, or Wood Dale Grove. If trout fishing is not your thing, head over to our Corn Harvest on October 20th & 21st, where you

can help shuck and store the corn that will feed the farm's cows and sheep over winter. However you choose to enjoy the fall, take it in slowly and relish this brisk and fast-moving season. We hope to see you out there!

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has been connecting people to nature for more than 100 years. More than 4 million people visit its 60 forest preserves, 145 miles of trails, five education centers and scores of programs each year. For information, call 630-933-7200 or visit dupageforest.org, where you can also link to the District's e-newsletter, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Below: 2017 Danada Fall Festival.



MONARCHS IN THE NEWS

MONARCHS THRIVE IN VILLA PARK'S ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

By DuPage Monarch Group

While Villa Park residents enjoy movies, concerts, and Saturday morning children's programs this summer at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, monarch butterflies are finding a welcoming place to lay their eggs and dine on milkweed.

A long-time gathering spot for summer activities and bike riders, the park became a monarch waystation in September 2017 when five butterfly gardens were planted. Villa Park is one of 14 municipal entities in DuPage County that have pledged to be monarch friendly by providing habitat, reducing pesticide usage, and educating residents about the plight of the monarch.

The location for the Five Butterfly Waystations along the Great Western Trail, as the project is known, was selected for its intersection of walkers and bike riders and a desire to upgrade a faded mural, which provides a backdrop for the gardens.

The butterfly habitat project is a collaboration of the Villa Park Economic Commission, Environmental Commission, Kenilworth Watch Group, Community Pride Commission, Villa Park Garden Club, The Conservation Foundation, and DuPage Monarch Project. Over 25 volunteers turned out to plant the nectar and larval species that butterflies rely upon. Jim Kleinwachter and Jan Roehl of The Conservation Foundation supplied the designs and facilitated ordering 700 plants from Midwest Groundcovers.

Volunteers at the planting were astonished when Kim White, volunteer educator with DuPage Monarch Project, explained how an injured butterfly

wing is repaired, showing the box of spare wings she keeps for the procedure. Butterfly education will be ongoing when interpretive signage is added to the gardens in upcoming months. Plans call for repainting the mural behind the gardens with images showing the life cycle of monarch butterflies. A design contest is being considered for the fall with painting completed in spring of 2019.

Nine months after the garden was planted, several monarch caterpillars were observed happily munching milkweed. "The monarch population has suffered drastic declines in the past several years," said Lonnie Morris, Coordinator for the DuPage Monarch Project. "It is encouraging to see how quickly they made use of the new habitat. We're delighted Villa Park is thinking of monarchs as valuable members of their community and providing what they need."



GOLF COURSE SUITS MONARCHS TO A TEE

By Lonnie Morris

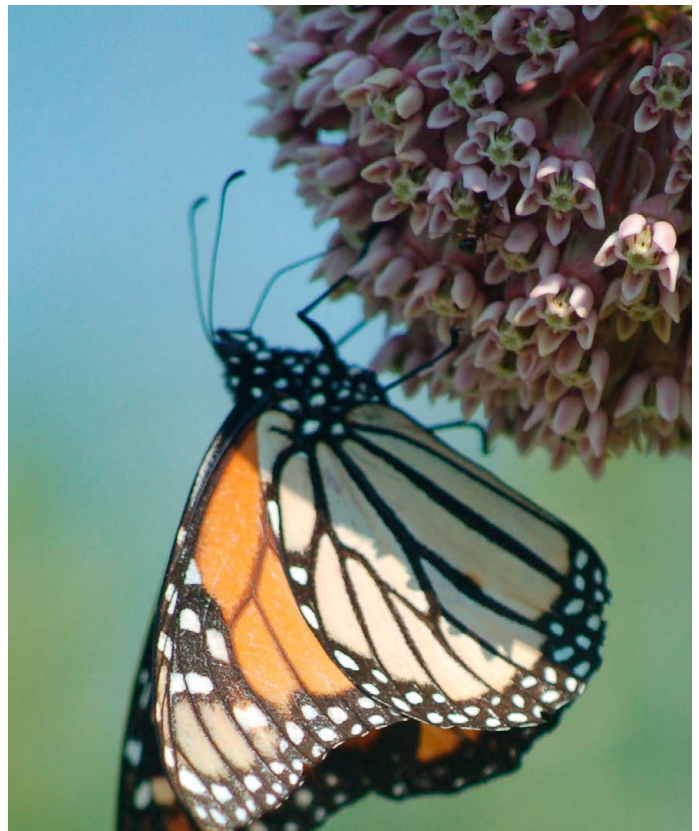
While golf carts silently roll across manicured fairways, monarchs are flitting over tall tufts of vegetation in the rough. It's just another summer day for golfers and the resident wildlife of Village Links.

The Village Links of Glen Ellyn, a municipal golf course, was established in 1967 with an environmental purpose. It was designed to manage the storm water causing flooding south of Roosevelt Road. Managing storm water with green infrastructure was an inspired solution that created a recreational asset and a low-cost public works project. According to Chris Pekarek, Golf Course Superintendent, the golf course is financially self-sustaining and is not supported with tax revenue.

The course took on a new look in the early 1990s through its participation in Audubon International's innovative Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf (ACSPG). Land use patterns had been rapidly changing with an alarming loss of habitat for birds and wildlife. The search was on for compatible ways and places for wildlife and people to coexist. The ACSPG program offered technical and financial support for reducing the environmental impact of golf courses through improved water quality, reduced reliance on municipal water sources, decreased chemical usage, and the addition of natural plantings in and out of play areas.

Village Links enthusiastically embraced the concept and in 1993 was the first ACSPG public course to be certified. Forty unmowed acres now encircle ponds, carpet hillsides, and add interest along the fairways. For years, 200 native shrubs and trees such as red, white, and swamp white oak were planted annually, reaching a stable population of 4,000 trees.

Managing some areas as habitat quickly produced results. The morning after six bluebird houses were installed, Pekarek observed a male bluebird



perched atop a house whistling for a mate.

In 2018, Audubon partnered with Environmental Defense on a new program, Monarchs in the Rough, designed for golf courses to meet the specific needs of monarch butterflies. Audubon International estimates there are at least 100,000 acres on golf courses that have the potential to become suitable habitat for butterflies and bees if appropriately managed. Village Links currently exceeds the targeted goals of the program with an estimated one million stems of milkweed.

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Sherry Stratton

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to “get” the essence of you. And of editing, her goal is to help writers look and sound their best. The River Prairie Group is indeed grateful for Sherry's efforts in helping us look our best with each issue.

Sherry's latest publication connects monarch awareness and a migration sighting, against a backdrop of everyday life. It was posted May 8, 2018, on the *City Creatures Blog* of the Center for Humans and Nature. Her work has also appeared in the anthology *Songs of Ourselves: America's Interior Landscape* (2015) and in *Punctuate, Bird's Thumb, Portage, Snowy Egret*, and elsewhere.

To read a sample of Sherry's work, follow these links, and you too will get a peek at the essence of her.

<http://birdsthumb.org/july-2015/2015/7/3/accidental-visitor>

<https://portagemagazine.org/sherry-stratton-2015>

Scroll to the 8th option to find Sherry's essay, “Stopover”

<https://www.humansandnature.org/blog>

The Environmental Future is Bright: LET OUR STUDENTS LEAD!

With the school year starting up this month, your editors wanted to get a viewpoint from a teacher in the classroom on how her students are responding to the vast environmental needs that confront their generation. From the ranks of today's students will come our future leaders. We must provide the education AND the opportunities for them to put their knowledge and skills into practice. Here is the perspective of a front line leader who is encouraging the next generation to emerge as leaders.

By Kathryn Wolf

It is not surprising that many people have a pessimistic view about our future when they talk about climate change and the environment. I teach AP Environmental Science (APES) at Wheaton North High School, and my upperclassmen really wrestle with the enormity of how humans are changing the Earth. There is no question that we face many challenges when we talk about how the health of our Earth impacts the future of humanity. Then why are many of our environmental leaders such as Al Gore, author of *An Inconvenient Truth (climate change)*, or Joel Salatin of Polyface Farm (sustainable farming), or Jane Goodall of the Jane Goodall Institute (Gombe chimpanzees) so optimistic about our future? Don't they get how really bad things are?

I believe the foundation of this optimism flows from the emergence and in many cases rediscovery of knowledge about how our earth systems function. We now have or are in the process of developing the technology and wisdom capable of transforming our human world into a sustainable one that is compatible with nature. This transformation involves redefining our relationship with the natural world. As we have discovered in my classroom, this change almost invariably makes ultimate environmental AND economic sense. I strongly believe our children and young adults have the heart and drive to make a difference. However, this ability to lead requires a broad understanding about where we are today, how we got here, and what are the likely conse-

quences if we do not change. Understanding that energy has been central to the development of human civilizations is also key. When students learn how sustainable systems work, they gain an insight into how we can ensure the quality of life for humankind and the amazing biodiversity of our planet. Knowledge is power!

As a biologist, educator, and parent, I have found it disheartening to watch the accelerating pace of environmental change. What helps keep me energized are those inspiring stories that light the way. My personal environmental heroes include Chico Mendez (Brazilian rubber tappers), Wangari Maathai (African Green Belt Movement), and our own Kay McKeen (SCARCE). There are so many people who are showing us how we can change our world for the better. I believe we are on the cusp of a massive transformation. You cannot pick up a newspaper, watch TV, or go to the store without seeing important environmental innovations gaining speed. The key is that people are becoming more educated, and these changes simply make sense. Examples include our steady conversion to renewable energy such as solar and wind, the rise in popularity of organically raised food and the farm-to-table

movement, switching to naturally derived products instead of using damaging chemicals, the development of community recycling and composting programs, and the preservation of our waterways and shorelines. The list goes on and on. So how are we going to make these changes?

There are times when I step back in my APES classroom and literally get goosebumps listening to the remarkable conversations that occur among my students. Our amazing young people are ready to push forward and make a difference, whether it is simply switching their homes to LED bulbs or major initiatives like the one proposed by then 18-year-old Boyan Slatt to clean up the Pacific Garbage Patch. Students learn that they have power in the way they spend their money for more earth-friendly goods and services, in how they vote for our policy makers, and in how they live their lives every day. They have the potential to be agents of change by actively transforming attitudes and practices at all levels of our society. The understanding that every individual really CAN make a difference is power. The environmental future IS bright, we just need to let our students lead!

Monarchs

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During a July tour of Village Links, monarchs were observed bubbling up over dense stands of common milkweed and gliding through pink swamp milkweed flowers. Lavish drifts of tropical milkweed near the clubhouse welcome golfers and also attract monarchs looking for a place to lay eggs.

"We have a monoculture of grass on the course," said Pekarek. "We strive for diversity in the habitat areas."

Pekarek's vision of an eco-friendly golf course led to the addition of a "farm to table" operation in 2013. A poly hoop house grows heirloom tomatoes,

mint, kale, strawberries, cutting flowers for the restaurant, and hot peppers. Eleven hives provide honey for the restaurant and bar.

Available land is necessary for establishing wildlife habitat, but Pekarek identifies a committed land manager as an essential ingredient for a successful project. His tenure of nearly 50 years with Village Links provided the time to visualize the land's potential and the opportunity to make thriving, vibrant habitat a reality. It's a model of human and wildlife coexistence that inspires the search for more.

Whooping Crane Festival 2018

September 7-8, 2018



By Jan Bradford

Come join me for an interesting get-away weekend to learn about the largest (five feet tall) and endangered North America bird called the WHOOPING CRANE.

Our trip begins on Friday night with cocktails and dinner for an additional charge. Afterwards, Dr. Misty McPhee, Associate Professor of environmental science and wildlife behavior at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, will give an informative presentation about the whooping crane reintroduction program. Misty has been the lead researcher at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge for the past three years and will share her findings in determining the post-hatch/pre-fledge whooping crane chick mortality issues. She will be honored for her work by Operation Migration. More information when you sign up.

The following day is the Crane Festival, which seems to be growing each year. There will be many exhibits, David Stokes, an "Aldo Leopold" award winner, silent auction, food, and presentations. This year our presenters will be Bev Paulan--flying for birds, Rob Zimmer--Wetland birds and habits, Pat Fisher--raptor rehabilitations (and live birds), and Joe Duff, CEO of Operation with his presentation "Hope takes Wing."

An optional night may be added to your get-away trip so you can explore the area on Sunday. There is lots to do, including antique shops, hiking, canoeing, hand-blown glass demonstrations, etc., so come join me for this exciting weekend getaway trip and learn about the endangered Whooping Crane of North America.

How Will You Feel the Day after the Election?

By Stacey Salman

Sierra Club's mission is "Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Planet." The recklessness of the current administration makes protecting the planet more important than ever. We see clean air and clean water protections being rolled back, the EPA is under constant attack, and our Great Lakes are threatened, while protected public lands are being opened to drilling by oil and gas companies. You may be asking, "but what can I do?" While changes in personal behaviors are important, I would suggest the single most valuable act to protect the environment is to help elect an environmental champion. We need strong leaders in Springfield and DC ready to stand up to polluters by passing laws that protect our communities and our public health, and secure a healthy future.

This spring and summer, River Prairie Group's Political Team was working through the formal endorsement process with potential candidates. Sierra Club endorses candidates who demonstrate an understanding and commitment to our work, our values, and our members. While we cannot compete with the influence of big money, our political work is proof that organized people can beat organized money.

Sierra Club's power comes from our 3.5 million members and supporters ready to make their voices and votes count!

The importance of the upcoming fall elections cannot be overstated. We know so much is at stake. With an absence of leadership at the federal level, state governments will need to step up and lead. Federal races are important, but equally important is electing green leaders at the state level. We want Illinois to continue the transition away from dirty fuels, to continue leading in clean job creation, and to protect our natural spaces for future generations. We know the voters in DuPage County are fired up. The energy is palpable. People are motivated!! This is not the election to sit out. This is an "all hands on deck" political moment. Do you remember how you felt after the 2016 elections? Let's not repeat that feeling in the next election. Together, we can accomplish so much.

Visit the Sierra Club Illinois website to learn more about our endorsed candidates. To get more information about how to help support our political work and our endorsed candidates, email staceysalman@gmail.com.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR RPG EX-COM

Up for re-election this year are: **Bob Barbieri, Stacey Salman, Connie Schmidt, and Linda Sullivan.** The actual ballot will appear in a paper “snail mail” mailing from the Illinois Chapter in late October. You will be able to vote for candidates of the RPG and the Illinois Chapter Ex- Com. Voting will be available electronically or with a cut-out and mail-in ballot.

Remember, vote this fall!

Stacey Salman

I am currently the political chair for the Sierra Club River Prairie Group. I have been leading the political program for Sierra Club in DuPage County and proud of the work we all do endorsing and electing green champions. A lifelong resident of DuPage, I care greatly about the people we send to represent us in Springfield and Washington. We have important work to continue doing at all levels of government to advance clean energy and clean energy jobs, to fight rollbacks to clean air and water, and to work toward a clean and sustainable future. I am excited to continue working with our various teams and leaders to make Sierra Club even stronger and more powerful in DuPage County.



Linda Sullivan

I am committed to the Sierra Club because of its grassroots structure that empowers ordinary people to make a difference. Currently, I am the Political Field Team co-chair and Lobby Team chair for the River Prairie Group. Nothing is more important to me now than to empower our members who want to elect progressive, environmental candidates and who want to ensure that they follow-through with good legislation. My best traits are hard work and follow through. If I am elected, I will work hard on your behalf.



Connie Schmidt

I am running for the River Prairie Group Ex-Com in 2018 because I am desperately concerned about protecting our planet and local area. I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1990 and have been an activist ever since. Currently, I am the chair of the state Sierra Club, but I cannot lose sight of our home territory. I also attend local forest preserve meetings as a liaison. I lobby local and state elected officials and have served on numerous endorsement committees. I serve as the co-chair for the state Clean Power Team, Equity, and Finance Team. In addition, I helped start a DuPage Clean Energy Coalition. Personally, I enjoy my horse on the local trails, my paddle board and kayak on our rivers, and love to garden to supply our family with organic safe food. I would love to serve the River Prairie Group an additional term.



Bob Barbieri

As a long-time member of the Sierra Club, I am dedicated to its grassroots structure that allows the average person to make a difference. Through active participation of its members, I believe the River Prairie Group can advance the goal of having a more environmentally conscious society.

I have been serving the RPG as River Monitoring Program Technical Advisor and Co-Administrator for the past several years and been a water tester for the last 16 years. If reelected to the Executive Committee I would bring the same dedication and enthusiasm to the Ex-Com as I have to the water testing program.



River Prairie Group (RPG) Outings

EXPLORE, ENJOY, AND PROTECT THE PLANET BY DISCOVERING YOUR LOCAL OUTDOORS.

Sierra Club Local Outdoors volunteers lead a range of outings that are as diverse as their interests. Depending on where you are, you can choose from day hikes, bicycling, skiing, paddling, bird-watching, conservation-oriented activities, or forays into the remaining natural areas of our major cities.

For more details on these outings, visit: www.sctrips.org

Whooping Crane Festival

Fri, Sep 7, 2018, 5:00 PM

Phonebank for the Environment

Wed, Sept. 12, 2018, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Free & Open Film & Discussion Program: "Reinventing Power"

Fri, Sept. 14, 2018, 7:20 PM

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness: Two and a half days of hiking

Sept. 20, 6:00 PM – Sept. 23, 12:00 PM

Yerkes Observatory & Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy

Sat, Sept. 29, 2018, 9:45 AM

Backpack - Manistee River - North Country

Fri, Oct. 12, 8:00 AM – Sun, Oct. 14, 2:00 PM

Hike Kettle Moraine Nordic Trail

Sat, Oct. 13, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Fall Forest Preserve Work Days

Churchill Woods/Glacial Ridge

Forest Preserve Service Event Organized by Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Dates:

Sat. September 8, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat. October 6, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Meet at Walnut Glen Park, 860 Walnut St, Glen Ellyn, IL. Preregistration, waiver, and proper dress are required.

Interested in some fresh air and a chance to learn and restore nature?

Contact Bruce Blake for more information - rllnstns1@aol.com. Call the FPDDC Volunteer Office at (630) 206-9630 to register and fill out a waiver. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver for you. Ages 8 through 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Online - <http://www.dupageforest.org> drop down column under volunteer/NRM. Also check "more info" for waiver link. Note: This outing is under the auspices and rules of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC). This is not a Sierra Club sponsored activity, but we strongly support the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

How to Dress: Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and bring your own work gloves, if possible. Shorts are not recommended, as you will be working amidst thorny brush and, occasionally, poisonous plants. Flip-flops, sandals and open-toe shoes are forbidden.



Don't Get Left Out in the Cold... Join Us!



Sierra Club Outings are a terrific way to meet new people and enjoy the great outdoors. Whatever your interests - hiking, canoeing or birdwatching - there is an outing for everyone. If you are new to the area, let your local Chapter or Group give you the lay of the land. Join today and become part of America's largest environmental organization offering the most enjoyable outings.

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Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35

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