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2006 Elections in Washington D.C.

by Lisa Swanson

Congratulations, D.C. Sierra Club voters! Electoral victories across the country on November 7 made environmentalists very happy, but here in Washington our local electoral action was essentially wrapped up in the closed primary on September 12. We were five for five in endorsing winning D.C. Council candidates.

Phil Mendelson (D), always our ally on environmental issues like blocking roadways and supporting clean fuel buses, won re-election to his at-large seat, beating Scott Bolden's well-funded effort to get him out. We contributed money and loads of campaign volunteer hours in precincts around the city,

and Mendelson's outstanding 64 percent to 36 percent margin validated the effort.

We gave Vincent Gray (D-Ward 7) one of the first of many endorsements in his campaign to chair the council. Endorsing Gray over Kathy Patterson (D-Ward 3) was not an easy selection, because Patterson has been a skilled legislator and ally on banning toxic chemical transport through the most populous parts of the city. Our endorsement team appreciated that Gray "gets it" on our need for improved transit, speaking ably about other cities' experience with light rail, for example, and for cleaning up the Anacostia River. Gray brings a reputation as a person skilled in bringing all

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MWROP Stays in Step with the D.C. Chapter and Other Groups

by Paul Elliott

The Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP, pronounced "em-rop") has had a productive 2006. It began in Georgetown with a New Year's Day hike on the C&O Canal towpath that provided 74 individuals with exercise, social opportunity, mild weather and on-the-spot information about plans to adorn the towpath with a private mega-boathouse. It will end in Virginia's Prince William County with an environmentally educational hike in a little-used-by-hikers state forest. And what MWROP has done in between is the subject of this brief report.

Mostly, MWROP's 42 active leaders have continued to provide the public with outings on behalf of the Sierra Club's Washington, D.C., Chapter and the close-in groups of the club's Maryland and Virginia chapters. By year's end, we will have taken some 3,500 people on about 250 outings scattered across the metro area from downtown D.C. to the Blue Ridge's summits

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photo by Paul Elliott

Hikers pause at one of Rock Creek Park's unlabeled treasures--a rustic cabin relocated from Meridian Hill, where it had been the bearskin-lined abode of Joaquin Miller, the once-lionized "Poet of the Sierras."

The Importance of Giving: Putting Money Behind Your Values

by Jason Broehm

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Each fall when my office's charitable giving program comes around, I enjoy selecting a handful of nonprofit organizations to support out of my paycheck for the year ahead. There are so many worthy organizations that I always find it difficult to narrow my list to just four or five. Throughout the year I support other organizations with additional contributions. This is, I feel, an important way of putting my values into action whether I am helping to feed, clothe and provide medical care or social services for the less fortunate or donating money to protect and restore the environment.

I remember the first contribution I made to the Sierra Club about six years ago. At the time I was relatively new to Washington and had just become involved with a neighborhood organization that was working with the club to block an environmentally destructive road through a beautiful valley park. Although I was already a dues-paying Sierra Club member, I had never been active in the club and had never made a special contribution before. I was just starting my career and didn't have a lot of disposable income, but I made a small contribution, writing "Save Klingle Valley!" on my check.

Within a year of writing that first check, I was volunteering with the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Sierra Club as an elected Executive Committee member, and I've now served for about five years (having made additional donations along the way). During this time, I've been fortunate to have the opportunity to see the many great things the Sierra Club does locally to stand up for the environment, among them advocating for clean air and water and protecting our parkland.

The Sierra Club is effective because of our volunteers who publicize our local environmental problems, advocate solutions, and convince citizens, public officials and businesses to take action to address these problems.

But our volunteers need financial resources to support their activities, and this is where we need help from you, our members.

In March of each year, the Sierra Club permits its chapters to send a fundraising appeal letter to our members. This is one of our most important means of supporting our volunteers' environmental protection work. **This year we set an ambitious goal for ourselves – to raise a net total of \$5,000 – and we have made good progress, but we are still about \$2,000 short.** With about a month left in the year, we remain optimistic that we can still reach this goal.

If only 100 of our more than 3,000 chapter members donated \$20 each, we would meet our goal, and if those who could afford more contributed more generously, we'd exceed that goal! **I strongly encourage you to put your environmental values into action by making a generous financial contribution to the Sierra Club to support our environmental protection efforts locally.**

To help boost our expanding volunteer environmental protection efforts, we've recently taken a leap of faith and converted Joanna Winchester, our chapter employee, from half-time to full-time. By expanding Joanna's hours, we can recruit and mobilize more volunteers and achieve more environmental successes, but this move also costs the chapter more in salary requirements.

In order to sustain this commitment in the long term, we will need to step up our fundraising efforts. In addition to looking to you, our members, for financial support we will also be exploring other funding sources. If you have fundraising expertise, particularly in working with foundations, we would welcome your volunteer involvement as well as your financial donations. To inquire about how you can help, please contact me at jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org or Joanna Winchester at joanna.winchester@sierraclub.org or 202-543-0552.

It's Not Too Late to Help the D.C. Chapter Achieve Our 2006 Fundraising Goal!

If you would like to make an end-of-year financial contribution to support the Sierra Club's efforts to protect our environment right here in Washington, D.C., please write a check to "Sierra Club Washington, D.C. Chapter" and send it to Karen Cordry, Treasurer, 10705 Torrance Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20902.


Contributions to the Sierra Club are not tax deductible. If you would prefer, however, to make a tax deductible contribution, you may write a check to "Sierra Club Foundation" and send it to the same address as above.

Calendars

Don't Forget Your Calendars!

It's that time of the year again—time to see which gorgeous new pictures the Sierra Club has found for its 2007 calendars. There's no better way to decorate your office wall and display your pride in being a member of the oldest conservation organization in the country. There are two stunning choices—a wall calendar at \$12.95 and a desk calendar at \$13.95. You can pick up a calendar at the chapter's office most days during normal business hours at 218 D St., S.E. 20003 from our incredibly efficient staffer, Joanna Winchester. (Call ahead at 202-543-0552 to make sure she's not out on Sierra Club business.) Or else come to one of the social events over the next several weeks and we'll try to have calendars available there.


Better yet—does your office provide calendars to staff? How about asking your office manager if employees can pick Sierra Club calendars as their choice? In my small office alone last year, this resulted in 15 people choosing to have the Sierra Club calendars on their wall, all at no cost to the employees and with very little effort on my part. (Of course, even if people have to buy their own, it's a great choice to offer them, as a non-fattening alternative to buying Girl Scout cookies.) If you'd like to receive a supply of calendars, check with Joanna, or with Karen Cordry at 301-933-3640 and we'll get them to you pronto.




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Sierra Club Knocks Off Powerful Anti-Environmental Congressman

by Jason Broehm

On November 7, U.S. Representative Richard Pombo (R-Calif.), the powerful chairman of the House Resources Committee, lost his bid for re-election to Democratic challenger Jerry McNerney, a wind-power consultant. Pombo, a conservative property-rights advocate who came to Congress in 1992 with the goal of weakening the Endangered Species Act and other important environmental protections, also has been a leader in efforts to open Alaska's Arctic National

Wildlife Refuge and offshore coastal areas nationwide to oil drilling.

In fall 2005, Pombo angered many residents of the Washington, D.C., area when he advanced legislation that would have sold off national parkland across the city, including Roosevelt Island in the Potomac River and Poplar Point on the Anacostia River, to developers. The Sierra Club seized on his overreaching proposal by holding a rally on Roosevelt Island, the location of the national memorial to Theodore Roosevelt, the president with probably the strongest environmental legacy and also a Republican. Pombo ultimately dropped his proposal and the areas remained protected.

The Sierra Club and other environmental groups have fought hard over the last 14 years to defend against Pombo's anti-environmental legislation, and this year they united with labor organizations and successfully targeted him for defeat at the polls, knocking on thousands of his constituents' doors to get out the vote for his opponent. Pombo's defeat was among the sweetest victories for the Sierra Club in this election year. For a related article on the Sierra Club website, visit: <http://www.sierraclub.org/planet/200606/mcnerney.asp>.



photo by Jason Broehm

At a rally on Roosevelt Island in fall 2005, Sierra Club leader Glen Besa speaks out before a statue of the former president against the proposal by Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Calif.) to sell off national parkland to developers.

Cool Schools – Clean Cities

by Akima Cornell

First, I would like to thank the dedicated and wonderful volunteers of D.C.'s Cool Cities Chapter, recently renamed the Cool Climate Action Team (Cool CATs), who have already initiated and sustained dynamic energy conservation programs. Numerous volunteers are working with apartment complexes, businesses and individual property owners to help them improve their energy efficiency. Other volunteers have given talks at various religious institutions, offices and events, expounding on the benefits of reducing our carbon footprint. Yet working and talking with these groups is merely the beginning; we need to expand our efforts to educate more people on the importance of energy efficiency. How can we educate more D.C. residents? Well, the Cool CATs are going back to school.

That's right. The D.C. Cool CATs are starting to work on a new program and we need your help! The Cool Schools program is designed to teach students about climate change and what steps they can take in their own homes to reduce its impact. The goal is to have teachers and parents working with their students to understand how small changes in their daily lives can make a huge impact and how leaving their computers on all night wastes kilowatts; and of energy made

from tons of coal, which when burned releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. With the proper tools and simple explanations, students can not only change their own energy habits but also those of their friends and families, advancing energy awareness in the District.

The Cool Schools program will charge students with surveying the energy usage in their homes, counting the number of hours they spend using electronic devices such as their computers and televisions and how long they keep their lights on. Once students have calculated their initial energy usage they will be encouraged to devise ways in which to lower that usage, working with their parents to decide what alternative energy options they can implement.

In order to get this project up and running we need volunteers to draft and review materials to be used in the classroom. Eventually volunteers will put the program into force by helping teachers explain the materials. If you have an interest in education and working with teachers and students, please contact Cool Cities coordinators Akima Cornell or Jessica Deskiewicz by e-mail at CoolCitiesDC@gmail.com.

Conservation Committee Update

by Bob Morris

I was recently in Petersburg, West Virginia, for fly-fishing and a canoe run down the East Branch of the South Fork of the Potomac. Or is it the North Branch of the West Fork? Whatever! The people in Petersburg are very friendly, but not terribly up to date on national news. The newspapers, TV news and radio almost exclusively concentrate on what is happening in their little corner of West Virginia. Naturally, our conversations were dominated by the main feature of the town...the river. Talk ranged from flies to fish to floods, and they filled me in on whose house and which bridges were lost in the last big flood in 1997. I told them that I have been hearing people talk about more and bigger floods in the future because of "that global warming stuff."

"I've heard some of that," they'd tell me. "It's a big worry for us, not knowing what's going to happen or what to do about it."

Climate change is a big worry for the Sierra Club, too. Over the past three years the club has realized that we have to take responsibility for building a new environmental movement that will move America away from an ethic of wasteful consumption and toward one of conservation and climate protection. Our unique blend of reach, structure and reputation creates the potential to effectively address the local aspects of this national issue in a coordinated fashion. Now we are figuring out how to realize that potential, and initiatives are developing quickly at the local, regional and national levels.

In the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Energy and Climate Action Team (E-CAT) has been forming over the past year and volunteers are moving forward on several promising fronts. Earlier this year, Akima Cornell and Jessica Deskiewicz took up the national Cool Cities program (www.coolcities.us) and started a strong D.C. campaign. Now we are bringing the E-CAT program under the Cool Cities campaign umbrella, which gives us a Cool Climate Action Team, with over 65 Cool-CATs committed to gaining broad public support for action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In mid-October I attended a regional energy summit at Blowing Rock, N.C., where representatives of nine state

Sierra Club chapters agreed that our main task is to enlist the people to effect necessary changes to American culture. We cannot expect leadership on climate change to come from corporate or political sectors that are wedded to the fossil fuel economy, so we have to build demand from the grassroots. In mid-November I am going to the Sierra Club Board of Directors meeting at which a prime topic will be how to best manage our national initiatives in order to build a new environmental movement in the United States. I'm proud to say the vibrant program being built in D. C. by extraordinary volunteers such as Akima, Jessica, Russ Edwards, Scott Williamson, Ed Bogdan, Dave Kessler and many others is being closely looked at for keys as to how to build an organized but flexible campaign to engage volunteers, other public and private organizations, businesses, places of worship and learning with the goal of binding them all together into a broad cultural movement to protect our climate.

There is one essential element needed for us to take the next step in building the new environmental movement. You are that element. Through you, the Sierra Club can reach out to your family, your friends, your school, your place of work or worship, your local businesses and organizations, spreading the word about climate change and what we can do about it. You need to become a Cool-CAT! Contact Joanna. Winchester@sierraclub.com or call 202-543-0552 so our energy leaders can help you become part of the movement. Your participation will be whatever you can do: complete a personal carbon footprint inventory, talk to a family member, talk to a friend, a pastor, your landlord, a local teacher. Or maybe you are able to lobby for carbon reduction legislation, provide financial assistance to develop and print materials or connect us with a major developer or office holder. However large or small the act, whatever you are able to do to help build the movement will be an element of the campaign that only you can provide.

When my wife, Barbara, and I were out to dinner recently I struck up a conversation with a gentleman dining alone at a nearby table. He was a psychologist from Phoenix visiting the American Psychological Association on the issue of allowing psychologists to write prescriptions for psychoactive drugs.

We talked about desert cities and their reliance on diminishing water sources. He was concerned to hear that increasing incidence of drought is predicted, due to climate change.

"I'm going to have to find out more about that," he told me, just as the people in Petersburg had done. It turns out that almost everyone wants to know what is going to happen and what they can do about it. It's up to us to help them find out. This is how we will build this movement.

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D.C. Election Results

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stakeholders to the table on community issues, which will serve the council well.

Two new members won our nods and voter approval: Tommy Wells in Ward 6 and Mary Cheh in Ward 3. Wells talked in his campaign about creating a livable and walkable city. We picked Cheh, again in one of her earlier endorsements, from many strong candidates in the ward, as an articulate proponent of sensible development in the Wisconsin Avenue corridor and elsewhere in the city.

In Ward 1, Jim Graham, our endorsed candidate who has been an ally on transit issues, won easily.

We did not make an endorsement in the mayoral race, where Adrian Fenty (D-Ward 4) won by a large margin over outgoing council chairman Linda Cropp (D-At Large). Fenty has been an opponent of our positions on protecting parkland. Nevertheless, we have hopes for the new mayor as he picks his inner circle — he has already named Dan Tangherlini, who formerly headed the D.C. Department of Transportation, as his city administrator -- and begins working with the newly constituted council. Fenty and the District face decisions on improved transit, cleaner air and smart development in busy corridors.

And it wasn't all over on September 12. When Fenty and Gray move into their new positions they will leave their seats mid-term, and voters in wards 4 and 7 will be able to pick their successors in a special election in April to fill the vacancies. Stay tuned.

D.C. Chapter Endorses Transit-Oriented Green Building

by Ralph Garboushian

Although the Metrorail system is now 30 years old, too much of the land adjacent to its stations retains an automobile-oriented, suburban style of development, even in the central core of our region. This poor land use disconnects neighborhoods from stations and poses a hazard to pedestrians. Just as importantly, it fails to maximize our region's investment in Metrorail and jeopardizes efforts to stop the seemingly endless onslaught of our metropolitan area's suburban sprawl, which now threatens locales as distant as George Washington National Forest and Gettysburg National Historical Park. In addition, this kind of land use near Metrorail stations bodes ill for the District's efforts to attract 100,000 new residents, particularly if we want to avoid the nightmare of 100,000 new cars.

As part of our efforts to counter these trends, the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club recently endorsed construction of a new condominium building with ground floor retail at 5220 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. The site of the new building, currently occupied by a used car lot, sits directly adjacent to the Jenifer Street entrance of the Friendship Heights Metrorail Station. Not only will the new building replace a dead spot on an otherwise lively commercial street, but the developer



All smiles at Phil Mendelson's victory party with Matthew Tisdale, Danilo Pelletiere, Phil Mendelson, Jason Broehm, and Ralph Garboushian.



has also agreed to use green building techniques, including a green roof, and to seek Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification for this building.

The proposed development would not lead to the destruction of any existing homes, the destruction of any historic buildings or the loss of any parkland. In addition, because of the location and the nature of the housing units, residents of the building are likely to have a lower rate of car ownership than the residents of adjacent single-family neighborhoods and are likely to have a high rate of transit ridership. For that reason, a traffic study has shown that the project will not adversely impact traffic in the neighborhood. Further bolstering the proposed building's green credentials, the developer has agreed to include secure bicycle storage facilities for residents and retail store employees (with showers and changing rooms) in the building and to dedicate two parking spaces to car sharing.

In addition to the Sierra Club, the project is supported by the Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities, the Coalition for Smarter Growth and Ward 3 Visions, a neighborhood group that supports transit-oriented, mixed-use development along the Upper Wisconsin Avenue Corridor. If successful, this project has the potential to serve as a model for similar projects near other Metrorail stations surrounded by parking and suburban-style land use.

Outings

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and the Chesapeake Bay's shores. Most outings have been weekend day hikes, but there also have been weekday day hikes and full-moon evening hikes, as well as occasional weekend backpacking excursions, bike rides, canoe trips and social events.

This year, we have increasingly included a low-key educational dimension aimed at introducing participants to the area's natural and human history, to its parks and other public lands, and to the conservation, preservation and tricky development issues that abound and lurk. We also have coordinated more with our client chapters and groups and with the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, Potomac Conservancy, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, C&O Canal Association and the Appalachian Mountain Club's D.C. chapter.

In my nonobjective opinion, one highlight of our year was a well-publicized series of hikes to celebrate the opening of the 40-mile Cross County Trail in Virginia's Fairfax County. Another was our fall meeting on Capitol Hill, where we made fruitful common cause with the D.C. Chapter's Jason Broehm and Joanne Winchester and the Metro D.C. office's Chris Carney. A third highlight was our involvement in Montgomery County's discussions of the future of that county's parks.

A fourth was our annual One Day Hike



Exploring Georgetown on an MWROP urban outing, these hikers discover historic and hidden Holy Rood Cemetery, just off Wisconsin Avenue.

from the District to Harpers Ferry. That turned out to be bigger and better than ever before, thanks to some 70 volunteers. For all three distances—100, 80, and 50 kilometers—we had 198 registrants, 182 starters and 143 finishers. For details and for information on the 2007 One Day Hike, visit www.onedayhike.org.

MWROP's plans for 2007 are to keep going, starting with our long-time New Year's Day hike. Please join us for all or part of it. See the back of this newsletter for details on that and other MWROP outings, and visit www.mwrop.org to get our full current schedule and learn how to get a free subscription to our bimonthly calendar.

Lastly, please give us suggestions for new outings, and also consider leading some yourself. Contact our leader coordinator, Marcia Wolf, at wolfmk@comcast.net or 301-565-3165, or contact me—see below.

Paul Elliott is the current MWROP chair and the author of the about-to-be published second edition of "60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Washington, D.C." He's reachable at metrohiker@yahoo.com or 703-256-6351.

photo by Paul Elliott

Introducing Irving Sheffey, Sierra Club's New Environmental Justice Organizer for D.C.

By Glen Besa

On November 13, Irvine Sheffey joined the Sierra Club staff as our new Environmental Justice (EJ) organizer based in D.C. Irv replaces Linda Fennell, who has gone to work for Earth Conservation Corps, where she is still working on Anacostia River restoration.

We are very pleased that Irv has come to work for the club. He brings a maturity and a non-traditional perspective to the job. Although Irv had lived in D.C. in the 1970s, he was a long-time resident of New York City until 2001, when 9/11 prompted him to review what he was doing and chart a new course. Irv left a financial management career he had worked at for over 20 years and pursued a graduate degree in Environmental Studies at Antioch College in Keene, N.H.

After graduating from Antioch, Irv returned to D.C. in 2005 to pursue a new career in environmental advocacy. Most recently Irv has been a volunteer with Casey Trees as a lead citizen forester working on Pope Creek in D.C., where he met Linda Fennell.

Irv will be reopening our EJ office, unoccupied since Linda departed in August. He will be attending the Appalachian field staff retreat his first week on the job and then renewing contacts with the communities where the EJ program has been active. Linda Fennell has volunteered to serve on our EJ advisory committee and will help Irv's transition considerably by orienting him to the club's work in D.C.

Please join me in welcoming Irv Sheffey to the Sierra Club.

Glen Besa is regional staff director—Appalachian region.

Announcements

Ed Wayburn's 100th Birthday

by Jim Dougherty

On September 17, we celebrated the 100th birthday of one of the greatest conservationists of our era—Ed Wayburn. Having once served with Ed on the Sierra Club's Board of Directors, I'd like to tip my hat to him.

Ed joined the Sierra Club as an outdoor enthusiast in 1939. In 1947 the San Francisco Bay Chapter leadership recruited him for its Executive Committee. He soon became chapter chair.

For years he and Ansel Adams dreamed of saving the Marin headlands on the north side of the Golden Gate bridge—and they led the campaign that did it. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area was largely the brainchild of Ed and Congressman Phil Burton. From there, Ed led campaigns to protect the Point Reyes National Seashore and to create Redwood National Park.

The most striking of his past accomplishments was his central role in the development and enactment of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. Ed, along with President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, led a campaign to lock up 110 millions acres of gorgeous Alaskan scenery in parks and refuges—land that otherwise would have remained unprotected.


In addition to his service on the club's Board of Directors, Ed has been a trustee of the Sierra Club Foundation and is now an honorary president of the Sierra Club. President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999.

Like many of us, Ed always had a "day job." He maintained a family medical practice in San Francisco for decades. He remains involved in many of the club's ongoing conservation programs; I see his e-mails regularly.


To learn more about Ed's work, see his own book "Your Land and Mine: Evolution of a Conservationist" (Sierra Club Books, 2004) or Amy Meyer's "New Guardians of the Golden Gate" (University of California Press, 2006).



photo by Jim Dougherty



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Giant Sequoias are the largest living things on the planet, some dating back over 3,000 years. Sierra Club has worked for the protection of these gentle giants for over 100 years. Sequoias can grow up to 1 to 2 feet tall per year until they are between 200 to 300 feet high, and then like people, they grow out. Sequoias have withstood the test of time - and by now, their only true enemy is us. Currently, Sequoias are in grave danger of being destroyed by commercial logging. We have the power to preserve or destroy these majestic trees.

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Announcements

If This Doesn't Excite You, What Will?

Your Sierra Club membership entitles you to a range of benefits and special offers such as a one-year subscription to the SIERRA magazine, members-only eco-travel opportunities, local chapter membership, and discounts on Sierra Club books, calendars and merchandise. As an added bonus, the D.C. Chapter is working with local eco-friendly businesses to establish additional member discounts. Eco-Green Living (formerly Future Green) and Synergy Day Spa are offering Sierra Club members a 10 percent discount. Buy green and give green this holiday season by shopping for fair trade and organic gifts at the Sierra Club Store at www.sierraclub.org/store or by shopping at Eco-Green Living and Synergy Day Spa for premier green, organic and fair trade items for lifestyle, home remodeling and personal care products.

Interested in offering Sierra Club members a discount? Please contact Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205 or washingtondc.chapter@sierraclub.org.



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Give the Gift of Membership This Holiday Season

Looking for a meaningful gift that keeps on giving? Give the gift of membership this holiday season (or Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, etc.). Your friends and family will delight in the gift that lasts. A Sierra Club membership is a wonderful way to share your love for exploring, enjoying and protecting the environment with loved ones. Gift memberships include a free Sierra Club Expedition Pack (for a limited time only), a one-year subscription to the SIERRA magazine, members-only eco-travel opportunities, local chapter membership and discounts on Sierra Club books, calendars and merchandise. To give by phone or to request a gift membership brochure, please call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205; visit <https://www.sierraclub.org/membership/gift>; or submit the gift membership form in this newsletter. What a great way to finish your holiday shopping without ever leaving your home!

Celebrate the Warmth of the Season... at the Annual Holiday Party

Each December, the chapter rings in the holiday season with its Annual Holiday Party. The festive party draws club members, non-members, volunteers, community leaders and distinguished guests from the D.C. government and is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the evening socializing over food and drink and win raffle prizes from local eco-friendly businesses. The 2006 party will be at Odeon Café, 1714 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on December 6, 2006. A minimum donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help cover the cost of the vegetarian and non-vegetarian Italian cuisine. There will be a cash bar. All are invited to RSVP by visiting dc.sierraclub.org/calendar or by calling Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.



Announcements

Where the Outdoors Is a Way of Life

Where the Outdoors Is a Way of Life New Zealand's awesome landscapes, lush forests, amazing wildlife and pleasant climate make it a haven for many outdoor activities. On February 28, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sierra Club Legislative Office (401 C Street, N.E.) Jason Broehm, chapter chair, will talk about his adventures in New Zealand where he visited five national parks and hiked the trails. All are invited to come hear about what makes New Zealand a paradise for nature lovers. Sierra Club members who attend can enter to win the Sierra Club Book "Adventuring in New Zealand" by Margaret Jefferies. Please visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar to confirm date and time and to RSVP, or call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.



Operation Thank You: Membership Mixer

"Thank you." Two simple words that mean so much but are not expressed nearly enough. Thank you for your support and for participating in the conservation efforts, volunteer opportunities and social activities of the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club. To further show our appreciation, you are invited to a special chapter event: an exclusive party for members and chapter leaders to catch the buzz about D.C.'s most active environmental group. This is your chance to get to know the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club and find out more about our membership benefits. So, come mix and mingle with us at our Membership Mixer on February 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at a venue to be determined. The event, free to paid members and \$10 for non-members considering membership, will include chances to win exciting prizes and to enjoy free appetizers, a Certificate of Appreciation for 10-, 25-, and 50-year members and a cash bar. And who better to spread the word about the Sierra Club than one of our dedicated members. Not only can you help advance the club, but you just might win a spectacular "thank you" gift! Current members who RSVP and recruit two or more new members are eligible. Visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar for location and to RSVP, or please call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.

Dining Out Good and Healthy in D.C., Md., and Va.

The True Cost of Food is a national Sierra Club campaign that promotes sustainable food choices. The D.C. and Virginia chapters organize monthly visits to restaurants that offer more sustainable dining options. Relax with like-minded people while enjoying delicious food and learning more about how our food choices impact the earth, animals and our health. There is no



cost to attend these restaurant outings; however, each person pays for his or her food. For more information about the True Cost of Food Campaign, please visit www.truecostoffood.org. Check the calendar in the back of this newsletter or

Help Wanted

Enjoy working with people? Recruiting, retaining and engaging members is vital to the sustainability of the D.C. Chapter as well as any other organization. With active and engaged members come new ideas, energy, talents and friends and a pool of new leaders to carry on the work toward achieving the chapter's goals and commitments to the environment. We need all members to be involved with membership recruitment, and the first step is to be part of the G.R.E.E.N (Guys and Girls Recruiting, Retaining, and Engaging Environmentalists in the Nation's Capital) Team. The G.R.E.E.N Team will meet January 31, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at Afterwords Café & Grill, 1517 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., to discuss goals and strategies for 2007. To set the stage, current Sierra Club members who RSVP and recruit two or more new members to join at the event can register to win a Sierra Club 2007 Engagement Calendar. Visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar to confirm date and location and to RSVP, or please call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.



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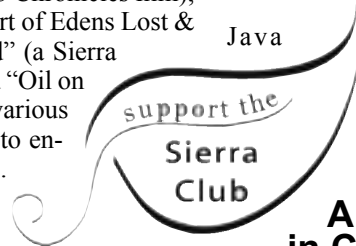
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Announcements

There Is a Saying in the Film Industry: "It All Starts With a Great Script"

The D.C. Chapter continues to host film screenings throughout the year to entertain, educate, enlighten and inspire audiences. Films include "9/11 Forgotten Heroes" (a Sierra Club Chronicles film); "The Anacostia: Restoring the People's River;" "Breathless in LA" (a Sierra Club Chronicles film); "Chicago: City of the Big Shoulders" (part of Edens Lost & Found series); "The Day the Water Died" (a Sierra Club Chronicles film); "Just Coffee;" and "Oil on Ice". The chapter invites experts on the various film topic areas to attend the screenings to enhance the discussions. Visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar for screening dates and locations, or call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.

specialist, scholar and poet Dr. Barbara Mossberg spoke about the meaning of John Muir's life and work at our discussion on "My First Summer in the Sierra" by Sierra Club founder John Muir. Upcoming book discussions include: "The Weather Makers: How Man Is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth;" "Woman and Nature: The Roaring Inside Her;" "From the Ground Up: Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Justice Movement;" and "Coffee with Pleasure: Just and World Trade." Sierra Club members receive a 10 percent discount on Sierra Club books. Visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar for books and locations, or call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.



Improve Your Eco-Literacy

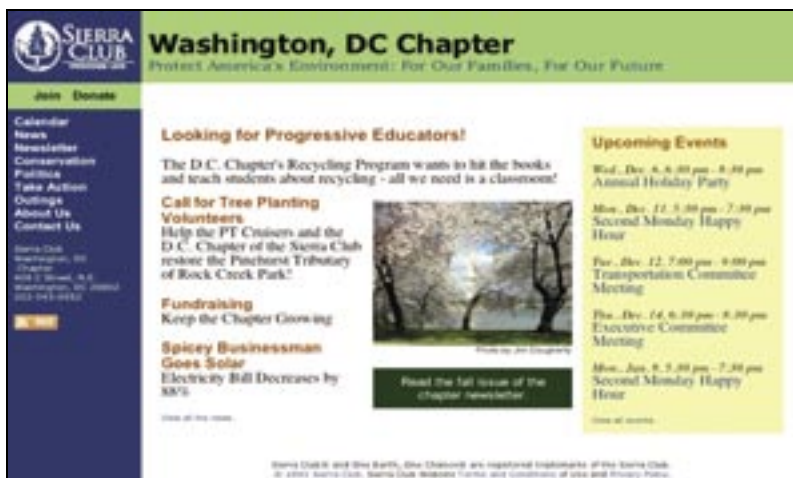
Reading clubs or groups offer individuals an outlet for a desire to discuss books. As an added bonus, many friendships form, fulfilling the need to connect with like-minded individuals. The chapter started an environmental book club in July 2006. The book club reads and discusses books on global warming, climate change, environmental justice, fair trade, women's rights, ANWR and other environmental topics. The chapter invites experts on the topic to attend the discussions. For example, leading international education

A Whole Lot of Fun Happening in Capital City, Milhouse

Social events are important to get to know others and to have fun. Countless chapter activities take place throughout the year (close to 75 between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2006) including the Second Monday Happy Hours, Environmental Book Club, Membership Mixers and True Cost of Food restaurant outings. The chapter's events provide excellent opportunities for networking, socializing and sharing relaxed environments. Most events are free but require an RSVP and are open to the public unless otherwise noted. For a regularly updated calendar of events, visit dc.sierraclub.org/calendar or call Chasta Piatakovas, membership chair, at 202-320-1205.

Bookmark This... The Chapter Has a New Website!

Launched this fall and designed by Webmaster Brad Green, the website, dc.sierraclub.org, has exciting new features. Have the latest Sierra Club news and events delivered to you through RSS feeds; find discussions, social events, meetings, outings and activities on the calendar; read chapter news and the *Capital Sierran* online; learn about conservation and politics; find experts on different issues; and take quick but effective action all on one site—dc.sierraclub.org.



Calendar

Outings

Following is a *partial* list of activities offered by the Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP).

No pets unless listing says otherwise.

For a more complete and up-to-date list and additional information, visit www.mwrop.org or call 202-547-2326.

Sat. Nov. 25. Not Rated. Edwards Ferry Cleanup. Hike a little, pick up some trash, enjoy a beautiful part of the C&O Canal towpath and help make it even more beautiful. Join Pat Hopson and Carol Ivory, C&O Canal "level walkers." We'll work from 9 a.m. to noon, then have lunch in Poolesville. Leaders will supply the bags and gloves. For directions, see <http://www.onedayhike.org/driving.htm#Edwards%20Ferry> or contact Pat at 703-379-1795 (before 9 p.m.) or Carol at carolivory@verizon.net.

Sat. Dec. 2. Rated C. Antietam Hike and Illumination. This annual event features an afternoon hike of 11 mi. (shorter options available) on mixed surfaces of Civil War battlefield, followed by a drive through the Memorial Illumination: 23,000 candles commemorating casualties of the bloodiest single-day battle in U.S. history. Bad-weather date: Dec. 9. Optional post-hike dinner at historic Old South Mountain Inn (limited reservations; e-mail/call soon). Leader: Mike Darzi mike_darzi@ssaihq.com or 301-593-4551.

Sun. Dec. 3. Rated B. Potomac Park and Tidal Basin (Get to Know D.C. Series). See the Mall, Potomac Park, bare cherry trees and memorials on a flat 8 mi. walk. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Mall entrance to the Smithsonian Metro Station. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Helen Epps 202-363-1278 (leave message).

Sun. Dec. 3. Rated C. Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area and Pohick Bay Regional Park. Moderately paced hike of 10-12 mi. in scenic area of fields and woods on Mason Neck. On-trail activities will include learning about Meadowood, currently being developed as Bureau of Land Management multi-use property (recreation, environmental education, wild horse and burro program). To carpool, meet at 10 a.m. in Alexandria at Van Dorn Street Metro Station, Park & Ride lot. Joint event with AMC/DC. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Glenn Gillis 703-430-0568.

Sat. Dec. 9. Rated B/C. Sugarloaf Mountain Northern Peaks Trail Conservation Walk. A scenic 7 mi. loop that will take us from the base up around the main summit and over several lower peaks. We'll discuss the history of the area, the concept of Montgomery Co.'s agricultural reserve and other conservation issues relevant to this region. Leader: Ron LaCoss 301-946-1106 (before 9 p.m.) or ronenviroed@aol.com.

Sat. Dec. 9. Rated C. Red Line Connector Urban Hike. Connect with the Bethesda Metro Station by hiking from the Woodley Park station. An 8 mi. hike through central to northern Rock Creek Park and along the Georgetown Branch section of the Capital Crescent Trail, connecting with a Northern Virginia Hiking Club hike along the way. Elev. gain of about 1,000 ft. and loss of about 800 ft. To carpool, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Woodley Park Metro Station. Hikers to provide their own transportation from the Bethesda Metro Station. Leader: Mike Gingerich 703-590-3188 or mgingerich@gmail.com.

Sat. Dec. 9. Rated D. Catoctin Mountain Park. Total of 8.7 mi., with 2,400 ft. of elev. change. Circuit hike in northern Md. Visit Chimney, Wolf and Hog rocks, with a side trip to Cunningham Falls. To carpool, meet at 8:30 a.m. at east tunnel entrance to the Shady Grove Metro Station. Leader: Marcia Wolf 301-565-3165 (before 9 p.m.) or wolfmk@comcast.net.

Sun. Dec. 10. Rated B. Capital Crescent and C&O Canal Conservation/History Hike. Starting from the Va. side of Chain Bridge, this 8-miler highlights connections among the C&O Canal towpath and Little Falls, Potomac Heritage and Capital Crescent trails, with side trip to remains of a Civil War artillery emplacement hidden above Little Falls valley. Learn the history of these trails and surrounding terrain at a brisk pace. Leader: Larry Broadwell 301-215-7135 (before 9 p.m.).

Sun. Dec. 10. Rated C. Sugarloaf Mountain. Moderate 7 mi. winter hike at one of our most scenic close-in hiking venues. This is also a birthday hike for all trip leaders and participants who have birthdays in December. To carpool, meet at 9 a.m. at Shady Grove Metro Station, east side by Metro tunnel. Leaders: Bob Goldberg 301-540-2915 (before 9 p.m.) and Frank Wodarczyk 703-569-6737.

Sun. Dec. 10. Rated F. Central SNP: Old Rag Mountain. Moderate- to fast-paced hike of 8.7 mi., with 2,200 ft. of elev. gain. Let's pump some rocks; great climb and spectacular panoramic views. Bring extra clothes; no fanny packs. Beginners must call for requirements. To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at Vienna Metro Station, north parking lot. Leader: Ted Fryberger 410-312-2982 (before 9:30 p.m.) or tkfryberger@comcast.net.

Sat. Dec. 16. Rated D. Riverbend Park and Great Falls Park. In Fairfax County, Va., we'll cover 9.8 mi., with 2,200 ft. of elev. change while hiking along the Potomac River and Difficult Run and have spectacular views of Great Falls. Meet at 8 a.m. in Riverbend Park at parking lot of former nature center. Leader: Russ Norfleet 703-294-6068 or russnorfleet@verizon.net.

Sun. Dec. 17. Rated B. Blockhouse Point Conservation Park and C&O Canal Towpath. Moderately paced circuit hike of 8 mi. with less than 1,000 ft. of elev. change. Starting at Pennyfield Lock, we'll trek through protected woodlands on bluffs above Potomac River, with lunch stop at superb overlook to discuss environmental threats to park. Then we'll reach Violette's Lock and trapeze back through picture-postcard area on towpath between river and restored canal. To carpool, meet at 9:30 a.m. in Bethesda at mall known as Westfield Montgomery (formerly Montgomery Mall), in parking area fronting on Democracy Blvd. under deck near Macy's (formerly Hecht's). Call if carless or for directions to go directly to trailhead. Leashed dogs okay (but call leaders first). Joint event with AMC/DC. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Ted Conwell 301-589-1513.

Mon. Dec. 25. Rated A. National Mall and Environs (Get to Know D.C. Series). Leisurely paced, non-sectarian and done-by-noon hike of up to 6 mi., with opportunity to explore selected crannies and nooks, visit two decorated and nonresident conifers and learn about Mall's history and likely future. Leashed dogs and children welcome. Meet at 8:45 a.m. on Mall at top of

escalator at Smithsonian Metro Station. Joint event with AMC/DC. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Helen Epps 202-363-1278 (leave message).

Sat. Dec. 30. Rated A/B. Conway-Robinson Memorial State Forest. Moderately paced circuit hike of 7-8 mi. in gently rolling and low-lying deciduous/coniferous woodlands just south of Little Bull Run in Prince William Co. between Manassas and Gainesville. On-trail activities will include watching for thrushes, woodpeckers, towhees, kinglets, horses, and bikes and discussion of state forest management practices and your New Year's resolutions. Note: If trails are too wet, we'll do substitute hike in same general area. To carpool, meet at 10 a.m. at Vienna Metro Station, north parking lot (train riders: bear right on emerging outdoors). Leashed dogs okay (but call leaders first). Joint event with AMC/DC. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Gary Kosciusko 703-765-0306.

Mon. Jan. 1. Rated B. Thirty-Third Annual New Year's Day Hike on C&O Canal Towpath. Start 2007 right with a 10 mi. walk along the C&O Canal. Learn about this historic area. Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wisconsin Ave. at the canal, south of M St. in Georgetown. Walk to Little Falls Pump Station (or turn around sooner) and back. Leashed dogs OK. Leaders: Carol Ivory carolivory@verizon.net and Christine Ford 703-425-6899 (before 10 p.m.); honorary co-leader: event founder and longtime event leader Walter Wells.

Calendar Subscriptions/Address Changes

Effective immediately, MWROP will no longer charge for calendar subscriptions. To order a free e-mail, print or e-mail-plus-print subscription to the calendar (good through December 2007 and then renewable), contact Scott Wilson, preferably by e-mail at SWilson@rmrhc.org; otherwise, send your written request to him at 5009 Lackawanna St., College Park, Md. 20740. Also notify Scott when your address changes.



Hike Rating System

One point is assigned to each mile and each 400' elevation change, up & down. The higher the point total, the more difficult the hike. For example, a five-mile hike with 1,200' elevation change (400' up, 800' down) gets a point total of 8 and is rated B; an 8-mile hike with an elevation change of 3,600' gets a point total of 17 and is rated E.

Rating	Points	Rating	Points	Rating	Points
A	7 or less	B	8-10	C	11 - 13
D	14- 16	E	17 - 19	F	20 - 22
G	23 - 25	H	more than 25		



Calendar

D.C. Chapter and Related Events

Following is a list of activities of the D.C. Chapter at press time. All events are free unless indicated by (\$). Please RSVP where indicated. Because of the possibility of changes, please confirm with the contact person or by checking our Web site, www.dc.sierraclub.org/.

Wed. Dec. 6

Annual Holiday Party, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Odeon Cafe (1714 Connecticut Ave. N.W.) RSVP. Door prizes. A donation of \$20 per person is suggested. Cash bar.

Mon. Dec. 11

Second Monday Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Reef (2446 18th St. N.W.) (\$) RSVP. Metro: Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan (Red Line) or 90/92/96

Tue. Dec. 12

Transportation Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sierra Club (401 C St. N.E.) All members welcome. Metro: Union Station (Red Line) or D6, Circulator. Contact Jason Broehm at jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org or 202-299-0745.

Thu. Dec. 14

Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sierra Club (401 C St. N.E.) All members welcome. Metro: Union Station (Red Line) or D6, Circulator. Contact Jason Broehm at jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org or 202-299-0745.

Mon. Jan. 8

Second Monday Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cafe Citron (1345 Connecticut Ave. N.W.) (\$) RSVP. Dress code required; business casual or casual elegant (no flipflops, shorts, etc.) Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line) or 42 bus

Thu. Jan. 18

Environmental Book Club - "Good Green Homes," 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Eco-Green Living (1469 Church St. N.W.) RSVP. Store owner Keith Ware will talk about the store's green building products. Sierra Club members receive a 10% discount on store purchases. Attend the discussion if you have made a good faith effort to read the book.

Thu. Jan. 25

True Cost of Food Restaurant Outing, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. India Curry House (3181 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington VA) (\$) RSVP to Susan Prolman at susanprolman@aol.com or Diana Artemis at artemdi@yahoo.com. For more information about the True Cost of Food Campaign, please visit <http://www.truecostoffood.org>.

Wed. Jan. 31

The G.R.E.E.N Team, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Afterwards Cafe & Grill (1517 Connecticut Ave. N.W.) The G.R.E.E.N Team will meet to discuss goals and strategies for 2007. Current Sierra Club members who RSVP and recruit two or more new members to join at the event can register to win a Sierra Club 2007 Engagement Calendar.

Mon. Feb. 12

Second Monday Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (\$) Capitol City Brewing Co (2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E.) RSVP.

Wed. Feb. 21

Membership Mixer, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (\$) Free to Sierra Club members, \$10 for non-members. Will include chances to win exciting prizes, free appetizers and 10-, 25-, and 50-year members will receive a certificate of appreciation. Recruit two new members (must join at the event) and win a Sierra Club Outing gift certificate.

Thu. Feb. 22

True Cost of Food Restaurant Outing, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (\$) The Vegetable Garden (11618 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD) RSVP to Susan Prolman at susanprolman@aol.com or Diana Artemis at artemdi@yahoo.com. For more information about the True Cost of Food Campaign, please visit <http://www.truecostoffood.org>. Metro: White Flint (Red Line)

Wed. Feb. 28

Adventures in New Zealand, Presentation by Jason Broehm, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sierra Club (401 C St. N.E.) RSVP. Members attending the event can enter a drawing to win the 432-page Sierra Club Book "Adventuring in New Zealand" by Margaret Jefferies.

Mon. Mar. 12

Second Monday Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Front Page (1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.) (\$) RSVP.

Thu. Mar. 15

Environmental Book Club, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. "Woman and Nature: The Roaring Inside Her" Location TBA. Buy the book at the Sierra Club Books and Sierra Club members receive a 10% discount. RSVP and attend the discussion if you have made a good faith effort to read the book.

Thu. Mar. 22

True Cost of Food Restaurant Outing, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Singh Thai (2311 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington VA) (\$) RSVP to Susan Prolman at susanprolman@aol.com or Diana Artemis at artemdi@yahoo.com. Metro: Court House (Orange Line)

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Chapter Executive Committee Elections

Following are statements from each of the candidates running for the 2006 Executive Committee. An asterisk () denotes a current voting member of the Executive Committee.*

Ralph Garboushian

No Statement

Jeff Gustafson

Though I'm new to the D.C. area, having just moved here to attend the George Washington University, I have been actively involved with the Sierra Club for the past six years in the San Francisco Bay area. I've campaigned in support of California wilderness and helped coordinate the Sierra Club's accountability campaign against anti-environmental Congressman Richard Pombo. Over the past year, I have served on the Executive Committee of the Mt. Diablo Group within the San Francisco Bay Chapter.

Aside from my work with the club, I have worked closely with school districts and municipalities in implementing effective waste management and recycling systems and policies. Further, I have extensive experience working with and engaging high school and college students in environmental campaigns and issues. As the Sierra Club leadership ages, it is increasingly important that young people are empowered to take action and get involved with the club. With the D.C. Chapter, I hope to work with the numerous environmental student groups scattered throughout the District to build a united coalition of students working to fulfill the goals of the Sierra Club at a local and national level.

I look forward to applying my experience and working with the Executive Committee on the District's transportation, recycling, park and other conservation issues. I ask for your support.

Damon Luciano

While active with the Transportation Committee, I have been impressed by the talents and commitment of Sierra Club volunteers in Washington, D.C., and I am grateful for the opportunity to run for the Executive Committee.

Most of the time it is harder to do the right thing than it is to figure out

what the right thing is, but what makes Sierra Club members exceptional is their ability to turn the challenges of conservation into opportunities for their communities.

When I left Vermont for Washington, I knew it would be easier to use alternatives to my car for my transportation needs here than it was in Vermont. Our chapter must continue to fight for a full and functional streetcar system in Washington, D.C., for the convenience of our residents and to protect our climate. We must also make it harder for people to commute into the District by car and easier to come in by transit.

We also need to work closely with our neighboring Maryland chapter and others to advocate for high speed rail connections from Union Station to downtown Baltimore and beyond. For Washington, D.C., to become a truly great and green city we need affordable housing and quality schools, so that more families will find our urban core an attractive place to raise children. Changing the consumer and suburban emphasis of our culture is central to the conservation movement.

What inspires me most is that if our national political leaders refuse to act we still can make great gains in conservation by making the right decisions in our city chapter and in our daily lives. I want to continue to be a part of that movement and expand my involvement in it.

Bob Morris

It's been a busy two years since I last asked for you to vote for me to be on the Executive Committee. I have served in the past and am currently the Conservation chair, responsible for all our chapter conservation programs. I am also the Council of Club Leaders Delegate, representing the chapter on the national council. Along with our chapter assistant I started the Energy Climate Action Team to organize local action on the issue that was raised to top national priority at the first ever Sierra Club national convention, which I put together last year. I have led local, regional and national climate change initiatives, while also being active in local park preservation campaigns.

Most importantly, I have been working and wish to continue to work both locally and nationally on helping the Sierra Club take a leadership

role in building a new environmental movement to effect the cultural changes needed if we are to effectively address climate change. This means asking members to take action, both personally and reaching out to others, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I would be honored if you would express support for this agenda by voting for me, but above all please make your presence known by voting for whomever you feel will move the chapter forward for the next two years.

Chasta Piatakovas

I am running for re-election to the Executive Committee. As a member, I will continue to commit energy into membership recruitment and retention and support to conservation efforts. As the membership chair, I have organized social events that effectively recruited, retained and engaged members and the community.

I have lived in Washington, D.C., since August 1994. As an African American, I have a vested interest in environmental justice and air quality issues and will continue to actively support the Sierra Club's Environmental Justice Program.

In addition to being active with the Sierra Club, I have been an active member of the Logan Circle Community Association since 2002. I recently served as the vice president and co-chair of the Environment Committee. Since 2002, I have organized at least 11 neighborhood-wide cleanup efforts and participated in others, including the Great American Cleanup with Keep Washington DC Beautiful, Inc.

Scott Williamson

My name is Scott Williamson, and I am interested in joining the Executive Committee for the opportunity to work with other motivated people toward greening the District. I moved here only last year, so I am new to the area, but not so new to environmental issues or to the Sierra Club (I was actually a door-to-door fundraiser for the national Sierra Club a dozen years ago).

With the D.C. Chapter, I'm currently volunteering with the Energy-Climate Action Team to build energy-efficiency partnerships with local property managers, schools, churches and nonprofits. My primary interest,

Chapter Executive Committee Elections

How to Vote:

1. You may vote for up to four candidates by checking the box in the first column next to their names.
2. If you are a joint member, the second member also may vote for up to four candidates by checking the boxes in the second column.
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You may vote for as many as four (4) candidates.

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Damon Luciano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chasta Piatakovas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Williamson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in: _____

particularly given our urban setting, is in working on energy issues. Among our chapter's many efforts, I hope to see it achieve great things as it works to make the District a leader in energy efficiency, clean-energy use and air-quality improvement.

I look forward to working with the other members of the Executive Committee and helping our chapter continue to make an impact on environmental issues in the District.

VOTE TODAY!
BALLOTS MUST BE
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January 2, 2007
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Interested in receiving a weekly e-mail about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities or action issues? Please complete the Washington, D.C., Chapter membership and volunteer survey at dc.sierraclub.org/volunteer. This information is for chapter use only and will not be shared with any other organization. All it takes is two minutes of your time!

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