September 2018

This summer was a time of transition and capacity building for the Delaware Sierra Club. The ExCom engaged in a fruitful strategic planning process and prepared to welcome our new Chapter Director. We are now very pleased to introduce her to you!

Sherri Evans-Stanton has over 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience. She uses a collaborative style and specializes in policy and program development, building organizational capacity, volunteer and membership cultivation, and implementation of both short- and long-term strategies and goals to achieve significant results. Sherri received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Santa Clara School of Law. She has served in a variety of capacities in North Carolina, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

Sherri says she is thrilled to be a part of the Delaware Chapter and looks forward to working with our dedicated volunteers to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, protect our coastline, and ensure clean air and water for all. Please come out to our chapter picnic on September 23 at Lum’s Pond, where you’ll have a chance to meet and talk with her about your hopes and ideas for the Sierra Club. See the details about the picnic below or on our website — we hope to see you there!

— Beth Chajes and Cesar Caro
Executive Committee Co-Chairs
September 23: Come to Our Farewell-to-Summer Picnic!

Members, supporters and friends are invited to join us on Sunday, September 23rd from noon to 3:00 p.m. for a picnic in Lum’s Pond State Park with food, music, fun and games!

Meet our new Chapter Director, Sherri Evans-Stanton, and learn what’s going on in the chapter this fall. We’ll have music provided by G. Man Charlie and Foxymoron, and lawn games like corn hole. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share along with your own re-usable beverage container and utensils. Drinks and paper products will be provided.

We will be located at Pavilion 3 — look for signs when you enter the park. Please note that park entrance fees will be in effect. This event will take place rain or shine.

Please let us know if you are coming and what you plan to bring at sherri.evans-stanton@sierraclub.org.

Submit Public Comments for Stronger Climate Protections in Delaware!

After more than two years of listening to public input and extensive analysis, Delaware joined a bipartisan group of nine states in agreeing to improve limits on climate-altering pollution from power plants through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

RGGI has saved Delaware families and businesses money, created jobs, and saved lives while supporting a growing economy. But friends of the dirty fuel industry — particularly the Caesar Rodney Institute (CRI), a Koch-funded group — are trying to slow progress and stop Governor Carney from finalizing that agreement.

Please click on the link below to tell Governor Carney and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) the story of how Delaware residents are affected by climate change and air pollution and benefit from a clean energy
economy, and why you support a stronger RGGI.

Don’t let supporters of the dirty fuel industries have the last word — submit your comment for stronger climate protections today!

Comments are due by September 28th!

Submit Your Comments Today

September 25: Free Screening of Reinventing Power

Reinventing Power is a 50-minute documentary produced by the Sierra Club that tells the backstory of clean energy from innovation to installation. It takes viewers across the country to hear directly from the people who are making our clean energy future possible. Their powerful stories underscore the notion that we don’t have to sacrifice jobs or our economy for a clean environment.

When: Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 W. 13th Street, Wilmington, DE

Check out the trailer for the film and join us for the screening and a discussion afterward. Free parking will be available in the church parking lot.

Wanted: Dedicated ExCom Members

It’s time once again to prepare for our annual election of new members to our chapter’s Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee, led by Don Brill, is now seeking volunteers who are interested in helping to set the agenda for Delaware Sierra Club’s future.

ExCom members serve two-year terms, and half of our ExCom
seats come up for election each year. Current members may seek re-election until they have served three consecutive terms and then must step down, according to our bylaws.

The responsibilities of an ExCom member include promoting the mission of the Sierra Club, attending monthly ExCom meetings, participating in long-range planning, ensuring financial stability and solvency, and providing leadership and vision within the chapter.

The election will take place in December with new members beginning their term in January 2019. If you would be interested in serving on Delaware Sierra Club’s ExCom, or if you have questions about what is involved, please contact Don Brill by November 5.

October 20: Up With Delaware! Fundraiser

Members of our Sussex Team have been involved in starting up a new fundraising activity that we hope will really take off!

If you need an excuse to head back to the beach in October, check out Up With Delaware!, the first annual push-up, chin-up, sit-up, pull-up contest for all ages, taking place on the beach at the end of Wilmington Ave. in Rehoboth. There will also be yoga for those not interested in the competitive aspect but who still want to participate in support of the worthy environmental partners who have united to sponsor this event.

Can’t make it to the beach that day? You can still support the cause by making a donation.

Participants can select which of the sponsoring partners they’d like to support with their registration fee and recruit others to support their cause as well. Visit the website for more information and register to compete or make your donation to the Sierra Club.
Other Important Dates

9/24 — ExCom Meeting, 6:00 pm, Community Services Building, 100 W. 10th Street, Wilmington

9/27 — Sussex Sierra Club Section meeting featuring their Letter to the Editor Workshop, Part 2, at 7:00 pm, South Coastal Library, 43 Kent Avenue, Bethany. Register for the workshop here.

10/2 — Climate Team Meeting, 6:30 pm, Community Services Building, Wilmington

10/6 — League of Women Voters Environmental Organization Expo, 1–4:00 pm, Milton Fire Hall, 116 Front St., Milton

10/7 — Sierra Club table at Coast Day, UD’s Hugh R. Sharp Campus in Lewes, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Contact Val to volunteer.

10/17 — Delaware Concerned Citizens for Environmental Justice Meeting, 6:30 pm, Community Services Building, Wilmington

10/27 — March with Plastic Free Delaware in the Rehoboth Beach Sea Witch parade. Contact Dee to volunteer.

Coming soon: Keep your eyes out for our summary of activities in 2018 and our annual appeal for funding. The Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club needs your support to do this great work!

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