Political Analysis on Appreciation Day
by Dirk Colby

T
he Chapter's annual 'Appreciation Day' party, held at the Princeton Day School on Nov 17th, was graced by the presence of Congresswoman Steve Rothman (Legislative Aide to Congressman Donald Payne), DEP Commissioner Brad Goldring (Assistant to the Governor), and Secretaries of New Jersey, Matlai, and many of the Chapter's officers and financial supporters. Rothman, a four-year Congresswoman, or 12 years in office, at his job for his outstanding environmental voting record, and especially for his efforts to protect the Hackensack Meadowlands that are included in his District.

Congressman Rothman offered the following analysis of the November 5 elections that put President Bush's Republican Party back in control of Congress: He noted that the media gave exclusive coverage all during the Fall election campaign to terrorist issues: the anniversary of Sept 11, 2001, the war in Afghanistan, the search for Osama Bin Laden, and pursuit of the Washington beltway snipers (not to mention daily news about the new canal across in Brazil.

This made impossible for environmental or any other issues to be given public attention during the campaign season. He also noted that Republicans outspent Democrats on electioneering by 2 to 1.

President Bush and his media manipulators also took advantage of the Congressional debate over the Homeland Security Bill to denigrate Democratic Party opposition, hiding the fact that all the New York City and New Jersey Department officers who died in the World Trade Center, as well as many of the employees of federal workers, are members of labor unions. The Democratic Party's opposition to the Homeland Security Bill (the Lautenberg Bill) in Congress and the Republican Bill's attempt to deny labor union protection to a vast number of new federal employees who will be handling the new cabinet-level bureaucracy created by the Bill. Labor unions are an established institution in our country for over a century.

The "Appreciation" Day event also saw a transfer of power, as Tina Schvejda, our former Chair for the last four years, handed her hat over to Sunil Somalwar, our new Sierra Club Chapter Chair. (Sunil quipped that he was more worried about filling her shoes than her hat.) There was also appreciation expressed to Mitchell Stern, a 15-year old supporter from Piscataway, who organized a "swim-a-thon" to collect $500 to donate to the Chapter. 

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FOUR APOLOGIES (or, at least, Regrets!)

There were three problems with the production of the previous Oct-Dec issue of this newsletter:

(1) Approximately 2000 family members received their issues up to a month late, because the label office in San Francisco mysteriously failed to send labels for that category of member, and the omission wasn’t discovered until the last minute.

(2) Approximately 500 of those members received their issues up to a month late, because the label office in San Francisco mysteriously failed to send labels for that category of member, and the omission wasn’t discovered until the last minute.

(3) Most of the Group Ballots in the Oct-Dec issue mistakenly had names of non-Communist Party members included in the ballots. There was also appreciation expressed to Mitchell Stern, a 15-year old supporter from Piscataway, who organized a "swim-a-thon" to collect $500 to donate to the Chapter.

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BOOK SUMMARY: CONSUMPTION CHOICES THAT MATTER MOST
by Michael L. Mirandel, PhD

Each time we check-out at the supermarket, that vexing question is posed to us—paper or plastic? As individuals who care about the environment, and who are aware of the many environmental problems we face, we want to make the right choice. But do our individual consumption choices really make a difference to these worldwide problems? In an excellent book called "The Consumer’s Guide to Effectiven Romantic Choices," by the Union of Concerned Scientists, many consumption choices are listed scientifically, and the impact of those choices that matter are ranked. Topping off the list of consumption choices that matter to the environment are TRANSPORTATION CHOICES. While driving a personal vehicle provides flexibility and can be enjoyable (if one is not stuck in traffic), it is also very damaging to the environment, and creates dependence on fossil-fuel dependent foreign countries. Each single gallon of gasoline we burn emits 23.8 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Because CO2 is a greenhouse gas that forms a layer in the atmosphere that traps heat, it is apparent that each person who drives a gas-powered vehicle is contributing to a detrimental climate. Further, the manufacture of each vehicle has many additional harmful impacts on air quality, and causes significant water pollution as well. The production of steel, batteries, paints, plastics, aluminum, lubricants, and other fluids to manufacture each vehicle pumps hundreds of pounds of pollutants into the biosphere. The bigger and heavier the vehicle, the higher those emissions will be. The only way you can really reduce your consumption choices is to use public transportation, carpool, or walk. (Continued on page 9)

2002 Election Wrapup
by Richard Isaac, Chapter Political Chair

Democratic Primary and a somewhat easier than in the recent past. Joe has a solid environmental platform, including making the implementation of the County’s Recreation & Open Space Trust Fund Master Plan a high priority, appointing an environmental watchdog for polluters, expanding the County’s efforts to remediate brownfields, and encouraging their redevelopment, expanding the services and maximizing the role of Essex County’s Office of Environmental Affairs in addressing environmental concerns such as lead paint, appointing qualified environmental advocates to the County’s Environmental Commission, ensuring that all County facilities recycle, and conducting an energy audit of the County’s facilities. Joe has been described as “Joe D’s” strong environmental platform and is home to a number of Sierra Club activities in this Transition Team, including the Chairperson to the Transition Team’s Open Space Governance. Indeed, one of the Mission of 3 Sierra Club activities is to provide a support for our new Sierra Club Chapter Chair. Joseph DiVincenzo early in the campaign season, which helped him win a tough primary race.

...In New Jersey the environment seems to be a higher priority than in some other parts of the nation. Retired Sen. Frank Lautenberg, who was endorsed due to his strong environmental record in his three terms in the US Senate, won a solid victory. In House races, nine out of the ten candidates who were endorsed won handily. In all can-

Dated Material Do Not Delay
I n the last issue of the Sierra, I explained that improvements in energy efficiency, including the idea of maintenance, would improve material wellbeing while reducing household costs. I’m writ- ing again to point out that reductions in costs would make it more feasible to use increases in labor productivity to reduce the workweek to a more human size. A common response to the idea of shorter hours was the question, "Great idea, but it will never happen." But in fact technological progression—which leads to time-saving machinery and process improve- ment—normally does provide us with greater leisure time without a cut in compen- sation. Among Environmentalists, Part II

mark a fundamental shift in US foreign policy by Daniel Aronson

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**EDITORIAL**

PERMIT ME TO CONSIDER SINGLE ISSUES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

by Dick Colby

I was reminded, in a recent PBS program about the history of the state of New Jersey, that the SINGLE ISSUE OF SLAVERY dominated American politics for the first 80 years of our country’s existence. Then, after the Civil War, there were two new dominant issues: INDUSTRIALIZATION and WESTWARD EXPANSION. These two issues combined to produce a new political axis separating the interests of RURAL citizens from URBAN citizens, although both groups accepted increasing numbers of immigrants.

In the first half of the 20th century, the United States became a WORLD POWER, with resources devoted to two World Wars, and to international corporate expansion. To some extent I suggest that the dominant political issue in the second half of the 20th century, even more than INDUSTRIALIZATION, was URBANIZATION. Enormous quantities of naturally occurring food, water, and foreign, have been consumed to make the American suburban lifestyle possible: the person who plans their dream, wood, metal, water, even oxygen — is dramatically high for a suburban resident compared to the average person of the pre-Civil War era. Emissions of CO2 and other pollutants have also risen dramatically. The contrast between the rural and the suburban consumption levels of gasoline and home-heating fuels is particularly striking, since both areas generate their own electricity, and need to find new existences. Every square inch of parkland will be needed for housing and offices, and fought for. Population control will be advocated by mainstream politicians, and American agriculture will be commodified for having seen the future first.

No real society has ever dealt rational ly with the Tragedy of the Commons, even when the handwriting was (IS!) on the wall. (Individual politicians have occasionally been prophets, but mainstream politics has always been dominated by the here-and-now.) I wish there were more that we could do to convince both our leaders and our followers to anticipate—and PREVENT— the consequences of continued sprawl (i.e. suburban growth). My New Year’s prediction this year is no different: the American and political worlds will soon be consumed by it.

Now those resources are running out. How do YOU define SPRAWL, and what do you think should be done about it?

**Chair's Message**

STEPPING DOWN AS CHAPTER CHAIR

tina Schvejda, Departing Chapter Chair

A ll good things must come to an end! One of them, that is near and dear to me, is my time as NJ Chapter Chair. I want to personally thank you for taking the time to speak to you for one last time as NJ Chapter Chair, if you will indulge me.

I appreciate all that you have given me these past four years. Your strength and focus on environmental issues has been my inspiration, I have lead by example. I have brought people together. I have given you my visions and dreams for the NJ Chapter, I have put the NJ Chapter of Sierra Club as one of my top priorities. I believe completely in the NJ Chapter.

To briefly recap my past four years as NJ Chapter Chair, the following have occurred:

- **Membership has gone up from 15,500 to over 22,000.**
- **Staff increased from two to hopefully four people in the near future.**
- **Our annual fundraising campaign proceeds have gone from $8,000 to $52,000.**
- **Three new committees have started up: financial, litigation oversight and office.**
- **The NJ Chapter has added a new (eleventh) Group—in Hunterdon County, and reorganized two: the Hudson-Meadowlands and Raritan Valley Groups.**
- **Weekly conference calls between staff and volunteer officers are now held.**
- **Email has come a long way and we now utilize it to its fullest capacity. When I first got e-mail in 1994 there were only 3 other people who had it. Now the Executive Committee(Excom) uses it on an hourly basis!**
- **We now have an Annual Appreciation Day event to honor life members, donors and outstanding volunteers.**
- **I invited the Sierra Club to meet and be around like-minded environmental conservation people. I started attending Central Jersey Group meetings. In the Sierra Jersey I perused the hikes/outings list and noticed one about a raptors watch up in northern part of the state. Dennis Schvejda was the leader of the raptor watch. I thought it would be interesting to enjoy discussions of similar topics of interest.**

After dating Dennis for a few months, he invited me to a monthly Chapter Excom meeting held at our headquarters in Princeton. I was very impressed with the Chapter Chairperson, Mary Penney. She handled the meeting with such a professional yet caring way. Vice Chair was Bill Green and Secretary was Dick Colby. I became Chapter Chair during that meeting. I remember that there were many people attending. Everyone was so knowledgeable about environmental issues and concerns. The meeting went on for a marathon length of time till 9pm. Dinner was provided in the way of pizza. Believe me when I say that I have never had a date quite like that one.

For the next four years I attended every monthly Excom meeting as an "at large person" with no voting power.

Bill Green was Chapter Chair for the next two years. Dick Colby was Vice Chair. During that time Dennis and I got married and had our reception at the Club’s Princeton headquarters. Then Dick became Chapter Chair, with Bart Bencner as Vice Chair and ‘their apparatus.’ I ran for Excom that year but wasn’t elected. Unfortunately for Dick and the Club, Bart moved away and Dick had to scramble to find another person to replace him. (There is a long tradition in the Sierra Club for volunteer officers taking responsibility for finding their successors!) Dick approached me in the summer of 1998. Thinking quickly I realized that it only left me a few months time to learn. I realized that I already had one NJSC leader in the Schvejda house—and two more! The time commitment was tremendous, yet I knew the rewards would be great. “It is your problem that I was already on the Excom. ‘Not a problem,’ I was reassured by several supporters.

Although I was elected, and in the January meeting of 1999 I was approved by the Excom as NJ Chapter Chair.

The next big and final step for me to accomplish is to move our headquarters to Trenton. Trenton is the capital of our state and that is where all the action is. The NJ Chapter needs to be there. But first, I have to do the data. I am just saying adieu. Thank you for your confidence, collaboration, and cooperation. I could NEVER have done it without your help. Thank you!
Gov. McGreevey Announces New Pinelands Commission Appointments
by Michael Gatlaway, our Pinelands Issues Coordinator, and
Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director, Pinelands Preservation Alliance

Governor McGreevey finally made good on his promise to get the Pinelands Commission back on track. In announcing his new nominations, Governor McGreevey said that he looked forward to the new Pinelands Commission back on the path of protecting the land. The Pinelands Commission has often stayed in recent years. Although time will surely tell, at this point it looks like a welcome change. McGreevey helped close a circle in the history of Pinelands Protection with the nomination of former Governor Jim Florio to chair the Commission. As a NJ governor in the 1980s, Florio was one of the key architects of the Pinelands Protec-
tion and sponsored the legislation creat-
ing the Pinelands National Reserve. With his wealth of expertise and history in Pinelands preservation, Florio will hope-
fully provide the leadership needed to address the complex issues the Commission faces.

McGreevey had a unique opportunity to reestablish a balance in the Commission:
non-natural appointments were open. Along with Chuck Ashman and Johnnys-come-lately. Revolutionary war troops have been identified. Owls swoop and butched in both the Clinton and Bush administrations. Most importantly, we have submitted data and opinions regarding the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan has been very successful in diverting development from most Pinelands where the Pinelands is guilty—yet serious. In light of the above, we firmly believe that no one—not even the Mills Corporation itself—thinks that ‘Meadow-
lands will ever be preserved. According to NJMC Executive Director Bob Ceberio, “The best plan for the Meadowlands is one with no wetlands loss.”

My friends, we are in the last act of this absurd drama. With just a little more help on all our parts this will be the LAST Empire Tract Action Alert you ever read. Let’s bring that final curtain down! Contact us at 201-604-0888 and by e-mail at Hugh@HackensackRiverkeeper.org.
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THE BUSH ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY UNFOLDS

THE NEW GOVERNOR’S FIRST YEAR

Under previous Governor Whitman the environmental community complained about the lack of enforcement, the weakening of regulations and the lack of access to the DEP and to the Governor and her staff. We were in the 97th Congress in the year of the Bush McGeorge Administration a 180-degree turnaround in the approach to the environment and the enforcement of the law. DEP Commissioner Brad Campbell has quarterly meetings with the environmental community, as well as regular meetings on specific issues. We have seen many of the changes that were made to the Sierra Club during the campaign kept.

First and most importantly we have seen environmental enforcement increase under this Administration, whether it is in places like Camden, going after garbage trucks that are breaking the law, citing power companies for clean air violations, citing golf courses for operating without water allo- cations or citing multi-million dollar wetlands violations. This change in the philosophy at DEP means that there will be fewer environmental violations. This will lead to a cleaner and safer environment.

Governor McGeorge has reorganized the Pinelands Commission and appoint- ed former Governor Jim Florio, who sponsored the original federal Pinelands Act, on in the newly revamped commission. Betty Wilson, a former Assistant Commissioner of DEP, and Candace DeMarco, a former full-time staffer at Columbia University’s Environmental Law Clinic, was also appointed as a full-time DEP employee. These appointments will add strong environ- mental voices to a Commission that real- ized former Governor Jim Florio, who sponsored the original federal Pinelands Act, the TMDL program requires states to set pollution limits for more than 9,700 state and federal water sources. The first round of upgrades has reached the New Jersey Register. Under the old rules, a reservoir owner could simply quote a number and a mu- dle in a pot. These new protections call for no” measurable” change in water quantity for the existing reservoirs and may serve close to four million people in the State of New Jersey. We continue to push the DEP to outline even more protections for streams and reservoirs for protection.

The Governor also signed legislation to target New Jersey’sreen Acres program to reduce pollution from runoff. This program targets the leading cause of water pollution in New Jersey, nonpoint sources, that can be regulated, but may be regulated. New regulations to protect ground water are also being worked on, as well as reg- ulations and enforcement. The Governor announced a proposal for a large rule package tied to a growth and nongrowth map of the State that is also being prepared. This rule will deal with issues like septic systems, runoff controls, stream pollution emis- sions and a whole range of other issues, to try to bring smart growth to the DEP’s new program.

During the Fall, Governor McGeorge held a Sprawl Summit, where he brought together people from many different backgrounds to discuss the issues of sprawl. He outlined an ambitious agenda that called for redevelopment of the cities, especially brownfields, limiting new sprawl, and preserving existing recreation and open space.

If you want to send Pres. Bush a message regarding the activities described above, try the ACTION ALERT corner of www.sierraactivist.org
I first met Ken Lloyd in the early 1990’s when I was Chair of the North Jersey Chapter Conservation Committee. We were working to protect High Mountain in Wayne, and Pyramid Mountain in Kinnelon, among a host of other issues. Ken was an avid hiker who loved the New Jersey Highlands and attended faithfully until we succeeded in protecting 1,200 acres of High Mountain.

Ken was elderly, tall and gaunt, wore glasses and a pork-pie hat. He was quiet, unassuming, and gave little away in his polite greetings about our efforts. Ken was a fellow we all liked.

After a time, Ken suffered from failing health and illness. He found it increasingly hard to attend our meetings. After another few years, I learned of Ken’s death. I had expected it, Ken being elderly and ill, but it was sad news nonetheless. I thought about how Ken had invested his money in his will. Ken had lived frugally; in fact, I thought him to be “poor” in means but rich in spirit.

Almost a year passes, and now I’m notified by National Sierra that Ken’s book, The Will to Break the Breakers, has been published. Ken would have made such an impression! I am deeply touched by Ken’s generosity and his deep concern about these many lives. Ken’s bequest is an investment in cleaner air and water, more open space, environmental laws enforced, and new laws enacted. The NJ Chapter will work hard to make this happen.

In my mind’s eye, Ken, I see you smiling, chuckling at the surprise you had in store for your Sierra friends.

Celebrating the Donor of a Large Bequest to the New Jersey Chapter

dennis Schwejda, Chapter Conservation Director

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ometimes I wonder whether I read
stuff in order to learn or, rather, to become more convinced that what I already know is correct. Most people daily reinforce, rather than reconsider, their worldviews through the media. The same can be said of charged media outlets. All Things Considered, for example.

This may be why I enjoy reading books by Rutgers Professor David Ehrenfeld. His writing makes me question my notion that, since long before 9/11, the world has been degenerating environmentally and spiritually. He also thinks we’re going downhill academically. I have less of a basis for an opinion on that, and less concern, as well.

In his best known work, The Arrogance of Humanism (1978), Ehrenfeld took aim at the notion that humans can systematically manage the world. He points out that many efforts to improve things fail and even cause other problems. Efforts to measure as a basis for problem solving are intrinsically flawed and end up failing.

Fundamentally, he questions how we know what we know, and he challenges a doctor’s account of the first lecture he heard in medical school. The instructor said, “This week, anyone who is wrong. The only problem is we don’t know which half.” While he was clearly explicit about a publisher’s error, his argument applies to medical curriculum, how can we structure the more complex nat-

ural and social worlds with much confi-
dence? Ehrenfeld observes that most West-
ern people internalize—and most institutions and inventions reflect—the dubious principle that every problem has a rational, human-mediated solution.

In Swiming Lessons (2002), Ehrenfeld updates these themes and pur-
ports to provide instructions to stay afloat in a technocratic world. Swimming Lessons is an often charming series of 55 essays in which Ehrenfeld discusses everything from dinosaurs to ancient Jewish texts to detect

nions—and spins anecdotes about patching
 raising children, bird watching, exotic
 camping trips and turning down, as a teen age waiter, his favorite book, for pay, to his father’s friend, some
going life. I remember Ken Lloyd, at the Williams’ (a/k/a William Carlos Williams), in Dr. William’s final year. The last book orders were being winged in one

plain text
Celebrating Appreciation Day
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Ken Johanson with Bob Cottingham

Mark Matsil, Jeff Titel, Mitchell Stern and Tina Schvejda


Sunil, Tina, Dennis, Dick

Joan Denzer, Sunil Somalwar, Tina & Dennis Schvejda, Dick Colby

You can also take action on NEW JERSEY issues from the ACTION ALERT corner of www.sierraactivist.org

Mitchell Stern, Congressman Rothman, Dennis Schvejda, Mark Matsil, Commissioner Campbell

Jeff Titel, Dennis Schvejda, Brad Campbell
January air, “Fall is the frosting time,” Mary answered, “it brings the best produce of the year.”

To join, send a blank message to: NJ-SSC-District-YourDistrict. For more information contact Michael Minaides at msminaides@hotmail.com.

If you would like to get involved in the Chapter, please contact any of our coordinators of the Sierra Student Coalition as well as the national campaign organizers. The NJSSC Community is challenging Congress to achieve real progress for New Jersey.羅nline at www.ssc.org/nj – or send messages to nj@ssc.org.

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The Jersey Sierran: January-March 2003

Let’s look at the New Jersey Sierra Student Coalition’s Environmental Justice Action Summit which will be held in Washington D.C. from March 7th through 11th. We will be using the knowledge and skills to help win perpetual victories against those who refuse to believe that it is somehow necessary to incidentally destroy our environment while also meeting other student environmental goals. A Network of New Jersey College and High School Student Environmental Activists

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For more information, contact Dan Rosen at (201) 670-1980 or danrosen85@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC LANDS ACTION SUMMIT IN DC – MARCH 7TH-11TH

Less than a year ago, 150 students from 45 states descended on Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress. Today, a new generation of high schools and college students, from cities, suburbs, and small towns. All were united by a common belief that we must work together to defend, restore, and expand our public lands. Thanks to our energy and passion, our National Forests and wilderness lands have received added support from lawmakers. We took the fight back home, waging strategic campaigns to get even more cosponsors. We did great work, but now there’s a new Congress, and it’s time for students to return to Washington.

The New Jersey Sierra Student Coalition (PLAS) 2003 we will be lobbying members of Congress to protect our National Forests, nine million acres of Utah’s Redrock Wilderness, and Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The New Jersey Sierra Student Coalition (NJSSC) is a community of student environmental activists from around the country that will gather at PLAS in Washington, D.C. March 7th through 11th.

For more information and to get involved, please visit www.ssc.org/njssc. For more information and to get involved, please visit www.ssc.org/njssc.

New Jersey Sierra Student Coalition

Online at www.ssc.org/nj – or send messages to nj@ssc.org

contributed by Dan Rosen, our SSC liaison. His contact information is below.

The New Jersey Sierra Student Coalition (NJSSC) is a community of student environmental activists from around the country that will gather at PLAS in Washington, D.C. March 7th through 11th. They came from high schools and colleges across the country. Many of us are from states with the most threatened lands. You’ll learn how to work with media, talk with your elected officials, build community and take the fight to Washington, addressing environmental racism and classism. A student EJ summit/activist training is being planned for this Spring.

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Northwest Jersey Group

(Sussex and Warren Counties, approximately)

Web site: http://pepin.home.att.net. We are also accessible from the NJ Chapter Web site.

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Outings Chair: Vacant

Attention: Northwest New Jersey needs a strong Sierra Club to protect its environment from the challenges of increasing over-development. We need to have the commitment and talents of all our members. We have a need for people who can help us in our conservation efforts and we also need the help of people who are willing to serve as outings leaders. Please help us by completing the survey form and sending it back to Ellen Pepin, 4 Cathy Place, Succasunna NJ 07876.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Our general meetings generally take place in Sparta, at 8pm. Please call for the dates and meeting place.

Jan 15: Pot luck supper at home of Ellen and Joe Pepin, 4 Cathy Place, Succasunna NJ. Please call Ellen Pepin if you need directions.

GROUP BALLENG for Northwest Jersey Group

Executive Committee:

Vote for two candidates, maximum. The first column is for “individual” members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both columns. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Ellen Pepin at 973-752-5157.)

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Senator Voluntary Activities

Would participate in the following activities:

Attend a Sierra News Meeting
Attend a Sierra County Meeting
Serve on a Committee
Work at a Mailing Party
Teach at a Hiking Class
Phone Calling
Fundraising

Volunteer Activities

Would participate in the following activities:

Attend a Sierra News Meeting
Attend a Sierra County Meeting
Serve on a Committee
Work at a Mailing Party
Teach at a Hiking Class
Phone Calling
Fundraising

The Survey Form above is relevant to ALL our Groups. Consider completing it!
Hudson Meadowlands Group
(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

OFFICERS:
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Secretary: Tina Munson artina@rcn.com 201-941-5784
Programs: Open position!
Publicity: Open position!
Membership: Louise Taylor 1g.taylor@elsol.com 201-224-3754

NEWS: Keep up with Group happenings at warp speed!
Visit the website at: www.sieraactivist.org

Hudson Meadowlands Group
Interest Groups:
Essex County Group
(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams. We invite you to join us.

GENERAL MEETINGS:
Meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St. (Route 120), Chatham. Everyone is welcome! Library phone: 973-655-0603

MEETING SCHEDULE:
Jan 8, 2003: Emily Ferry, who is the Mid-Atlantic Field Director of the Sierra Club of the Alaska Coalition, is the scheduled speaker.
Feb 12: To be announced. Please refer to the website.
Mar 12: Penny Jones Recycling Education Specialist with the New Jersey Municipal Utilities Authority, is our scheduled speaker.
Apr 9: To be announced. Please refer to the website.
May 14: Bonnie Tillery, NJ Sierra Club Chair on Population Issues, will speak.

Central Jersey Group
(Mercer County, parts of Somerset and Middlesex)

OFFICERS:
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Goal:
We will hold our meetings at the Mary Jacobs Library in Rocky Hill. Meetings are held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month. Everyone is welcome at our meetings and you can participate in some way. We are involved in many conservation issues at the local, state and national level.

Driving Directions:
North on Rte 206 to just beyond Princeton Airport. Turn right (or east) at traffic light on Rte 518. Travel east on Rte 518 which becomes Washington Street as you go over bridge. Library will be on left (setback from road). Park in lot and come to second floor room on the second floor 7:30pm. We welcome everyone at our meetings and hope you can participate in some way. We are involved in many conservation issues at the local, state and national level.

Program Schedule:
3/3/03: Dr. Thomas Darlington, former cranberry grower and owner of Whitesbog Village will offer a glimpse into the history of the cranberry and blueberry industry in the Pinelands. Whitesbog was the location where blueberries were first grown commercially. Join us for our slide program and discussion.

Peb 12: Linda Barth, the author of the recently published Arcadia book, The Delaware and Pinelands will present a slide talk about the canal. A director of
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the Canal Society of New Jersey, Mrs. Barlow will show historic photographs and postcard views of the DMA
and will sign copies of her book. Light refreshments will follow.

Mar 12: Get limber with us on a cross-country ski in the High Peaks region of the Adirondack Mountains. Central Jersey Group member Don Griffin will present a brief slide show of a delightful day marvelling at Marcy Dam and Avalanche Lake.

Raritan Valley Group
(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

Officers and Contacts:
Chair: Steve Ember 732-926-8964 sleighty@yahoo.com
Vice-Chair: open position
Conservation Co-Chair: Debbie Cohen dbobelec@at.com and Kathy Haskell kmitch@5aol.com
Secretary: Sandi Phillips abstract6@at.com
Treasurer: Steve Zawid steve@zawid.net
Webmaster: Don McBridge dmcbridge@yahoo.com

Issues:
We are coordinating efforts with the Hunterdon County Group in opposing the extensive Selberg Airport Expansion project in rural Hunterdon County. Implementation of these plans will lead to noise, fuel and light pollution, increased traffic and adverse impacts on residential home values. A large underlying aquifer may also be affected.

We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. This includes working to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. Help stop developers by buying substandard lots and obtaining permits and varians to construct new homes.

We are monitoring the drafting of the Hillsborough Township Master Plan to ensure that the existing agricultural lands, the Sourland Mountains, endangered and threatened species and open spaces are protected from destructive development.

We want to stop the Green Brook Flood Control Project. Besides losing enormous amounts of taxpayers' funds, this project will eliminate 100 acres of wetlands, build miles of tall unsightly levees, and increase development pressure in the area where people are now hesitant to build.

Calling All Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, several positions are open. If you are interested in participating in our activities or filling any of the open positions, please contact Steve Ember, the Group Chair.

General Meetings: Held at 7:30 pm on the Second Tuesday of each month for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church, 119 Main Avenue in Bound Brook. Take the Mountain Avenue exit off Rt. 22 towards Bound Brook. The church is on the right side at the first stop light (Mountain Avenue - Rte. 28). The public is invited and refreshments are served.

Executive Committee Meetings: Held at 7:00 pm on the First Tuesday of the month except for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Somerset County Library, 107 Vaux Hall Road, Bound Brook. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact us first in case there is a change of plans.

Jan 14: Steve Ember, long-time Sierra Club hike leader, will present a slide show of his hiking adventures in the Cascade Mountains. These slides represent the highlights from various backpacking trips in Washington. During the 1990's, the Cascades became the favorite of many hikers due to their sculpted peaks, ubiquitous waterfalls and cascades, numerous glaciers, ancient forests, and lush meadows. Come and see the grandeur of the most mountainous mountain range in the United States.

Feb 11: Sailing - harnessing the earth's natural resources to travel and live. (Mike and I are still working on this blurb)

Mar 11: The Tongass - Alaska's Rainforest. Emily Ferry of the Alaska Coalition will present this slide show. It is an overlook of a truly rarest and most biologically productive ecosystems on earth. Before a stunning backdrop of coastal mountains towering to 18,000 feet, overlooks hundreds of mist-shrouded islands, the Alaska temperate rainforest spans a thousand mile arc along the pacific coast. The Alaska rainforest boasts 12 million metric tons of ancient forest. It is ancient as the very soil. Some trees are thousands of years old and up to 30 feet tall and up to a thousand years old. It is also home to the world's healthiest remaining populations of grizzly bears, bald eagles and salmon.

Raritan Valley Group Election: Group members should please clap and return the ballot below, by Feb 28 to: Sierra Club Group Ballot, 511 Garden Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Raritan Valley Group Executive Committee:
- Vote for three candidates, maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual" members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both columns. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Steve Ember at 732-926-8964.)
- Chris Hartman, President
- Dennis Anderson, Vice-President
- Michael Patruno, Secretary
- Kristy Thorndson, Treasurer
- Write-in:
- Write-in:
- Your membership number is ______, please write it on this label.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

Website: http://njsierra.enviroweb.org/~njshore/

Officers:
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President: Douglas Jewell 609-463-8423
djewell@sierra.org
Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Alker 609-695-2770 akers@geowebway.com

General Meetings:
Feb 24: 9pm on the 1st Saturday of each month except for July, August, and December - at the Old Wharf House, Old Wharf Park, Main Street and Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, NJ. Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For directions and information please call Regina Maurer at 732-355-1183 or visit our web site.

Jan 27: How Dry We Are. Join us for a very informative program on the drought in New Jersey. Our speaker is Dennis Hart, Administrator of Water Supply and Drought Coordination at the DEP. He will tell us all about the drought, as well as what we can do to help ease the situation, both as individuals and as a group.

Feb 24: Green Buildings for a Better Environment. Green technology incorporates environmentally friendly design and construction in both commercial and residential settings. Jason Kliewiński, an architect with the Prisco Group, will present a program focused on commercial applications, using as an example the three schools in Oceanport, NJ. "The New Townhouse" is a giant tray of working models.

Mar 24: Xeriscaping. How we use our landscapes are even more important now, during the continued drought conditions. You can use very little water and still have a beautiful yard. Monmouth County Master Gardener, Bob Mellott, will show us how.

Executive Committee Meetings: The Group’s Executive Committee and Conservation Committee meet monthly at members’ homes. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Steve Knowlton at 732-747-7011.

West Jersey Group
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Website: users.sn.net/~wsierra/home.htm

Officers:
Group Chair: Gina Carola 856-848-8851 ginacarola@sierra.net
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Membership Chair: Mike Brown 866-547-9221 mgbrown@sierra.net
Pine Landings Reg: Open position
Chair: Open position
Program Chair: Open position
Chair: Open position
Inner City Outings: Jennifer Grenier 856-585-5512 and Maxine Vogt 856-779-9156

General Meetings: are held at 7:30 pm on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month except for July and August. Members are invited to attend; otherwise we’ll cancel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

General Meetings:
Jan 14: Jane Nogaki of the NJ Environmental Federation will present "Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides for your Home."
Feb 11: Stuart Chaitez will speak about Wildlife Management and the Environment in New Jersey.
Mar 11: To be announced. Please check the website and local papers.

Activities:
The West Jersey Group is working to protect the environmentally dangerous Delaware Deepening. We are also working on developing an Inner City Outing program and are looking for volunteers. To help, contact either of the two leaders above.

South Jersey Group
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

Officers:
Group Chair: Tom Boghosian 609-272-9005 boghosian@atlantic.net
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Conservation Chair: Fred Michael 856-697-3479 akers@geowebway.com
Paid Membership Chair: Doug Jewell 609-684-1382 jewel@avaloninternet.net

The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to cause confusion among those who remain active—both within the Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have ‘span off’ from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we’ve scheduled in the past few years, and many of them are looking for volunteers to help with club issues. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. Those scheduled below are tentative. Please contact the officer(s) specified in advance of each meeting, if you wish to attend; otherwise we’ll cancel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

Jan 17 (Mon), 7pm: Trekking in the Himalayas. Slide show of the Annapurna Circuit in western Nepal. Noted explorer Dick Colby will describe a trip he took in 1985. Call him at 609-965-4455 for meeting location if you wish to be included.

Feb 15 (Sun), 10am: Morning walk in the Big Goose Pond, an old grassy expanse of protected land and

Please vote for your Group officers if there’s a ballot on these pages.
water near Egg Harbor City, hopefully in conditions that will permit observation of mating salamanders. Fred Albers, the Jersey Sierran's editor (Wellsington or equivalent), Possibly followed by a meal at a local diner, RSVP to Dick Colby.

Mar 25 (Tuesday), 7pm: We'll piggyback on the annual membership meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association to discuss river protection. For Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor. Milepost 15 on Rte 50, 4 miles south of Slaughter. Needing RSPV to the Akers unless you'd like to join us for dinner nearby, beforehand.

Singles Section (A chapter-wide special interest activity including hiking, social events, community & cultural outings, meetings etc.)

The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to New Jersey Sierra Club members and their guests. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club involvement. We welcome you! You do not have to be single, or even a member, to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

Webpage: http://www.njsierra.enviroweb.org/~singles/

Press 1 for: Old Movie Nights (currently the last Friday of each month)
Press 2 for: Ron Pate's upcoming hike
Press 3 for: 2nd Monday monthly at the Chatham Library
Press 4 for: 3rd Tuesday of the month in Montclair
Press 5 for: 1st Wednesday Montclair social dinners
Press 6 for: Patrick Montague's hikes
Press 7 for: Joyce Haddad's upcoming hikes
Press 8 for: special events we may have
Press 9 for: To hang up and try again
You may also email rob@comcast.net with questions.
You can also email abc77@msn.com with questions.
You do not make it into this Sierran or to the phone line. Please see the outings section of this newsletter for our listings, as well as facilitating more Club work with hunters and anglers on the ground. Many of our major campaigns and state programs consider it to be the greatest success of their efforts, and we will clearly need to work toward the D.C. Land Protection Team as primary defender of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Membership

- Yes. I want to help safeguard our nation’s precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.
Name: _____________________________________________________________
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City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________
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INTRODUCTORY ☐ $25
REGULAR ☐ $39 ☐ $47
SUPPORTING ☐ $75 ☐ $90
CONTRIBUTING ☐ $150 ☐ $175
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SENIOR ☐ $24 ☐ $32
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Sierra Club
P.O. Box 29268, Boulder, CO 80322-2968
Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the weather is favorable and the dog is well behaved. Water shoes, dy over-the-ankle shoes or boots should be worn. For most trips, you are expected to have your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers - check the yellow pages or call the trip leader. If the weather is inclement, we will cancel the trip or change the activity to a more suitable one.

Your leader will contact you with details of your trip. If you have a question about the outing, please call the leader. Leaders must be contacted at least 5 days before the outing to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 1 (Wed) New Years Day Hike at Clayton Park, Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County. (Special Interest: land conservation, watershed protection. A moderate 6 mile hike in the Pinelands of South Jersey. Highlights include a 25-foot waterfall and a spectacular view of New York City and South Jersey. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots. Meet before 10:00 AM in the Tulip Springs parking lot just off Cherry Lane (between Route 29 and Route 537) near the Monroe/Unionville area. Contact leader for details. A $3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. Members must show their membership cards. Leader: Fritz Schwager, fritz@sierraclub.org, Phone 732-781-2496. Join the club. January 20, 2003)

JAN 5 (Sun) Singles Hike Apple Hill Pub, 78 miles moderate. Moderate pace. Hike the highest point in NJ for a great panoramic view of the pines. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. No children/pets. Meet by 9:30 AM at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of TAMLIN'S, 1100 Highland Ave, Brick, N.J. 08723. Call leader for details. A $3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. No children/pets. Leader: Anthony Blumenkrantz, aubelumkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 908-973-2157 (N)

JAN 11 (Sat) Right to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 12 experienced hikers. Please email the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 11 (Sat) Recycle a House: Volunteer at Radburn. We will help Habitat for Humanity rehab a dilapidated house in this a great project for the community and create a positive image for the club. Bring lunch, water and boots. Meet at 8 AM at the shelter parking lot at the Hilton Hotel, Rt. 208, Mahwah. Leader: Tom J., 804-234-3969. Call in advance if possible so we know how many to expect.

JAN 12 (Sun) Right to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 12 experienced hikers. Please email the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 13 (Sun) Blue Mountain Lakes Circular. Meet 10:00 AM at Dale’s Market on Route 94, Holmdel. Hike or X-C to Holmdel Reservoir. Meet 10 AM at the Alpine Inn. Leader: Fritz Schwager (732)708-1181 (JS)

JAN 17-20 (Fri-Mon) Camden Mountain Winter Weekend (Martin Luther King Weekend). Alpine Inn, Blairstown. Meet on Friday at 7 PM at Bayne (Lebanon) State Forest group camp site. Entrance to forest is off R-71 1/2 mile from Rte. 70 & 72. Leader: Paul Sierak 960-677-3870 eve. pssierak@nrcq.com (JS)

JAN 18 (Sat) Right to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 12 experienced hikers. Please email the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 25 (Sun) Right to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 12 experienced hikers. Please email the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 29 (Mon) Tallman Mountain State Park. 7 miles. We will hike through Tallman Mountain State Park and view the Hudson River. We will hike to the summit and then return to the parking area. It is the shortest peak halfway across the Hudson! Trails include the Long Path. Bring lunch and water. You can take the 307 bus to Rockland train station and catch the 9:42 train to New Jersey. Meet at 9:30 AM in front of the Museum of Agriculture at 1565 Main Street Piermont by 10:15. Drivers meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (Building with mural) at 10 AM. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

JAN 26 (Sun) Right to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 10 hikers. Please email or call the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

JAN 26 (Sun) Social Hike In South Mountain Reservation. We will hike seven miles over easy terrain. Highlights include a 25-foot waterfall and some very inviting woodlands in the heart of Saturday. What a great way to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday! Please bring warm clothing, water and lunch. Hiking boots are required and participants should be in good condition. Meet BEFORE 10 AM at the South Mountain Arena parking lot in West Orange. Take Exit 10 on Route 280 West. Turn left onto Northfield Avenue. After a steep hill, the South Mountain Arena will be on your left. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (JS)

JAN 26 (Sun) Washington Crossing State Park, NJ Shore in Township. Join us for a 5.6 mile hike through Washington Crossing State Park. Meet 2 PM in the parking lot near the main entrance off Route 29 next to the park entrance. Delaware River, across from Father’s Pub. If you are traveling west from Pennington turn north at the summit of HAUNDRUM’s hill on Route 546 Washington Crossing Pennington Road and with Route 29. At traffic light, proceed through intersection and down small hill and make a right when you reach bridge. Parking is available. Leader: Ken Mayberg, km56@verizon.net, or (609) 443-5198 for questions. (SL)

JAN 26 (Sun) Singles Hike and Haddonfield Tour. 5 miles easy pace. We will hike Cooper River Park and then have a guided tour of historic Haddonfield, NJ. We can be eaten. We will eat lunch at a restaurant of the group's choice. Meet by 9 AM at Costain Beach. Drive off of Rte. 41 and take the 1st exit to park parking lot. See FAQ. Leader to park starting point. No children/pets. Leaders: Paul Sierak 656-697-3870 eve. pssierak@nrcq.com and Joe Basso 656-667-2259 suerox02020020@comcast.net (SL)

JAN 31 - FEB 2 (Sat & Sun) Camden Mountain Winter Weekend, Alpine Inn, Camden NJ. Enjoy all of winter's white magic in the special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing on the groomed trails. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross country skiing and hiking trips are rated from the easiest to more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (973) 293-0629. Meet at 9:30 AM on FEB 1. Call leader for details. A $3 fee will be charged to non-members. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

FEB 4 (Sun) Camden Mountain Winter Weekend, Alpine Inn, Camden NJ. Enjoy all of winter's white magic in the special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing on the groomed trails. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross country skiing and hiking trips are rated from the easiest to more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (973) 293-0629. Meet at 9:30 AM on FEB 1. Call leader for details. A $3 fee will be charged to non-members. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-6147 (N)

FEB 15 (Sun) Singles Hike Hunterdon County. Meet 3 PM in the parking lot at Round Valley Park on Route 513. From Round Valley, continue on Route 513 to Rt 173. Continue to the Round Valley parking lot. Meet there at 3 PM for a moderate 5 mile hike. Bring water, snacks and hiking boots. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or joyce@pelocon100@yahoo.com (SL)
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full coffee plantations (www.caletal.com and www.xarandi.com). Price of $1.650 includes all lodging costs, guided hikes, kayaking, snorkelling and transportation within the country. Call or email for daily itinerary. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblaumenkrantz@nrldirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)