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“Dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of the cold water resources of Dauphin & Lebanon Counties”

From Your President:



As many of you know, the work that we do as a grassroots conservation organization often encounters headwinds, not the least of which is climate change. The science behind climate change could not be clearer: we need to take immediate and meaningful steps to reduce our carbon emissions. The support for such a program from Pennsylvanians could not be clearer, but too many elected officials are sponsoring/enacting legislation that is counter to a clean and safe environment.

For example, House Bill 732, which passed in the General Assembly in July despite widespread opposition from environmental advocacy groups across the state. House Bill 732 doles out more than \$670 million in taxpayer subsidies to the petrochemical industry for the next 25 years; to incentivize the construction of more polluting factories. With this legislation, our state officials are wooing more petrochemical plants to Pennsylvania.

State Sen. Gene Yaw will soon introduce legislation that would establish bonding requirements for project developers who seek to install or operate commercial wind or solar electric generation and other renewable energy facilities in Pennsylvania, a not-so-thinly veiled attempt to make it cost-prohibitive for these types of projects to proceed.

Senator Yaw’s Senate Bill 619, which recently passed the senate, cuts back existing regulations and fundamentally changes water protections in Pennsylvania by amending our Clean Streams Law. It allows those who pollute to determine if it is a reportable event or not. There was a hearing in the house in late September, but there is still time to voice your concerns to your legislator.

Keeping up with our work is challenging enough. Keeping up with legislation that impacts our efforts is even more challenging. A good way to follow things that are counter to our goals is to check out paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com.

Another thing you can do is to reach out to Jennifer Orr-Greene, TU’s Eastern Policy Director at Jen.orr@greene@tu.org (717.364.4368) and offer your time to meet with legislators.

Yours in conservation,

Russ Collins, President

Congratulations to Jim Rauch



Jim Rauch

The 2020 Gerald L. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award – which under normal circumstances would have been presented at our Annual Banquet in March – was presented to chapter member **Jim Rauch** on Facebook Live on September 10th. Chapter president Russ Collins asked Jim to help out with the Julie Szur raffle drawing – to validate the winning ticket –

- as a way to get Jim to be available so we could present the award to him. Needless to say, Jim was completely surprised.

Jim is a longtime chapter member whose volunteer work has consistently and substantially contributed to the attainment of the chapter’s mission to “conserve, protect, and restore the cold water fishery resources of Dauphin and Lebanon counties” through hands-on involvement with a variety of chapter projects, including in late September standing in knee deep water for two hours helping to install a new filter on the chapter’s diversion well on Rausch Creek.

This award honors the tireless conservation work performed by the late Gerald R. (Gerry) Miller who died in 2013 after serving on both the chapter and PA State Council in a variety of roles since first becoming a TU member in 1999.

Congratulations, Jim. Keep up the great work for DFTU!

Raffle Winner

Thanks to all who ordered raffle tickets for a fishing trip with Orvis-endorsed fly fishing guide Julie Szur on Pine Creek in northcentral PA. **Mark Plantz** of Harrisburg whose raffle ticket was the last to be received before the drawing on September 10th is the lucky winner. Congratulations, Mark!

“If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago.” Zane Grey

Doc Fritchey's First Fund-Raising, On-Line Auction – November 10 to November 19th

Traditionally, the Doc Fritchey Chapter raises almost all the money we need to carry out our conservation and stewardship mission on one evening in late winter, at our annual conservation fund-raising banquet. We all know how that worked out in March of 2020: We all stayed home and started to learn how to social distance and wear a mask when we went out in public.

So, because the chapter still needs to raise money to carry out an aggressive mission, we are using National Trout Unlimited's newly-created on-line-fund-raising auction website to conduct our first on-line-auction. Based on what we have learned from the Donegal Chapter and the Cumberland Valley Chapter, we expect our members will enthusiastically bid on the forty-eight items our committee has solicited from friends, vendors, members, and organizations that support our chapter's conservation mission.

Starting on November 10th and ending on November 19th - a minute before midnight - the auction will be conducted on **DFTU.org**. You will find a button on the home page that will take you directly to the on-line auction. Everything we are offering, and all the details on how to bid and pay for the items you buy will be right there. This auction is an English-style auction, which is what is typical in the auction houses scattered around central Pennsylvania. We have listed an opening bid amount for each item, and we have listed the minimum amount required to increase a bid. Bidders must register and provide credit card information before starting to bid. Note: A slight delay occurs from the time you bid until your bid registers on the auction site.

If you are the winner of one of the items in either the "Fishing Trips" or "Outings/Tours" categories, we will mail your certificate to you. All other items must be picked up at Bob Pennell's home in Harrisburg. If you are unable to pick up your item, we can arrange to have it shipped to you. You will be required to pay the actual shipping cost.

The website (**DFTU.org**) includes detailed descriptions of all forty-eight items, with color photos. The donors' names are included with all items.

Please mark your calendars for the 10th of November and please bid aggressively. Again, **DFTU.org** takes you to the auction site. Good luck, happy bidding, and we look forward to seeing in March of 2021 at our next live, in-person fund-raising banquet at the Holiday Inn in Grantville.

E-Mail Addresses are Essential

We know we have asked you to provide e-mail addresses many times before – and some of you have responded – but we need to emphasize once again how important it is to the Doc Fritchey Chapter that we have e-mail addresses for our members. The online-fund-raising-auction we are conducting in November is a perfect example, as are any on-line meetings we try to organize. If we do not have your email address, we are limited in the ways we can update you. If you don't receive email messages from the Doc Fritchey Chapter (and we don't typically send very many), please take a minute right now and send an email to our membership chairman Chuck Swanderski at chucks@dftu.org.

Planning for Chapter Activities in a time of Covid -19

The chapter's board conducted a regular board meeting in September – via a Zoom-like platform – and discussed at length how the chapter can best communicate and interact with our 450 plus members. Since meetings in person are not feasible, we discussed a variety of ideas for on-line meetings and presentations. Although nothing is yet ready for "prime time," we are looking at various options, including virtual meetings, on-line fly tying demonstrations, and special presentations based on the interests of our membership and the availability of speakers/presenters. What we are hearing from other chapters around the country is that there is definitely an interest on the part of TU members for on-line programs and that on-line platforms, like Zoom, work well and provide a good way to communicate in these difficult times. Once again, let me remind you that we need your email addresses. Snail mail simply does not work as well.

Clarks Valley Highway Cleanup



Bob Bauer and Dennis Coffman

It was a gorgeous Sunday afternoon to pick up trash on DFTU's designated section of Clarks Valley Road, but, unfortunately, only two volunteers showed up to help, Dennis Coffman and Bob Bauer, but they made the most of the day and picked up 9 bags of trash.

"That's about as big as a fish that big gets"

Thanks to Julie Szur

Julie Szur not only donated a full-day fly fishing trip to help the chapter meet its annual fund-raising goals, but she (and her constant companion, her golden retriever Brookie) joined in on the Facebook Live event on September 10th when we drew the name of the lucky winner. Julie, we sincerely appreciate your help. We raised \$2,720 because you are a friend of Doc Fritchey, all of which will be spent on upgrades to our Rausch Creek Diversion Well. Julie, please consider yourself hugged!

Snitz Creek Project Complete

Thanks to the dauntless efforts of chapter president Russ Collins, the chapter's more than two year project to rehabilitate 1,200 feet of Snitz Creek in Lebanon County is complete. Final payments from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission have been received and the contractors have been fully paid. Because the property was recently sold, a new Landowner-Grantee Agreement was executed with the new owners. Going forward, the chapter is responsible for normal repairs and maintenance, and for the removal of debris that accumulates on the installed structures or which may contribute to streambank erosion.

Fall Trout Stocking – Fall-Winter Schedule

Because of the Covid-19 crisis, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is not permitting volunteers to assist in any way with late-season stocking and is only reporting a one-week window on their website when individual streams may/will be stocked. During the fall and winter of 2020, the PFBC will stock approximately 120,000 adult trout into select waterways statewide. We are all, of course, hopeful that come March of 2021, the Doc Fritchey volunteers that regularly float stock our favorite, special-regulations streams will once again be permitted to participate.

Drought Conditions Threaten Trout

For the last two months our state has been hard hit with lack of rainfall, coupled with a record number of summer days with air temperatures at 90 degrees and above. As a result, the dissolved oxygen levels in many of our favorite trout streams have critically affected the fish. Trout become highly stressed and hooking one and playing it endangers the very life of the fish. Although many of us practice and preach "Catch and Release," in these drought conditions, even this philosophy can still render irreparable harm and even death to some trout.

Annual Work Day on the Chapter's Rausch Creek Diversion Well

About a dozen Doc Fritchey volunteers came out to the chapter's limestone diversion wells (3.3 miles in from Gold Mine Road, where the Appalachian trail crosses Rausch Creek, a tributary of Stony Creek in northwest Lebanon County) to remove an older intake filter and install a new, improved filter, and - thanks to the erosive power of water which had created a significant diversion around the intakes for the two wells - create a permanent remediation solution. As he did a year ago, Steve Mack once again constructed a new stainless steel and fiberglass filter, which he and his wife Roxanne brought to the worksite.



Does this remind you of the California gold rush?

Six of our volunteers spent two hours in cold, knee-deep water, first removing the old filter and then removing half a ton of rocks to make way for the new, more-efficient filter. Once the new filter was in place, three, twenty-foot, previously cut and drilled logs, were carried in and placed by six other volunteers alongside the two filters to remediate a serious erosion problem. After the three logs were installed with rebar reinforcements, the undercut bank was filled with large rocks: all by hand, one large rock at a time. A job well done.

Dennis Coffman organized the installation effort and fed the crew sandwiches and cupcakes when we were finished.

Comment from the editor – Even though the work performed on this cool, drizzly Sunday afternoon was hard, intensive work, done mostly by older men (almost everyone involved was past retirement age), masks were worn all day and without complaint. It was understood by everyone that as this work required close contact and was strenuous, to be sure, with social distancing difficult or impossible, masks were to be properly worn. It was impressive.

Diversions Well Fall and Winter Schedule

Effective the first Sunday in October, the weekly work session on the diversion well moves to 1:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. Please feel free to meet the crew at the gate on Gold Mine Road any Sunday afternoon this fall or winter. They'll take you deep into St. Anthony's Wilderness - the 2nd largest roadless, wilderness tract of land in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Quittapahilla Water Monitoring Program

Our monitoring program for the Quittapahilla Watershed is off to a slow start, partly because of restrictions related to the COVID 19 pandemic. But, lately, we have picked up the activities and now the program is coming together very nicely. The program will include six monitoring locations, two on the mainstem Quittapahilla Creek and one on each of the four major tributaries (Snitz, Beck, Bachman, and Killinger). We will have continuous recordings of streamflow and temperature and periodic samples for water contaminants such as nutrients, sediment, and metals.



David Ethridge and Kent Crawford

In August and September, we had four work days where our volunteers worked to install stilling wells and staff plates on bridge wing walls at our monitoring locations. The stilling wells now house pressure transducers to give the needed continuous record of water level which we will convert to stream flow.

Our volunteers handled every task beautifully. They even proved that four heads are better than one. Our initial choice for a monitoring location on Snitz Creek was at the Walnut Street bridge. This location was problematic because it would have needed a lot of digging, would have required an intake pipe to the stilling well, and would have been prone to sedimentation. The volunteer crew suggested that we needed to rethink this decision. We

took a look at the bridge over Snitz Creek at Dairy Road and decided to move the monitoring location to the Dairy Road site. Excellent decision!

Now, we are almost ready to begin the actual water-quality sampling. We need to survey each of the monitoring sites, get educated about our pressure transducers, and learn how to make manual streamflow measurements.

We also need some training from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and we need special access to the PA DEP laboratory, which will analyze our samples.

Finally, our volunteers will also collect macroinvertebrate samples and deliver them to Lebanon Valley College for identification and analysis.

We have a big job ahead, but our volunteers seem more than up for the task. Volunteers who have assisted with the installations include Gary Zelinske, Willie Bixler, Stephan Vegoe, Trip McGarvey, David Ethridge, and Mike Schroeder. Thanks for your great work.

The Quittapahilla Watershed Association

By Michael Schroeder (msinpa@gmail.com)



"Dedicated to cleaner water flowing from the Quittie to the Swatara to the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake Bay to the Atlantic & beyond." Thus reads the masthead on the

website of the Quittapahilla Watershed Association, an all-volunteer grassroots organization based in Lebanon County, now in its 24th year (see www.quittiecreek.org). We're proud of the work we've accomplished over nearly a quarter-century, but we also know we've got a long way to go. Upwards of 98 percent of our watershed's waters are still considered "impaired" by PA-DEP – mainly the consequence of excessive sediment and nutrient runoff from cropland and livestock operations. We're working collaboratively with the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium, the Lebanon County Conservation District, Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited, local municipalities, and other groups and entities, public and private, to address these many impairments in ways that give us the "biggest bang for the buck" for the grant monies we receive from PA-DEP's Growing Greener program, the EPA's 319 grant programs, and other funding agencies. Join us for one of our monthly meetings – at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, now on Zoom.

Here's an Advance Look at What's On-Offer with our on-Line Auction

Fishing Trips

Fishing Trip w/Overnight Stay at HomeWaters Club

Two people will enjoy a one-night stay and dinner in the luxurious River Suites, located along the Little Juniata River in Spruce Creek. After a restful night, you'll wake up to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast buffet in the Stone House dining room, followed by a guided day of fly fishing and lunch on one of Central Pennsylvania's premier spring creeks.

Fishing Trip w/Overnight Stay for 4 People at Yellow Creek Trout Club

Located in Indiana County, the Yellow Creek Trout Club offers 2 days of fishing on nearly 4 miles of stocked trout water. After spending the first day on the stream, guests can stay overnight in one of the 4 bedrooms furnished with queen size beds. Available from June 1 through August 31, 2021.

24-Hour Trip on Spruce Creek

Two people will fish with Jim Goldsmith on a private section of Spruce Creek in Central Pennsylvania. Starting in the afternoon of day one, you can expect to catch an 18" or 20" rainbow or brown, followed by a streamside dinner with wine and/or the beverages of your choice. Overnight accommodations are provided as is breakfast and lunch the following day.

Guided Float or Wading Trip for Two

Spend the day on a southcentral PA stream with Eric Richard of Coveted Waters for your choice of fly fishing for either trout or smallmouth bass.

Shad Fishing Trip for Two on the Susquehanna River

Shad fishing below the Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna is best in mid-April to late-May. This is a full-day trip (early morning to mid-afternoon) with lunch and beverages provided.

Half-Day Guided Drift Boat Fishing Trip

This half-day trip for 2 people with Orvis-endorsed guide Nick Raftas of Wild East Outfitters offers you the choice of fishing for trout on the Lehigh River, or smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna or Juniata River during 2021.

Half Day Fly Fishing on Tulpehocken Creek



Start off the day with breakfast at a local restaurant, followed by a half-day fly fishing on a private stretch of Tulpehocken Creek in Lebanon County. For one or two people.

Art Prints and Photographs

"Perfect Monday" Framed Print by Linda Roberts

Maryland artist Linda Roberts, known for her talent in capturing the splendor of outdoor scenes, created this watercolor of a fly angler fishing a western stream. This print is #322 of a limited-edition of 950 prints.

Golden Rainbow Watercolor by Thom Glace

This study of a Golden Rainbow trout by Thom Glace is print #5 of 50 and is furnished with a foam core backing, ready for framing.

False Albacore and Redfish by Thom Glace

This colorful combination of two saltwater species was captured in watercolor by artist Thom Glace. The print is #21 of 50.

"Gems of Stony" by Doc Fritchey

This original work by the self-taught artist was printed and sold during the 1970s as a fundraiser for the Stony Valley Coalition in their successful effort to stave off commercial development of this pristine wilderness area north of Harrisburg.

March Brown Mayfly by Thom Glace

This study of a male March Brown mayfly is print #10 of 16 and is furnished with a foam core backing, ready for framing.

"Sting of the Hook" by Ned Smith

Created by renowned wildlife artist Ned Smith in 1981, the original acrylic was released in 2005 as a limited-edition print.

Grizzly with Salmon Photo Print

Rick Carlson captured this action while fishing the American River in Katmai National Park, Alaska.

"Fishing the Yellow Breeches"

This is a limited-edition print portraying an idyllic scene of an angler fishing below the low head dam on the Allenberry property in Boiling Springs. It is reported that Abbett employed famed Cumberland County angler Vince Marinaro to pose as the angler for this painting!

North Fork Gateway Photo by Bill Kosmer

Photographer and flyfishing guide Bill Kosmer took this spectacular shot at the entrance to the Canyon of the North Fork of the Blackfoot River while fishing in Montana.

Rods and Reels

Sage X – 9 foot 6 Weight

Handcrafted by Sage in the USA, the dark green rod blank features dark green thread wraps with metallic grey trim wraps, full wells cork grip, and a wooden reel seat. Voted Best Freshwater Fly Rod and Best of Show at ICAST for 2017.

TFO "BVK" Fly Rod - 9ft. 4pc. 5wt

This high-modulus graphite fly rod by Temple Fork Outfitters is one of the lightest and most responsive fly rods available on the market today.

Tenkara "Rhodo" Fly Rod and Accessories

The Tenkara Rhodo is the lightest feeling rod that Tenkara makes. The triple-zoom feature allows you to use the rod at three different lengths - 8'10" / 9'9" / 10'6".

Maxxon Fly Rod and Reel Combo

This medium-action, carbon fiber 9ft. 4pc. 5wt. rod comes complete with a die-cast Talon reel pre-loaded with WF floating fly line and backing.

Redington "Cross Water" Fly Reel

This durable, large arbor composite reel sized for 4, 5, and 6 weight lines features a strong disc drag system and easy to change spool.

Pair of Snowbee XS-Plus Fly Lines

Made in the UK, these high-floating lines feature zero memory issues and a stronger, yet supple, core material. One of these lines is rated as #2-5 weight and the other is rated #5-7 weight.

Flies

Assortment of 60 Steelhead Flies

An assortment of Estaz eggs and bead head nymph patterns designed for steelhead fishing.

Assortment of 11 Bass Flies

Tied by professional guide Brian Shumaker, this assortment includes flies designed for catching smallmouth bass from top to bottom.

Assortment of 24 Trout Flies

An assortment of 6 each of 4 nymph patterns expertly tied by Gary Robson.

Assortment of 26 Woolly Buggers

A selection of 26 Woolly Buggers exquisitely tied by Rick LaTourous.

Assortment of 30 Striper Flies

This assortment of striper flies tied by the late Dr. Frank Viozzi covers the entire spectrum of flies you should ever need to catch striped bass.

Neck and Saddle for Fly Tying

Hand-selected by master fly tyer Bill Skilton, premium quality barred grizzly neck and extra-long saddle hackles.

FlyStones Granite Base with Fly Tying Vise

A solid granite base from FlyStones, complete with aluminum insert for your favorite vise, or use the basic vise provided.

Outings and Tours

Private Vineyard Tour and Tasting at Vineyard of Hershey

The Vineyard at Hershey will host a tour of the vineyards and a wine tasting for 4 people.

Dusty Wissmath Casting Clinic

This one-day casting clinic focuses on the fundamentals of fly casting. It is designed for beginners who want to get started on the right track in a relaxed atmosphere with patient instructors.

4 Tickets to 2021 Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

Four one-day adult passes to the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show - March 6-7, 2021

Round of Sporting Clays + One Hour of Shooting Instruction

A round of sporting clays for up to 4 people plus an hour of shooting instruction for 2 people at the Orvis Hill Country Shooting Grounds.

Brewery Tour + \$100 Gift Card + Beer & Merchandise

Guided tasting tour of Tröegs brewery for up to ten (10) people. This fun, informative 45-minute tour includes a welcome beer, beer samples along the way, and an exclusive souvenir pint glass for each person in the tour group.

"Gettysburg Escape" & Family Pass to National Civil War Museum

Enjoy a delicious lunch for two (or three) and a captivating two-hour guided auto tour of beautiful Adams County fruit belt and the Gettysburg National Historic Military Park. During the tour you will sequentially experience the three-day "High Watermark" battle that changed the course of the Civil War. Also includes a Family Pass to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

Vests and Packs

Patagonia "Stealth" Chest Pack

Everything you want from a fishing vest—upfront placement, organization, easy access—without the vest.

Orvis "Safe Passage" Chip Pack

The Chip Pack brings your favorite features together in a midsized pack for the angler who likes the freedom of fishing without a vest.

Fishpond "Switchback" Wading Belt System

Modular system includes a wader belt with net slot, pack, and shoulder strap.

Handcrafted Items

Stained Glass Rainbow Trout by Alex Levine

Artistically stylized creation of a rainbow trout in stained glass.

Rustic Handcrafted Picture Frame

Handsome rustic picture frame constructed of wood with birch bark facing.

Handcrafted Pottery Items

Four pottery pieces hand-thrown by Harrisburg potters Christine Quimby and Paul Martz.

Handcrafted Jewelry Set

A matching set of necklace, bracelet and earrings artfully crafted by Nancy DiStanislaio.

Hand-Carved Brown Trout

Crafted by Big Sky Carvers in Bozeman, MT, this beautiful brown trout is mounted on a wood base.

Hand-Painted Shadow Box with 24 Flies

Rich DiStanislao created this artistic shadowbox with 24 exquisitely-tied flies surrounding his hand-painted rendition of classic fly fishing gear.

Aluminum Bonsai Tree

This miniature tree was masterfully crafted from aluminum wire by chapter president Russ Collins.

Memberships

Family Membership to Ned Smith Center + 2 Sets of "Fish-Themed" Glasses

Included with the Ned Smith Center Family Membership are 2 sets of 4 each cocktail and wine glasses featuring 4 different fish species.

Family Membership to Wildwood Park + Heron Photo Print

The whole family will enjoy discovering the wildlife that abounds in Wildwood Park, located just north of Harrisburg and home to the Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center. Included is a photo print of a heron ingesting a frog by photographer Sherri Hendricks.

Hawk Mountain Family Plus Membership & 3 Books

A Family Plus Membership offers a full year of access to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Included with your membership are three limited-edition books published by Hawk Mountain.

Go to DFTU.org for Details

Doc Fritchey T-Shirts Available

We mentioned in our last two chapter newsletters that we now have a good supply of Doc Fritchey T-Shirts. The intent was to sell these T-shirts at chapter events, but that's not been possible, so we have been selling shirts via the mail, and shirts are selling; not as fast as if buyers could see them and feel them, but certainly selling. Comments from buyers have been positive. These are quality shirts.



Chuck Swanderski, our chapter's membership chair, is selling these T-shirts via mail order. Price \$10 each. \$8.50 mailing fee.

Or you can arrange to meet Chuck and he will hand-deliver your new Doc Fritchey logo T-shirts and save the mailing fees. Contact Chuck Swanderski at chucks@dftu.org.

PA Council of Trout Unlimited

Our chapter's senior officer/member, our long-time secretary, and certainly our corporate memory, **Bob Pennell**, has also served the same role for the past seventeen years with the PA Council of Trout Unlimited. He's been their secretary and almost, if that's possible, as active with the PA Council as he has been with the Doc Fritchey Chapter. Bob is trying to find someone to take over his leadership position with the PA Council going forward, but at this time they are still looking, so Bob Pennell is now in his 18th year as secretary. In addition to his secretary duties for PA Council, Bob also manages the sale of PA TU Council merchandise.

You'll find quite an offering of merchandise at patrout.org, including Brook Trout license plates, custom-tied tapered leaders, flies and fly boxes, books of every description, dog collars, and a 7-piece, 9-foot, 5-weight fly rod. At just 19" long, the rod tube easily fits in your carry-on bag or backpack. It is an excellent fly rod and only sells for \$130.00. Certainly, a must have for the travelling fly fisherman.

Troutbitten

It was a little more than two years ago when Bellefonte-based fly fishing guide and author Dom Swentosky came to a Doc Fritchey chapter meeting and made quite an impression. Those of us there that evening learned to tie the Davey Knot and we learned about Darcey yarn strike indicators, and we also learned that the correct word for a strike indicator is not "bobber" but rather it's a *suspender*, a word Dom Swentosky "borrowed" from his friend George Daniel.

If you have not discovered him, Dom Swentosky is a brilliant fly fishing writer. His almost daily postings on his website - **Troutbitten** - have become "must-reads" for fly fishermen across the country. The best part about Dom's writing is that it is absolutely free. Go to his website and register and you'll start to get his emails. Certainly, he sells gear on his site, but he does that in a way you barely notice. **Troutbitten.com** is a great resource for fly fishermen.

Here's a sample of Dom's writing -

"And now, on this perfect summer evening, with the humidity cleaned up and pushed away by a northern wind through the canyon, these memories are as starkly tangible as ever — even after twenty years. And though the fish will never rise with such eagerness again, the heart of a friendship, born through water and built upon thousands of shared waves, remains strong. They all come and go." Domenick Swentosky

"The last word in ignorance is the man who says of an animal or plant: "What good is it?"
-Aldo Leopold

DFTU Quarterly Membership Report

Chuck Swanderski, Membership Chair

First let me congratulate members that continued their membership in Trout Unlimited Doc Fritchey Chapter despite these crazy times. It sure has changed the way we continue to perform our conservation and fundraising programs. The common thread is that our members believe in the mission of our organization "To conserve, protect and restore our cold water fisheries and their watersheds in the Dauphin, Lebanon counties". That being said we welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Gautam Mishra, Hummelstown
Thomas Nace, Annville
Jarrett Freeman, Harrisburg
Jeffrey Boyer, Lebanon
Kevin Kahl, Hershey

As of September 30, 2020, we are carrying 527 members on our roster BUT 45 memberships are up for renewal.

"Be patient and calm - for no one can catch fish in anger." Herbert Hoover

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TU - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Our existing members have been the backbone of our efforts to conserve, protect, and restore cold water fisheries in our area. In addition to sponsoring programs to introduce members and potential members to conservation and fishing opportunities, we also reach out to fly fishing anglers, traditional anglers, veterans, women, people of diverse backgrounds, and youth. We act as speakers, mentors and leaders in the conservation and fly fishing arena. We are working with the TU National Leadership Council to develop a DEI Handbook and Best Practices to ensure we are and will continue to be an organization that welcomes and engages members.

In the words of Chris Wood, President and CEO of TU: *"Trout Unlimited's ability to remain effective in the future will hinge, in part, on our ability to bring more women, people of color and younger members into the organization. This is not a nod to political correctness. The simple fact is that the more our members and supporters resemble the broader fly-fishing demographic—if not the nation, itself—the more resonant our messages and calls to action."*