

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) January 2016

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying starts at 6 p.m. Please bring chartreuse, olive, or black thread; because we will be tying the Bead-Head Chartreuse Woolly Bugger.**

The presenter for the “Entertainment” portion of the meeting will be Ms. Connie Adams, from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. A delightful speaker, Ms. Adams will discuss wildlife nuisance in our area; and she may also have some information on increased duck populations in local streams. This promises to be an interesting presentation. Please join us!

**Election Results:** Here are the results of the latest WNY Trout Unlimited Chapter election (submitted by Mr. Chuck Godfrey).

**Antoinette Grote** is serving her second year of a two-year term as President.

**Gene Romanyshyn** was reelected to a one-year term as Vice President

**Tony Messina** was reelected to a one-year term as Treasurer.

**Dave Unetich** was reelected to a one-year term as Secretary.

**Debbie Godfrey** was elected to a three-year term as a Director.

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## Announcements

- **A Report from Mr. David Bollman**

**Shows:** I would like to thank everyone who took part in fly-tying and in staffing the booths at the Fair and at the Outdoor Expo this past year. Without your efforts, the success of these events would not have been possible.

Volunteers are needed for working the Outdoor Show at the Fairgrounds from March 10 to March 13. At the general meeting on January 26, I will have the sign-up sheet for times to work the booth. Also, you can call my cell phone: 697-3807. On Sunday at the show, we teach kids to tie flies. We are asking for members with fly tying experience to volunteer their skills. It is a great time, and a rewarding one. Also, we need flies for the show, especially Dry Flies in sizes 12-14 (any pattern). If you need materials, let me know; and I can get some to you, or I can replace what you use.

**Project Healing Waters:** The dates of upcoming flying tying sessions at the Buffalo V.A. are: February 11, 2016; March 10, 2016; and April 14, 2016. Start times are 6 p.m.

- **Face Book: Mr. Bill Jedlicka** writes: "We invite you to visit Western New York Trout Unlimited on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and "Share" it with your Facebook friends. It's a great way to spread the word about the important things WNYTU does in the area and can help interested people (including current or, perhaps, future members) stay informed about upcoming activities. And feel free to post some of your favorite fishing or fly tying photos as well!"

- **From Mr. Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU's Representative at the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, State Council Delegate, Stream Projects Chair:**

**Trout Unlimited Membership:** TU is trying to increase membership and in an effort to do so, it is offering the opportunity of adding family memberships at no cost to present members. You may sign up spouses/partners and/or children. One copy of *Trout* magazine will be sent to each family, and a complimentary copy of *Stream Explorers* magazine will be sent to the youth in each household. It's really easy to add family members, but you will need to have your membership number to do so. It can be found on your membership card or your *Trout* magazine label. Existing members with a family membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/familyaddition>.

Existing members with a different type of membership should go to:  
<https://gifts.tumembership.org/family-membership-upgrade-form>.

People who are not yet members should start with:  
<https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>. This will allow new members to sign up for half-price and then to add family members as well.

**Springville Dam (Soby Hill) Project:** Here are two links to reports on this project.

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Portals/45/docs/SpringvilleDam/Springville-Dam-Detailed-Project-Report-and-Environmental-Impact-Statement.zip>.

<http://bit.ly/springville-dpr>.

• **Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2015 (prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		(CHECKING ACCT)	prior period thru 11/30/15	this period thru 12/31/15
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 1, 2015		<b>\$1,155.56</b>	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2015			<b>\$644.81</b>
INFLOWS:	TRANSFER FROM MONEY MKT			\$235.04
	TOTAL INFLOWS:		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$235.04</b>
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING		\$70.00	\$70.00
	TRAVEL		\$440.75	
	HOLIDAY PARTY			\$203.98
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:		<b>\$510.75</b>	<b>\$273.98</b>
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 30, 2015		<b>\$644.81</b>	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31, 2015			<b>\$605.87</b>
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		(MONEY MKT ACCT)	prior period thru 11/30/15	this period thru 12/31/15
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 1, 2015		<b>\$26,234.61</b>	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2015			<b>\$26,235.04</b>
INFLOWS:	INTEREST		\$0.43	\$0.44
OUTFLOWS:	TRANSFER TO CHECKING		\$0.00	\$235.04
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 30, 2015		<b>\$26,235.04</b>	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31, 2015			<b>\$26,000.44</b>

- **News from N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation: Mr. Scott Cornett, Fishery Biologist,** writes, *“Thank you very much for participating in the Wiscoy Creek angler diary program for 2015. The attached report \* on the diary program and our electrofishing survey is in Adobe PDF format and should be readable on most computers. This is a fairly lengthy report; however, with the changes that appear to be occurring in the Wiscoy Creek wild trout fishery, I felt that adequate explanation of the facts that we know, as well as the things we don’t know, was warranted. If you have questions or comments on the report, please feel free to e-mail me at: [scott.cornett@dec.ny.gov](mailto:scott.cornett@dec.ny.gov) or to give me a call at [716-372-0645](tel:716-372-0645). Thanks again for your help with this project.”* **\*Editor’s Note: This report is too long to be included as part of the newsletter. Therefore, it is being sent to you as a separate email. However, if you have requested no attachments, the report will not be sent. If you are in the latter category and would like the report, please let me know. Russ Shefrin.**
- **Banquet Report:** Editor’s Note: Over the years, your Western New York chapter of Trout Unlimited has made innumerable contributions, on many levels, to cold water fisheries conservation in our area. While we are a volunteer organization and rely mightily on the efforts of unpaid workers, the organization does have a number of expenses. Those of you who have studied the monthly treasurer’s reports (available in the electronic edition of this newsletter), prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina, will have noted this. Therefore, fund-raising is an essential part of what we do. One of the most important fund-raisers is the annual banquet in the spring. Mr. David LaRoche has kindly taken on the responsibility of organizing the banquet. **He has provided the “must read” update, which appears in the “Articles” section, later in this newsletter.** Please seriously consider doing whatever you can to assist Mr. LaRoche in this vital project and, most of all, join us at the banquet. Banquet sub-committees include: Banquet Agenda and Activities, Sponsor Sales, Ticket Sales, and Entertainment. The 2016 TU banquet will take place on March 19, 2016 at Lucarelli’s.
- Editor’s Note: Our “Trout Talk” newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available twice a year (September and January). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. I can be reached at [AdkRuss@roadrunner.com](mailto:AdkRuss@roadrunner.com).



## **Articles**

### **2016 Western New York Annual Banquet Update By David LaRoche**

As you all know, Len Bigaj passed away last year. In the words of our chapter president Antoinette Grote, “Len was an instrumental, dedicated and loyal member of the Western New York Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Project Healing Waters; and the impact of his passing is overwhelming.”

We can never replace Len, but we can remember and honor him. Many of you know that Len was the driving force behind the TU banquets. One small way that we will honor him is by remembering him at every banquet from now on. Therefore, the 2016 banquet will be the first:

#### **Len Bigaj WNY Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet**

We are still seeking sponsors, raffle and prize items and baskets for the auctions. Along with attending the banquet, we encourage you to donate a themed basket (we’ll have a list of ideas on the website) and become a sponsor for the important fund raising event. Or, if you know of a person or company that might sponsor, please let me know. A Sponsor Package form will also be on the WNY TU website.

We’re looking forward to a great banquet, but we need your support, so:

#### **Save the Date**

Saturday, March 19, 2016

6:00pm Cash Bar, 7:00pm Buffet Dinner

Lucarelli’s Banquet Center

1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, NY

Tickets: \$35 per person

**For Baskets / Raffle items, Tickets or Questions,**

**Please Contact:**

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**Photos:**

**Mr. Chuck Godfrey forwards these images of two area “Trout in the Classroom” programs.**

First, from Newfane (photo provided by Mr. Rich Meyers):



Next, from Iroquois (three photos provided by Ms. Tracey Raczkowski):





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