

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) May, 2019

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:30 pm, at the ORVIS SHOP, 4545 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York. [PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION.]**

**Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. David Dent, Region 9 DEC Permit Administrator. He will discuss “Freshwater Wetlands and Wetland Conservation in New York State”. These fascinating areas perform a number of vital functions but can be quite fragile. Please join us for what promises to be a most interesting presentation.**

## **President’s Message:**

In April, we had a great meeting at the Orvis Shop, which featured Rich Ruby, of the Army Corps of Engineers, who gave a presentation on the project to make the Springville Dam safe and to install a fish passage structure there. This month’s presenter will be David Dent, the Region 9 Permit Administrator for the DEC. He will discuss “Freshwater Wetlands and Wetland Conservation in New York State”. The public is always welcome at our meetings. Since switching the meeting site to Orvis, we have had attendance of over 60 each night, with 75 attending the April meeting.

Please remember the chapter picnic on Saturday, June 15, at Como Lake Park. See the attached flyer for details. [This flyer is not included if you have requested no such announcements. Ed.] We ask that people let us know if they will be attending, just so that we know how much food to get. We supply hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, and water and ask that people bring a dish to pass. If you don't sign up and something happens so you're able to make it in at the last minute, you're still welcome. The vets from the Project Healing Waters program will again attend. We'll have rods and reels available for cast practice and demonstrations. People are always welcome to fish in Cayuga Creek. There is also a population of smallmouth bass in the creek in the Park asking to be caught.

We are definitely going to need help at the Erie County Fair this summer. Vice president Brian Barrey has volunteered to be in charge for this summer, so he will be the contact person to volunteer. We'd like to have people work 4-hour shifts. We supply entry passes for the time you're working and parking passes, also. We will have a signup sheet at the May 28, 2019, general meeting at Orvis with specific shifts available – almost all of them available as of now – and also a sheet for people to leave their contact information if you can work but are not sure of when yet. This is the last meeting until September, though, so please let us know now if you can help. We need a volunteer to deal with our presence at shows in the future, also.

There is a DEC sponsored informational meeting about Lake Erie and its tributaries on May 22, at 6:30 at Woodlawn Beach State Park. Fisheries issues on the Lake and its tributaries will be discussed.

We also need to address the issue of finding our next president. My 2<sup>nd</sup> two-year term will be up next March, with elections to be held that month; and our bylaws – as well as my circumstances – preclude me from continuing in this office. The time and responsibility commitment is not as difficult as it may seem. A lot of what I do and report on is due to being the chairman of some of our most active committees, as well as being the Region 9 Vice President for the State Council. I'm not planning on giving those up just yet, so those responsibilities will not fall on the shoulders of the new president. That person doesn't necessarily need to be from our present leadership structure. We have a lot of people who could do it. I should still be around to help out if needed. We are working on a "succession plan", per TU National, and are looking for people who would like to be leaders in the future. If you think you might like to do something such as serve as a committee chair, officer, or director, please let us know so we can hook you up with someone who's in that position already to see if you would like to do it someday. Speaking of "committees", we have several that are inactive due to lack of committee members, and several that are really just one person "committees" for the same reason. We are trying to restructure what we do in order to have a more vibrant and active chapter. Don't get me wrong - we are one of the most active chapters in the state as it is; but there is more we could do, having over 500 members. For instance, we don't have a committee dedicated to outreach to women, nor to teens or minorities, all of whom are underrepresented in our chapter. We also do the Project Healing Waters program, but there may be other veterans outreach we could be doing.

Finally, I hope that none of this has been taken as negative nor as a criticism. As I said, we're already one of the most active chapters in the State; and our leadership has always been very proud of what the chapter has accomplished. Hope to see you at a meeting soon, or on a stream.

**Trout in the Classroom:** Most of the fish have been released. When I get pictures from the teachers involved, we will include them, occasionally, in future newsletters. Kudos to Sandy Smith at Nichols who, this year, grew the biggest fish that I've ever seen in our local programs. Also, if you know a teacher who might be interested in participating in the program in the future, please have him or her contact me at 716-440-6995 or [steelheader03@hotmail.com](mailto:steelheader03@hotmail.com) . Every year, I hear, from our members, about teachers who are supposedly interested but then mostly don't hear from the teachers, which is a shame. It costs about \$1100.00 to set up the program. We take care of the cost of the chiller, which I think is now up to over \$700.00.

**Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs:** The Federation has several ongoing programs that we can access. There is a Joseph Jemiolo Jr. Youth Sporting License free raffle which is drawn in December. Entries are only available online and may be found at the website – [www.ecfsc.org](http://www.ecfsc.org) Any Erie County youth who will still be 15 or less by next March 1<sup>st</sup> may enter. They do run a year-long raffle to help fund the program; but there is absolutely no requirement, or even request, to purchase any tickets. There are 10 great prizes this year, including fishing charters, a crossbow, and a .22 caliber rifle. Contact Chuck Godfrey if you’re interested in the raffle tickets. The drawing is in December.

The Federation also conducts a National Hunting and Fishing Day program, on the 4th Saturday in September, each year at Elma Conservation Society. This is a great educational program for kids and is free to the public. It’s NOT restricted to Erie County residents. The kids get exposure to trapping, skeet or trap shooting – age appropriate, air rifles, bass fishing, retrievers, casting – both spin and fly, archery, crossbows, Deer Search, and more. Speaking of this, we could use a couple of volunteers that day to help with the kids’ instruction. It would be nice to show them fly casting and maybe some rudimentary fly tying. Details on all of this are available on the Federation’s website, as noted above.

Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU Chapter President.

**Announcements:**

- **A Report by Mr. David Bollman:**  
**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing:** We will be tying with the Veterans at the Buffalo VA Hospital on June 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The dates for Elma are June 20th, July 17th, and August 15th. If anyone would like to help with any of these events please contact me at (697-3807) your help would be greatly appreciated.  
 Thanks, Dave
- **Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ended April 30, 2019**(Submitted by **Mr. Anthony Messina**):

		prior period	this period
		thru 03/31/2019	thru 04/30/2019
(CHECKING ACCT)			
BALANCE			
AT	MARCH 1, 2019	<b>\$11,224.31</b>	
BALANCE			
AT	APRIL 1, 2019		<b>\$10,825.07</b>
INFLOWS:	SHOWS	\$750.00	
	TU MERCHANDISE	\$240.00	\$152.00
	TU REBATES	\$75.00	
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$1,065.00</b>	<b>\$152.00</b>
OUTFLOWS:	MEETINGS (Greeter's Start-up Funds)	\$100.00	

	SUPPLIES			\$15.24
	WEBSITE (Domain Name/Hosting)		\$445.24	
	DONATIONS (State Council/NYC TIC)		\$300.00	
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING		\$211.00	
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE		\$253.00	
	INSURANCE		\$155.00	\$100.00
	TRANS TO RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCT.			\$10,000.00
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$1,464.24</b>	<b>\$10,115.24</b>
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2019		<b>\$10,825.07</b>	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 30, 2019			<b>\$861.83</b>
			prior period thru 03/31/2019	this period thru 04/30/2019
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2019		<b>\$22,765.36</b>	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 1, 2019			<b>\$22,765.75</b>
INFLOWS:	INTEREST		\$0.39	\$0.37
		TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$0.39</b>	<b>\$0.37</b>
OUTFLOWS:	NONE			
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2019		<b>\$22,765.75</b>	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 30, 2019			<b>\$22,766.12</b>
			prior period thru 03/31/2019	this period thru 04/30/2019
		(RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2019		<b>\$0.00</b>	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 1, 2019			<b>\$0.00</b>
INFLOWS:	TRANSFER FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$0.00	\$10,000.00
OUTFLOWS:	NONE		\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2019		<b>\$0.00</b>	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 30, 2019			<b>\$10,000.00</b>

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