

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) November, 2017

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying begins at 6 p.m. Please bring red or orange thread; because we will be tying sucker spawn.**

**Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Ms. Connie Adams of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. She will address the problem of “Nuisance Wildlife in Your House and Yard”. We look forward to a most interesting discussion. Please join us.**

## **President’s Message:**

This month’s “entertainment”, at the November 28, WNYTU Chapter Meeting, will be presented by Connie Adams of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. She will discuss “Nuisance Wildlife in Your House and Yard.” I have seen this, and it’s a great presentation – fascinating and informative. (Remember that the business portion of the general Chapter Meeting will probably take less than 10 minutes, and then we’ll get right to the presentation.)

We held our elections at the October meeting. Much thanks to Antoinette Grote, Dave Unetich and Tony Messina for volunteering to continue as Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Thanks also to

Dave Bollman, Bill Jedlicka, Spencer Schofield, and, especially, Frank Lucas and Joe Morgan for volunteering to serve as Board members. Dave, Bill, and Spencer won election for three-year terms as Board members; and Joe was elected to fill out a vacant term on the Board, which will end next year. This is the first time in a long time that I can remember having an actual election. It was nice to see more candidates than offices. Hopefully, we can continue this into the future.

At our October, 2017, Chapter Meeting, we were treated to a great presentation by Scott Cornett and Tom Hoffman on the state of brook trout in WNY. This type of discussion is very much appreciated by our chapter.

Tony and I have submitted the required chapter financial report to the National TU office. This year, we had a grand total of 2342 volunteer hours by chapter members, up slightly from last year's 2266. Thanks to everyone for all your help in trying to accomplish TU's mission.

We have been approached by the Lake Erie Chapter of Flyfishers International for help in publicizing one of their raffles, and the Board has agreed to do so. They will be raffling off an Orvis Helios 2, 8 wt. flyrod at the Greater Niagara Fishing and Outdoor Expo on 1/21/18. Tickets are \$10 apiece and three for \$20. See the attached flyer details on how to order. I will also have tickets at the November meeting and at the Christmas Party.

Also, each year, the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs awards at least four youth lifetime hunting or fishing licenses to Erie County youngsters through a free raffle. Entries are online only and are available at the Federation's website, [erictyfsc.org](http://erictyfsc.org). In order to finance this, the Federation runs a yearlong fundraising raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. This year, there is a crossbow, kayak, a fishing charter on Lake Erie, a shoreline fishing trip, and other prizes (see the attached flyer for details of all prizes.) Tickets are available at our monthly meetings or by contacting me, Chuck Godfrey, at 440-6995 or [steelheader03@hotmail.com](mailto:steelheader03@hotmail.com). All proceeds from the raffle tickets go to the Youth Lifetime License program. Forty lifetime licenses have been issued over the last five years. The program is for kids who are Erie County residents and will be under sixteen by March 1, 2018. Go to the Federation's website, <http://erictyfsc.org/>, for details. Entries are only online and end November 30 for this year. Any received after that will go into next year's drawing.

The Federation also gives out up to five \$200 scholarships to students who will be majoring in several environmental sciences or law enforcement in college. Details and applications are online at the Federation's website <http://erictyfsc.org/>. Applications can be downloaded and either mailed or emailed. The deadline for applications is December 15.

Finally, don't forget about our annual Christmas party. It had to be cancelled last year due to a mistake in our booking date by the Post, but we are all set for this year. The party will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2017. We supply pizza and wings, an antipasto, and pop, beer, and wine. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and also to contact us ahead of time to let us know they're coming, so we can plan on an appropriate amount of food; but you are welcome to come at the last minute, also. See the attachment for details.

**Trout in the Classroom:** Progress will be reported through the year. The system at Holland suffered a problem which resulted in all the water's draining from the system. It was repaired; and on November 15, we were able to obtain replacement eggs and some "sac-fry" from the Randolph fish hatchery. We already have accepted Wilson High School as a new participant for next year and have inquiries from two other schools. If you have children or grandchildren attending a local school where a teacher might be interested in this outstanding program, or if you or someone you know is a teacher, inquiries about the program can be made to Chuck Godfrey. It costs about \$1000 to \$1100 to start the program, and we will pay for and loan a chiller to any school participating with us. That is nearly \$700 of the expense of starting up the program.

[Editor's Note: Some members have requested that no "flyers" be attached to their newsletters. If you have so informed me, but would like to see any of the flyers mentioned in Mr. Godfrey's message, please email me. Russ Shefrin.]

## **Announcements:**

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

**Fly Tying:** I would like to thank Bill Koerner, Bob Bohner, and Bill Jedlicka for their fly-tying contributions.

**Shows:** The next show is the WNY Travel and Sport Expo, which will take place in March. I will have more information in the January Newsletter; but, meanwhile, I would like the membership to know that we need wet flies. If anyone would be so kind as to tie some of these, the effort would be much appreciated.

**Project Healing Waters:** The next tying session at the Buffalo V.A. will be at 6 p.m., December 7, 2017. If you would like to help, please contact me, Dave Bollman, at 697-3807 for more information.

- **Genesee River Angler Diary Program:** Mr. Scott Cornett, Fisheries Biologist with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, would like to remind those who signed up for the 2017 Genesee River Angler Diary Program, but who have not yet returned the diary, to please do so. Diaries which contain data should be mailed to: **Jim Zanett**, NYSDEC, 182 East Union Street, Suite #3, Allegany, New York 14706. If an angler signed up, but did not fish, he or she should call **Jim Zanett** at 716-379-6372 and let him know.

- **Stream Projects:** Submitted by **Mr. Joe Morgan**, Conservation Committee Chair.

There are a few projects being discussed for 2018. Two possibilities are in Erie County on Hosmer Brook and the East Branch of Cazenovia Creek (with the Erie County Water Conservation District). Another is the Crow Creek project in Wyoming County with River Keeper. We would also like to initiate a chapter project in the spring to remove tree tubes from many of the tree plantings we have done in the past. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

With this being my first report as Conservation Committee Chair, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words in regards to stream projects and conservation. I have been involved in a number of WNYTU projects over the years in which the chapter has participated along with the DEC and other government agencies. These activities included tree plantings, stream restoration, habitat construction/improvement and electroshocking. It has been extremely rewarding and gratifying to see the results of the hard work and effort put in by all the people involved. These projects have definitely made an impact on the present fishery and will do so for future generations to come. If you have never participated, I invite you to come along and see for yourself. At the end of the day, I think you will be glad you did. If you are not on our volunteer list, or have any questions, just email me at [joephmorgan@msn.com](mailto:joephmorgan@msn.com). I look forward to working with everyone.

Finally, I would like to thank Chuck Godfrey for his 18 years of service as chair of this committee. I worked with him on many projects; and I can honestly say that, without Chuck's knowledge, experience and dedication, these projects would not have been as successful as they were. He will still be involved as much as he can.

Thanks, Joe Morgan

- **Treasurer's Reports.** Our Treasurer, Mr. Anthony Messina, has kindly submitted two reports for this newsletter. The first is the regular monthly report, and the second compares the current year with the prior one.

**Monthly Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2017:**

	(CHECKING ACCT)	prior period thru 09/30/17	this period thru 10/31/17
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2017		<b>\$1,108.76</b>	
BALANCE AT OCTOBER 1, 2017			<b>\$2,417.22</b>
INFLOWS: SHOWS (Erie County Fair)		\$1,730.42	\$0.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$1,730.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
OUTFLOWS: MONTHLY MEETING		\$75.00	\$75.00
NEWSLETTER			\$174.00
PRINTING			
SHOWS (Erie County Fair)		\$40.42	
TU PICNIC		\$61.54	
NEWSLETTER			
POSTAGE		\$245.00	
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$421.96</b>	<b>\$249.00</b>
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2017		<b>\$2,417.22</b>	
BALANCE AT OCTOBER 31, 2017			<b>\$2,168.22</b>

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	(MONEY MKT ACCT)	prior period thru 09/30/17	this period thru 10/31/17
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 1, 2017		<b>\$23,258.44</b>	
BALANCE AT OCTOBER 1, 2017			<b>\$23,258.82</b>
INFLOWS: INTEREST		\$0.38	\$0.40

OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	\$23,258.82	
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 31, 2017		\$23,259.22

**Annual Comparison Report:**

WNY Trout Unlimited Annual Report Comparison	TOTAL 10/1/15 - 9/30/16 (prior year)	TOTAL 10/1/16 - 9/30/17 (current year)
<b>CHECKING ACCT - Bank of America</b>		
<b>BANK BALANCE - October 1</b>	<b>\$1,624.24</b>	<b>\$1,825.71</b>
<b>INFLOWS:</b>		
DONATIONS	\$20.00	\$300.00
SHOWS	\$2,192.00	\$2,560.42
TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM REIMB.		\$540.00
TU REBATES	\$15.00	
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS:</b>	<b>\$2,227.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.42</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS:</b>		
AWARDS	\$69.90	
DONATION	\$140.00	\$140.00
DUES	\$135.00	\$135.00
FLY TYING SUPPLIES	\$53.00	\$83.83
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$203.98	
INSURANCE	\$255.00	\$255.00
MONTHLY MTG. - ROOM RENTAL	\$560.00	\$515.00
NEWSLTR POSTAGE	\$492.25	\$652.89
NEWSLTR PRINTING	\$390.00	\$174.00
MEMBERSHIPS	\$50.00	\$50.00
SHOWS	\$20.00	\$93.98
SUMMER PICNIC	\$156.00	\$156.54
STREAM PROJECTS	\$293.68	\$252.67
TRAVEL	\$597.00	
TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM	\$1,179.95	\$300.00
WEBSITE	\$414.81	

<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS:</b>	<b>\$5,010.57</b>	<b>\$2,808.91</b>
BALANCE	(\$2,783.57)	\$591.51
TRANS FROM MONEY MKT	\$2,985.04	\$0.00
ADJ. BALANCE	\$201.47	\$591.51
<b>BANK BALANCE - September 30</b>	<b>\$1,825.71</b>	<b>\$2,417.22</b>
<b>MONEY MKT ACCT - Bank of America</b>		
<b>BANK BALANCE - October 1</b>	<b>\$26,234.16</b>	<b>\$23,254.17</b>
INTEREST	\$5.05	\$4.65
TRANSFER FROM BANQUET ACCT	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANS TO CHECKING ACCT	(\$2,985.04)	\$0.00
<b>BANK BALANCE - September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$23,254.17</b>	<b>\$23,258.82</b>
<b>BANQUET ACCT - Bank of America</b>		
<b>BANK BALANCE - October 1</b>	<b>\$1,876.48</b>	<b>\$5,600.93</b>
BANQUET	\$7,461.00	\$0.00
TRANS TO MONEY ACCOUNT		\$0.00
BANQUET EXPENSE	(\$3,697.55)	\$0.00
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY FEES	(\$39.00)	\$0.00
<b>BANK BALANCE - September 30</b>	<b>\$5,600.93</b>	<b>\$5,600.93</b>

- 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)

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TO THE ANNUAL WNYTU CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**TUESDAY December 5, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

**DONOVAN AMERICAN LEGION POST**

**3210 GENESEE ST, CHEEKTOWAGA**

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US**

**WE WILL HAVE AN OPTIONAL “YANKEE SWAP”**

**BRING A GIFT OF \$10 OR LESS TO PARTICIPATE**

RESERVATIONS NOT NECESSARY, BUT PLEASE LET CHUCK GODFREY KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND AT [STEELHEADER03@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:STEELHEADER03@HOTMAIL.COM) SO WE CAN PLAN FOR FOOD AND DRINK.

PIZZA, WINGS, ANTIPASTO, BEER, WINE, POP, AND WATER PROVIDED  
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.



**LEC-FFI's FIRST  
ANNUAL  
RAFFLE!**

**Lake Erie Chapter**  
Federation of Fly Fishers

**PRIZE: ORVIS HELIOS 2, 8-wt Fly Rod \***  
Drawing to be held 1/21/2018 at 4:00pm @ the  
**GREATER NIAGARA FISHING & OUTDOOR EXPO**  
**Donation of \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20**

\*Raffle is for ROD ONLY. Reel not included.