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A. Letter from the Chair

1. Letter from the Chair

The winds of change are blowing in Delaware!! Congratulations to all Delawareans who worked to persuade our State leaders to accept wind power. It was a collaborative effort by environmental groups and grassroot citizens group. A pure example of how power by the people can work to effect change. Thanks to all those who sent letters, postcards and made phone calls. The system can and does work! The challenge now is to continue alliances that will promote a healthy and green Delaware.

I would like to notify our members of a change in leadership. I will be moving from the area and I have resigned as Chair. Jay Cooperson, who has been a Sierra Club member for many years is the new Chair. I thank everyone for their support in my brief term as Chair. It has been a great experience and it is wonderful to exit after a victory. Please welcome Jay as Chair and provide him with your support.

Kathleen Davis

B. Get Involved

1. Volunteer Form

Fill out our volunteer sign-up form at Delaware.SierraClub.org/survey

2. Newsletter Submissions

Submit for our summer Newsletter – June 11

Submit an article for our newsletter. The deadline for submissions is June 11. Please e-mail Jane Buck at buck@count.com with your submissions.

3. Southern Delaware Group Executive Committee

During the 2007 Chapter elections there will be two positions available on the S. Delaware Group's Executive Committee. The Southern Delaware Group consists of Kent and Sussex Counties. Any Sierra member residing in either Kent or Sussex Co who is interested in joining the S DE Group's Executive Committee please contact a member of the Group's election committee. The members are:

Rich Anthony (302) 645-1732 enviro@comcast.net
 Martha Keller (302) 537-2493 97433@UDel.Edu
 Terri Usuki (302) 436-4042 ytusuki-usa@yahoo.com

4. Annual Picnic, August 4, 5 PM, Dover

Saturday, August 4, the club will hold its annual picnic at the home of Mary and Dan Snyder. The theme for the event is a Luau with Tim O'Conner the master pig cooker. The Snyders live at 639 Deer Track Lane, Dover. (easily found on Map Quest) near the fire school. Your attendance needs to be registered by calling Mary at 674 4040. An appropriate dish, as well as dress is requested. The event begins at 5pm with dinner at 6. Plan to make it an evening to remember. Guest of members are encouraged to attend.

Interested in helping - give Mary a call.

5. Committee Opportunities – Outings & Membership

Are you interested in getting involved with the Sierra Club? Join our Outings Committee or Membership Committee. The Outings Committee will help plan and implement hikes and other outdoor adventures for the club. The Membership Committee will work on engaging our membership, particularly contacting new members.

C. Events, Outings, Socials, Meetings, Public Hearings

1. Political Committee Exploratory Meeting – June 7, 6:30 PM in Dover

Interested in Sierra Club's Political Committee? The Sierra Club of Delaware is holding an exploratory Political Committee meeting. If you are interested, you should come out. Please RSVP by responding to this e-mail or calling me (Ezra) at 302-981-3007. The meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 6:30 PM, at The Lobby House in Dover. Carpooling may be arranged.

2. Dover Social, June 7, 6:30 PM, Dover

"First Thursday in June (the 7th) will again be held at "The Lobby House," in Treadway Towers, in Dover. Same time: 6:30 P.M. We will be ordering off the menu, as usual. If you've never attended before, please join us. These get-togethers are informal and mostly social. However, we're starting to get busier in Kent County on environmentally-related projects, and the more Sierra Club members who join us, the more important activities we can accomplish. Also, the more fun we'll have! It's also a good place to meet other environmentally conscious folks (of all ages) like you! For more information, please call Carol Grandfield at (302) 284-4565.

3. UDon't Need It, sale, June 9, 8am-noon, Newark

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for UDon't Need It. It was a great success in reducing trash during University of Delaware's student moveout this year. For more information on its success, see

<http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2007/jun/udont060107.html>

Items not needed by the three agencies will be on sale 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 9, at the Curtis Paper Mill building, 225 Paper Mill Rd., Newark. The proceeds will go to the Ministry of Caring. The surplus sale is open to the public,

4. Geology of the White Clay Valley, June 9, 10 AM, Landenberg, PA

June 9, 10:00 A.M. - Geology of the White Clay Valley including the stone used in old buildings, a lime kiln, a marble quarry and some 500 million year old rocks. Meet at the London Tract Meeting House Nature Center in Landenberg, PA.

Reservations to Marilyn Flannery (610)274-2471. Leader, Gail Blackmer of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey

5. Public Hearing on Inland Bays pollution control,

June 13 & 14, Millsboro & Georgetown

Public hearings for the [INLAND BAYS] pollution control strategy have been set for 6 p.m. June 13 at 322 Wilson Highway in the Millsboro Senior Center and for 6 p.m. June 14 at the Georgetown CHEER Center on Sand Hill Road."

6. Conservation Committee, June 18, 7PM in Dover

The next meeting of the Conservation Committee will be on Monday, June 18 at 7PM. It will be held at St. Paul 's Episcopal Church on Old North Road in Camden, DE.

7. Coalition Breakfast, June 19, 9 AM, New Castle

There will be a CLEAN Breakfast – Community, Labor, Environmental Action Network. It will be on June 19 at 9 AM at the IBEW Hall, 814 W Basin Rd, New Castle, DE. This is an initial meeting. It is the mission of C.L.E.A.N. to promote a safe and healthy environment for families in Newark and the surrounding areas. To RSVP or for more information, contact Courtney Foley at cfoley@ufcw.org or 1-800-809-4303x12.

8. Listened to The Great Green Home Show?

The Environmental Communication Foundation announces that they have teamed-up with Clear Channel Radio – Delaware to produce an innovative, entertaining and timely one-hour "Green" Radio Show. "The Great Green Home Show" (GGHS) – airing Sundays at 11am on 1450 WILM - is aimed at delivering up to date Green information to listeners in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. This important show is intended to help homeowners make smart and informed decisions in tackling the present landscape of rising energy costs, pollution, carbon footprints, energy conservation, global warming, etc., all while maintaining the pursuit of a prosperous and fulfilling life. Guests have included Senator Tom Carper and former Governor Russ Peterson. The show will be broadcast on 1450 WILM, simulcast on WILM.com, and available for Pod-cast and on-demand listening. For more information, please contact Paul Hughes of the ECF at 410-996-9807.

D. More!

1. A Major Step Toward a Clean Energy Future

Chad Tolman, Delaware Chapter Energy Chair, would like to thank everyone for their support for wind energy in Delaware. Our success is "A Major Step Toward a Clean Energy Future." Read what he wrote at <http://delaware.sierraclub.org/pdf/MajorStep.pdf>

2. Thanks! by Carol Grandfield

A big thanks to June Satterfield, Chair Person, and to all those on the Cool Cities Committee and all the volunteers who helped put on the Energy Film Festival at Delaware State University on April 20 and 21. Approximately two dozen films were shown, including *An Inconvenient Truth*. Though turn-out was low, our volunteers, who came from both the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club, were terrific. They are eager to do more for the environment. They all are greatly appreciated, and we will be in touch .

Another big thanks to Carol Taylor and members of the Kent County Cool Cities Committee who worked with Carol to put on a successful Children's Art Exhibit at Old Dover Days on May 5. Children from several elementary schools in Dover drew pictures showing what they and other children can do to reduce their use of energy created by burning fossil fuels. Carol's thanks ot the admimistrators, teachers and pupils for their enthusiasm and cooperation.