
Delaware Sierra News

A Sierra Club Newsletter about Environmental Matters Important to Delaware

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Chapter Election Issue – Please Vote!

Make your voice heard in the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club by voting in our annual Executive Committee election. Here's how to vote:

1) Your ballot will be counted only if it is received by the Elections Committee before 6:00 p.m. on February 15, 2008.

2) Use the ballot on the reverse side of this page. Duplicate ballots will not be accepted unless they were issued by the Elections Committee. Please mail or deliver your ballot to:

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4) The Sierra Club national office assigns a membership number to each member as his/her membership paperwork is processed. This number is on your mailing label. The Elections Committee cannot accept any ballot lacking this membership number.

5) Your mailing label also indicates, just after the group number whether your household has a single (S) membership or a joint (J) membership. With a joint membership, two members' votes can be recorded on the same ballot.

The ballot indicates how many candidates you may vote for in each race. For some groups, there may be fewer candidates than vacancies. Contact your group chair to inquire about procedures to fill vacancies after the election.

You'll find your ballot and some additional guidance on the reverse side of this page. The candidates' ballot statements are found on pages 3 through 7. If you have any questions about the election process, contact Chapter Elections Committee member Matt Urban, at 302-521-4495.

Candidate Information

For candidate information and statements, see pages starting on page 3.

Please vote for the **Chapter Executive Committee** as well as the **Executive Committee of the Southern Delaware Group** if applicable. See instructions on page 1, including how to determine whether you are eligible to vote in the Group election.

Candidate names have been listed in random order.

Please place a check next to each candidate you are voting for, and/or write in candidates in the extra spaces provided.

Chapter ExCom (5800) (vote for no more than 4)	Single Member or First Joint Member	Second Joint Member	Southern Delaware Group (5801) (vote for no more than 2)	Single Member or First Joint Member	Second Joint Member
Nancy Carig			Phil Shuman		
June Satterfield			Harry Haon		
Debbie Heaton					
Dave Keifer					
Michael Smith					
Jay Cooperson					
Dick Bewick					

Submitting Your Ballot

Fold this page along the dashed line, then along the solid line, so that the Chapter address panel (right) shows on the outside. Do not include anything else with the ballot – no checks, notes, letters to the editor, etc. Seal it shut with tape (no staples).

Better yet, the elections committee **STRONGLY** encourages you to use an envelope to return your ballot. Putting your ballot in an envelope is the best way to send it. This will greatly decrease the chances of your ballot being damaged in the mail and not counted.

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Chapter Candidate Statements

Nancy Carig, Milford

I started volunteering for the Sierra Club in 2001 when I was invited to help with Chapter fundraising. A corporate event planner by trade, I relished putting my skills to work for a cause that I believed in – the environment.

We ran an aggressive schedule of events back then – a silent auction in Wilmington each winter, eco-cruises in Lewes during the summer months, and music-related events Statewide. During that time I also received training from National Sierra Club in fundraising and major donor development.

A life-long Delawarean, I have found that living in Sussex County and working in New Castle County keeps me in touch with issues throughout the State. I am now employed as a full-time environmentalist, and work day-to-day to bring renewable energy solutions to Delaware. I am also currently a Crew Leader for Sussex County Habitat for Humanity's Women Build project in Seaford.

I am running for the Executive Committee to help make our Chapter an even more active, involved, and well-funded organization throughout the State. We need to find ways to get more of our members involved in our local Chapter. To accomplish that, I will encourage the development of new ways to reach out to people that aren't currently involved, but who are ready to go to work to protect Delaware's numerous natural resources.

I'm always surprised by the diversity of people I meet who are members of the Sierra Club. We may come from many walks of life, but we carry a common passion for our environment. I would like to see us all putting that enthusiasm into action. I have seen what we can do in Delaware when many individuals pull together for a cause, and I truly believe that we can accomplish anything when we put our minds to it.

I am excited to be running alongside a few exceptional candidates. Debbie Heaton has long worked to support and protect the environment with a number of organizations, not the least of which is the Sierra Club both at the local and national level. Her depth of knowledge on the environment is enviable. I also join June Satterfield, who works tirelessly throughout the State to educate people about what they can be doing to live a greener lifestyle.

As you know, we stand at a tipping point. We have never had more potential to make a difference.

We have never had so much attention paid to the issues that have been at the forefront of our minds for years. Our window of opportunity has never been wider - and now is the time to develop and deploy the programs that will get all Delawareans, along with Sierra Club members, actively involved protecting our environment.

I ask for your vote this election, and your consideration of the other fine candidates I've mentioned so that we can grasp this opportunity. Please give us the opportunity to do great things for the Sierra Club in Delaware.

June Satterfield, Smyrna

Hi, my name is June Satterfield and I want to serve on the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club's Executive Committee.

After retiring from teaching, I began exploring new opportunities to make a difference. I love nature and I was becoming increasingly alarmed about global warming and issues of sustainability. I had been a "card carrying" member of the Sierra Club for years, but it was clearly time for me to invest more than money in environmental preservation. And so, roughly two years ago, I decided to begin dedicating my energy, creativity and time to the work of the Sierra Club.

But, frankly, as a newcomer, I struggled to find ways to participate. The Sierra Club lacked regular meetings, opportunities to work with other members, campaigns, and ongoing activities. With encouragement from Chad Tolman and Ron Zink, I decided to create some of what I felt was missing. I organized and ran an Energy Film Festival at Delaware State University for Earth Day 2007 and I initiated a calling campaign as part of a coalition of environmental organizations to support Delaware's historic offshore wind farm project.

I also decided to step up the Sierra Club's presence at community activities and other public events around the state. I created a Sierra Club table display for outreach and public education that I have taken to over 15 events. Because of this dedicated work, the Executive Committee drafted me to be Membership Chair earlier this year. In this position, I have worked with Ezra Temko to hold a very successful membership meeting, "Sierra Connections", which focused on Sierra Club's Mountain Top Removal and clean water protection initiative. We are now planning

another event for late winter. And, in addition to work on membership engagement, I joined the new Political Committee and chaired the Gubernatorial Candidate's Debate on the Environment in August 2008, which drew an audience of over 300 and raised the profile of environmental issues in the Delaware elections.

I've devoted lots of time and I've learned that our club is made up of many caring and committed individuals who, like me, want to make a difference for the environment. I'm hoping to serve on the Executive Committee so that I can help offer members more opportunities to participate, learn, have fun, and, most importantly, get something accomplished. My track record so far has shown that I see my plans through to fruition, and if elected, I plan to work to improve the viability and effectiveness of our Sierra Club in Delaware.

Debbie Heaton, Middletown

I became active in the Sierra Club in 1989 because I was interested in meeting new people. A lot has happened since! I've been honored to serve as the Chapter's Chair, Conservation Chair, Newsletter Editor and now Political Chair. I've been able to participate at the regional and national levels serving on the Appalachian Regional Conservation Committee and Council of Club Leaders Executive Committees, Chair of the Nomination Committee for the Board of Directors, and as a member of the national board of directors' Organizational Effectiveness Governance Committee. I also coordinated the Club's first Club-wide national gathering in recent times to discuss, formulate and clarify better ways for the groups, chapters and the national structure of the Club to work better together, and I've served on numerous task forces and for one year as an Inspector of Election. I was even employed as chapter staff for almost 2 years.

I am running for election to the chapter's Executive Committee so that I can use my experience to assist members from across the state to get involved in everything from outdoor activities and volunteer work days to planning strategies to increase our statewide recycling rate and getting good people elected to county and state level offices. Working together we can build the chapter's reputation and influence and protect Delaware's remaining natural resources.

Throughout my experiences with the Club, I've met a lot of wonderful people who were as concerned about Delaware's clean air and water as I am.

The Sierra Club has a significant role to play in Delaware and I'm excited to see that we currently have as a number of very talented and enthusiastic members who want to get involved and who are also running for election this year.

Over the past year I've worked with June Satterfield to host the chapter's first gubernatorial forum that drew a standing-room-only-crowd and consulted with Jay Cooperson as he chaired the chapter and worked to get more members involved. I'm excited to see Nancy Carig running as she was a moving force a few years back with the Chapter's highly successful fundraising efforts and it is gratifying to see new members like Michael Smith stepping forward.

We have a lot to do in the coming year - the main channel of the Delaware River is up for dredging; the state's open space, farm and forestlands preservation programs will need funding to continue their work; our successful Cool Cites program needs to expand; and recycling, global warming and energy issues will need supporters to help protect our coast lines, waters and reduce our air pollution.

There is much to do. I hope you will vote for me in this election, consider the other candidates I've mentioned, and then join me in getting involved in the Sierra Club in Delaware.

David R. Keifer, Dover

I have lived in Delaware since 1966. My first assignment when I came to work for the State was the Outdoor Recreation Plan, during which I learned to appreciate the open space, the beaches, and the wetlands; an appreciation that has grown over the years. I became involved with Sierra because I thought I could make a contribution to conservation and quality of life initiatives. Much of my work prior to retirement involved activities that were supportive of good resource conservation and use.

I made use of my experience in fisheries management by becoming a member of the Sierra Club Marine Wildlife and Habitat Committee. I also served as Sierra's representative to the Marine Fish Conservation Network. While a member of the Committee I drafted comments on the programmatic environmental impact statement for offshore alternative energy program and on the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. I testified for the Committee before the National Marine Fisheries Service on the implementation of the revised Magnuson Act. Unfortunately, the amount of conservation work needed in Delaware forced me to resign those appointments in order to

focus my energies on our problems here.

I have served a Chair of the Land Use Committee, member of the Executive Committee, Conservation Chair, and Chapter Chair.

I represented the Chapter on a committee that looked into changes in the New Castle County Unified Development Code that would require larger portions of open space when developments are laid out.

On recycling, I testified before the Legislative Sunset Committee to sunset the Delaware Solid Waste Authority as a way of facilitating recycling. Secured a grant from Sierra National to retain recycling experts to learn effective ways to recycle, developed a series of community meetings to allow these experts to share their knowledge with residents and also met with the experts and the Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and his staff.

Continued the Chapter's work in opposition to the deepening of the main channel of the Delaware River, work that is restarting in response to Pennsylvania's efforts.

Helped defeat construction of a liquefied natural gas terminal in the Delaware River opposite Claymont. Testified before the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board

I testified before Kent County Regional Planning Commission and the Kent County Levy Court on the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

We must continue work with local governments on land use issues and with the State on planning; air, water, and soil pollution; solid waste; and land use. Land use included stopping sprawl, which costs everyone, not only in the waste of the fixed resource of land, but in increased energy needs and taxpayer money for roads, sewers, motor fuel to commute and shop, school busses, and on and on. Stopping sprawl is not a theoretical good cause. It hits you in the wallet every time you walk out the door.

I would appreciate receiving your support to continue these important programs.

Michael Smith, Newark

I am an earth science teacher and geologist. For more than 20 years, I have worked to expand opportunities for students and the public to become "environmentally literate" – a goal that is completely interwoven with the mission of the Sierra Club. My efforts have ranged from creating two earth science textbook series that focus on understanding Earth as a complex set of interacting systems (life, earth, air,

and water), to creating leadership programs for science teachers in Los Angeles, to serving as Director of Education for the American Geological Institute, to being a "geologist in the park" for the National Park Service at Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument. These experiences has deepened my resolve to help others experience and appreciate their natural surroundings and understand why it is essential that we work together to preserve and protect the environment.

Environmental literacy begins with the lessons we teach our children. As a member of the Executive Committee, I will work to develop Sierra Club outreach activities and programs for K-12 teachers and students throughout Delaware. Key to our success as a chapter will be a holistic approach that integrates what teachers and students do in their classrooms with the citizens of their communities. I envision programs that create cadres of student leaders who not only explore important issues like alternative energy, conservation, recycling, land use, and the impact of global change on Delaware's population and ecosystems, but also share the results of their efforts and discoveries with adults. The future of our chapter and our planet depend greatly upon our success engaging young people in our mission.

Jay Cooperson, Wilmington

I was a member when the Chapter, then the Delaware Group, first formed. I have served in many capacities in the Chapter and Group since that time and I currently serve as the Chairman of the Chapter.

The most critical need of our Chapter, as with most volunteer organizations, is to increase participation of its members in the group's activities. Most essential to that is fostering the role of younger members and encouraging new leaders. During the past year and a half in which I have served as Chairman of the chapter we have seen the success of the newly formed, young, and energetic political committee, led by Debbie Heaton and ably supported by such members as June Satterfield, who also serves as Chair of the Membership Committee. Their willingness to run for positions on the Executive Committee encourages me greatly.

When the Executive Committee selected me as Chair my deepest concern was to hold together a body which, at the time, was deeply divided about tactics for achieving common environmental goals. I believe that the committee has been able to overcome internal differences without forfeiting each member's own deeply held views regarding how he

thinks the Chapter should achieve its goals. As a corollary to finding common ground, I have sought to provide the opportunity for those who were willing to engage themselves deeply in such work to do so. At times this has drawn my energy away from seeing that the routine, but essential, management functions of the committee have been carried out expeditiously. If re-elected, I would work to strengthen our environmental and outings program, while also making certain that procedural concerns are met in a timely and complete fashion.

During my tenure as Chair I have also tried to work with other environmental and public interest groups such as the Audubon Society, the Delaware Riverkeeper, and the League of Women Voters. This paid off in passage of the enabling legislation for the off-shore wind farm. Chad Tolman led the chapter's work in this effort which many organizations joined in an informal coalition.

Whether as a member of the Executive Committee or in some other role, I shall continue to serve its interests and those of the environment.

Dick Bewick, Dover

My wife and I have been active in State, County and local community activities throughout our 50+ years in Delaware. It became obvious that uncontrolled and/or poorly planned growth was rapidly taking away the major part of the "attractiveness and charm" that had made Delaware such a great place to live. Sprawl and pollution were a few of the many reasons I became active in our DE Sierra Club Chapter in 1995 and why I became convinced that there was a serious need for increased public awareness and actions to deal with such environmental threats as the proposed Delaware River 5' dredging, pollutions by the Delaware City refinery and Indian River Power Plant, the high cancer rate in our State, the DSWA land fill problems, the DuPont Edgemoor & DE River Treatment Plant pollutions. After actively serving on the Chapter's Conservation Committee was elected to ExCom in 1991 where for the last 6 years I have demonstrated my continuing strong interest in conservation, preservation and related issues.

The following represent some of my past and current Chapter ExCom experience and activities: Served as Anti-Pollution Chair; Served as Chapter Conservation Chair; Testified on behalf of Chapter before the DE General Assembly regarding DSWA and Recycling issues; Testified on behalf of Chapter at DNREC public hearings on pollution caused by

industry in Delaware City area; Active in Chapter public opposition to the proposed 5' channel dredging of the DE River which would solely benefit Philadelphia & PA, Chapter Rep for Preservation of AG lands and other open spaces; Chapter Rep on the Kent County Comprehensive Plan Working Group, Chair of S DE Group's Transportation Committee; Kent County Rep on the S DE Group's Land Use Committee; Active in Chapter's support of Coastal Zone throughout State (Resulted in being appointed by Governor to State's Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board & Confirmed by DE State Senate); Supported closing of Chapter's seldom used Wilmington office (As of 12/08). Supported establishing a Chapter meeting room/office in Dover area to provide a centralized location for Chapter activities, meetings, along with an enhanced presence at Legislative Hall & State Office HQ's such as DNREC, etc. Supported the adoption ('08) of standing rules to define and guide the Chapter's budgetary process. Supported the adoption ('08) of standing rules to assure that future elections are conducted in a timely and effective manner.

If re-elected I look forward to pursuing the following Chapter related Administrative and Conservation issues in 2009: Improved membership communications to encourage members to actively support Chapter positions; Identify conservation issues appealing to youth in each of Delaware's three counties and encourage their participation; Continue focusing on preservation and conservation issues (e.g. air and water quality, land use and energy...) germane to the State of Delaware; Actively support Local, State & National conservation initiatives to encourage political support of anti pollution laws and issues that have been severely weakened during the past 8 years!!

Southern Delaware Group Candidate Statements

Phil Shuman

I have been an active Sierra Club member for over 25 years. I consider myself a lifelong environmentalist/ecologist/worshipper of nature. I am an avid back packer, canoer, bicyclist and roller blader. I am often called the Turtle Man because of my interest in Herpetology.

I have worked with the City, County and State, the church and scouts as well a business and civic groups in promoting environmental causes for over

25 years. I have helped plant at least a gazillion trees for Carl Solberg.

I am owner of a small business for over 20 years. Previously I was chairman of the Outings Committee which organized various outings, many of which were water trips.

I have attended many Club training seminars for leaders. I am a Libra personality who brings folks together. I am an experienced realist that understands the complexity of successes. Lastly, I am an opinionated old rascal who is not afraid to shake things up.

I would appreciate your vote.

Harry Haon

Progress is being made on a number of environmental issues in Southern Delaware but there's still much improvement needed – for instance, in the quality of the air we breathe, protection of drinking water sources, reduction of pollution of the Inland Bays, and long-term coordinated land use planning, to name a few. The Club in cooperation with other environmental and citizen groups has an excellent opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life throughout Delaware.

Upcoming Sierra Club - Delaware Chapter Events

Dover Social – 6:00 p.m., *Thursday January 8.* At TGI Friday's at Route 13 at Lockerman Street, Dover. Our speaker will be Scott Koenig, Director of Public Works for the city of Dover. For updates and more information, contact Ron Zink at (302)735-8896 or Ron_z_19904@yahoo.com.

Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., *Monday, January 19.* General meeting of the Executive Committee. Meet at the Westminster Community Center in Dover. Carpooling is available. For further information contact Jay Cooperson at CoopersonArc@aol.com or 302-571-0660.

Recycling Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., *Wednesday, January 21.* General Meeting of the Recycling Committee. All are welcome! Meet in Newark; participation by phone is possible. For further information, contact Carolyn Doerr at 302-366-8621.

Film Showing: King Corn – 7:00 p.m., *Tuesday, January 27.* Film Showing of *King Corn* (www.kingcorn.net), co-sponsored with the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark. Film will be shown at the UUFN, 420 Willa Road, Newark. For more information, contact Ezra Temko at 302-351-2776.

Political Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., *Wednesday, February 11.* General Meeting of the Political Committee. All are welcome! For more information, contact Debbie Heaton at politics@delaware.sierraclub.org or call the chapter office.



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