



The Pinchot Papers

Newsletter of the Governor Pinchot Group of the Sierra Club

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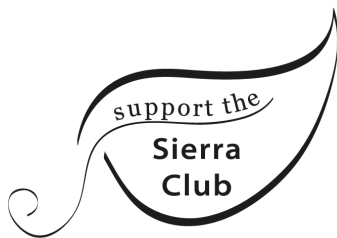
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Stay in Touch

Find out more about GVP meetings, hikes, cleanups, and other activities by checking out <https://www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/governor-pinchot>

The GVP Group usually meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Check location details on the website.

To be added to our email list, email gvp.sierraclub@gmail.com

Fun & Good Work at the Susquehanna River Cleanup

2019's River Cleanup of the Susquehanna was a huge success! Putting in our canoes at Marysville and taking out by West Fairview, we cleaned up 6 miles of river – and how!

We filled a 30-foot dumpster, picked up over 1,000 pieces of plastic and gathered almost a ton of trash. 18 volunteers were on the river with 2 more people helping on land. We joined up with Blue Mountain Outfitters and Inner Coastal Cleanup again to be part of the National Cleanup Project.

Biologist Gene Wingert was there with his Dickinson College students and gave great insight into what is going on with our beloved and beleaguered river. It was an interesting, enjoyable, and productive day.

Thanks to everyone that participated!



Next year's date is set for Sunday, September 13, 2020. Save the date on your calendars for fun on the water and environmentalism in action!



Vote for Environmental Candidates on November 5th

Residents of York and Cumberland Counties are urged to vote for two candidates who have been endorsed by the Sierra Club because of their support of environmental issues: **Doug Hoke of York County and Jean Foschi of Cumberland County**. Both Hoke and Foschi understand that the Earth is warming as a result of human activities and are ready to support actions to address climate change.



Doug Hoke, Incumbent Democrat for York County Commissioner

Hoke, who is running for his fourth term, is concerned about the flooding in York County, which has become more acute with climate change. He is also working to address the coal ash that was created by coal burning at the Brunner Island Power Plant in the county. If re-elected, Hoke will continue to be an advocate for clean water and farmland preservation.

As a small businessman, he contributed \$25,000 to preserve parkland and each year personally supports scholarships for young people who live on York County farms. He would also be willing to work with the Sierra Club to educate residents and business owners of York County on the benefits of clean energy.

Hoke, a graduate of West York Area High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Culver-Stockton College in Missouri. He lives in the City of York and is active in the community, volunteering with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of York and serving on the board of several community groups.



Jean Foschi, Democrat for Cumberland County Commissioner

Foschi, who is running for Cumberland County Commissioner for the first time, has spent her summer attending meetings of the county so that she can hit the ground running when she is elected. She is committed to keeping the air clean and water pure and preserving open spaces, even as Cumberland County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the commonwealth.

Foschi said that growth presents some special challenges that will require a long-term vision to ensure that the county can retain its farmland and scenic beauty, while planning for smart development that maintains a high quality of life. She supports efforts to make sure that Sunoco addresses citizen concerns and complaints about its high-pressure pipelines, which run the length of the county.

Foschi serves on the Upper Allen Township Zoning Board. She has a degree in political science and a paralegal certificate from Penn State University. She lives in Upper Allen Township with her husband Anthony and two children.

Executive Committee Election for GVP Group

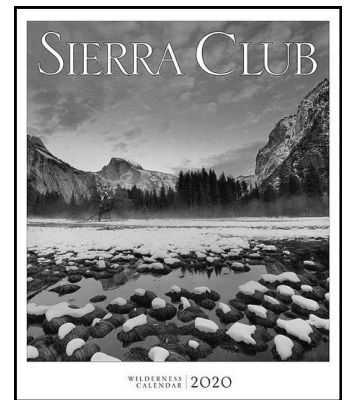
Who would you like to help lead the Governor Pinchot Group of the Sierra Club for the next two years? It is your choice. Executive Committee members serve two-year terms and make decisions about which programs and issues the group will undertake. Please choose up to six (6) candidates from the list below or write-in candidates. Ex Com members will serve from 2020-2021.

Please send the ballot by Dec. 31, 2019 to: Jill Linta, 1748 Rosedale Avenue, Middletown, PA 17057-3445

GVP Sierra Club Executive Committee Ballot		
Membership Type:	Individual	Joint
Bob Rebuck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justina Wasicek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Broderick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Y. Au	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendi Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	_____	_____
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It's Calendar Time! Give the Gift of Support

GVP is selling 2020 Sierra Club calendars at discount prices. They make great gifts, and a portion of your purchase goes to support our group's activities, like the annual Susquehanna River Cleanup. The Wilderness Calendar (wall calendar) is \$13. The Engagement Calendar (desk calendar) is \$14. Price includes tax. You can pick it up at the holiday party on December 13, or pick it up in Mechanicsburg — contact Rich Gordon to arrange a time. Please indicate your preference when ordering.



Mail order form and payment to: Rich Gordon, 744 Allenvue Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Make checks payable to GVP.

Name _____	Item	Cost	Qty	Total
Address _____	Wilderness	\$13	_____	_____
City, State, Zip _____	Engagement	\$14	_____	_____
Phone _____	Total		_____	_____
Email _____				

Pick-up Location (check one): Party Mechanicsburg/contact: Richgordon47@comcast.net



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Check Out the New GVP Website!

Information about our group’s events, meetings, newsletters, current issues in our area and more is available on the new Governor Pinchot Group webpage at www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/governor-pinchot.

Our events and meetings and all of their details are available in a window on the home page. This list will be kept up-to-date throughout the year.

We recommend that you check an event here for the latest updates and potential cancellations before attending.

Also, find us on Facebook at Sierra Club-Governor Pinchot Group.

Information on all Pennsylvania events is available at the www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania home page.



Holiday Party at Gilligan’s Dec. 13 – Save the Date!

Join us for a holiday party with members and friends of the GVP Sierra Club on Friday, December 13, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. We will be in the sunroom at Gilligan’s Bar & Grill, 987 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg (Phone: 717-939-9575).



Come renew old friendships and meet new people! We can each order from the menu and pay for our own food and drinks separately.

For more information, email: jawasicek@gmail.com.