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The GVP Executive Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call Robin at 717-221-8590 for the location.

Tom Wolf is Our Choice for Governor

by Wendi Taylor

The PA Sierra Club's decision to endorse Tom Wolf (D) for governor was based on several factors, but most importantly, the critical need to replace an incumbent governor who consistently puts corporate interests over those of the environment and public safety. Wolf, a successful businessman from York County and former PA Secretary of Revenue, holds positions on the environment are generally progressive, despite his unwillingness to support state-wide bans or moratoriums on fracking.

Wolf is on record for supporting restrictions on natural gas extraction in state parks and critical watersheds, and advocates investment and incentives for the development of alternative energy production. He embraces efforts to transition energy production from coal, oil and gas to clean and renewable alternatives such as wind, geo-thermal and solar, and recognizes the need for state government to address the very real threat of climate change. He supports local zoning for gas drilling as well as removal of the physician's "gag rule" exempting drillers from disclosing the chemicals they use in fracking.

Wolf's plan for a severance tax on natural gas would direct most of the revenue to public education and a portion of the funds to localities and to the Department of Environmental Protection for enforcement. Some of the proceeds will also be invested in clean energy research and incentives, leading to "green energy" jobs.

Wolf said he would welcome the advice and counsel of the Sierra Club to help figure out "how to do things right" on the many environmental issues facing Pennsylvania, and lists John Hangar, Katie McGinty and John Quigley as environmental advisors. As governor, Tom Wolf said that he would appoint qualified people to lead the departments of Environmental Protection and Conservation and Natural Resources and would appoint experienced agency heads that are committed to using sound science in their decision-making.

GVP Endorses Candidates

by Wendi Taylor

The Governor Pinchot Group Executive Committee voted unanimously to endorse Jill Bartoli of Carlisle, Kevin Schreiber of York and Linda Small of York for office in November.

Linda Small: 28th Senatorial District



Linda Small is a Democrat running in the 28th Senatorial District, which includes the City of York. She lives in a solar-powered home and drives an electric car. Ms. Small is a Sierra Club member and has written for *The Sylvaniaian*. She is a retired Navy weather forecaster who believes in science-based policies, especially around global warming, renewable energy and efficiency. Her opponent won a special election in a write-in campaign for Mike Waugh's seat, who resigned in January. Her views are perfectly in sync with the club on protecting our air, water, forests, and land. She deserves the club's support.

Jill Bartoli: 199th House District



Jill Bartoli is a Democrat working to unseat two-term Republican Steve Bloom in House District 199. She and her husband are well known in the Carlisle area because of the family vegetable and fruit wholesale business, James Bartoli, Inc. She seeks to build common ground and has many Republican supporters. Bartoli recently sponsored a summit to increase environmental awareness, which highlighted groups like the Sierra Club and the Clean Air Board. Bartoli supports a moratorium on fracking, stronger regulations for clean air and water and land preservation, particularly farmland. She opposes opening state parks and forests to natural gas leasing.

Kevin Schreiber: 95th House District



Kevin Schreiber is a Democrat from the 95th House District, representing the city of York. He won a special election in May 2013 to replace Eugene DePasquale who became Auditor General. Rep. Schreiber is running unopposed but requested the Club's endorsement. He serves on the House Energy Environmental Resources Committee and is working with the Sierra Club to educate House members about clean energy. Before becoming a state representative, Schreiber worked as director of economic and community development for the city of York. In his short time in the House he has become a trusted advocate for environmental issues.

2015/2016 Executive Committee Elections

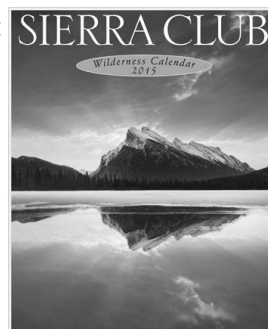
Please vote for your Executive Committee members for a 2-year term for 2015-2016. The following members are up for re-election or first-time election. Choose 6 candidates below, or write-in candidates from the membership. **Please return the ballot by December 31, 2014, to Amy Fox, 1040 Orange St, Harrisburg, PA 17113.**

GVP Sierra Club Executive Committee Ballot		
Membership type:	Individual	Joint
Arlene Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Buzby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jill Linta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Randy Schaeffer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cece Viti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Lenahan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in _____		
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It's Calendar Time! Give the Gift of Support

GVP is selling 2015 Sierra Club calendars at prices below retail. 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 and the Engagement Calendar (desk size) is \$14. Prices include tax.

You may have your order shipped or save shipping fees and pick it up at the holiday party on December 5th, or at the PA Chapter Office, 101 S 2nd St. Suite 4, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Please indicate your preference when ordering. **Mail order form and payment to Rich Gordon, 744 Allenview Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**



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OR Ship to: Gift? Check if yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Engagement	\$14.00	_____	_____
Name _____				
Address _____				
City, State Zip _____				
Phone _____				
Email _____				
			Subtotal	_____
			Shipping \$3.50 for 1, \$5.00 for 2 or more	_____
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

No monthly member meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- Fri 12/5 5:30 pm- *Holiday Party* - Join us for our annual holiday gathering at Nino's Bistro in Camp Hill. We have a table reserved in a separate room. Nino's Bistro, 1801 Market St, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Contact: Robin 717-221-8590 or rbroderick1@email.com
- Tues 12/30 6:30 pm- *2015 Planning Meeting* - East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109. Contact: Robin 717-221-8590 or rbroderick1@email.com

Monthly Member Meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for locations for January, February and March meetings. *All Members Welcome!*

Join our Email List

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