



The Pinchot Papers

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The GVP Executive Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. To be added to our email list or for the meeting location, please contact Amy Fox at amf194@gmail.com or see the GVP Website: gvpsierraclub.wordpress.com/

Pat Reilly: 30 Years and Counting by Debby Rudy

Patrick Reilly has been an integral part of Harrisburg Inner City Outings (HICO) from its inception 19 years ago. His inventive ideas for safe, yet challenging outings led youth who were unaccustomed to being outside and afraid of the sound of silence, crickets or owls, to become eager participants who feel secure in both a forested environment and on the water.

HICO participants love to listen to Pat's stories about paddling in countries all around the world, his first descents of streams barely wider



at their source than his boat, hiking in far mountains, and the many lessons that Pat has learned from his own experiences in nature. They love to be with him when he hears an unseen warbler, finds a snake, picks up a tiny frog, or sees a footprint in the mud and can tell them **everything** about it.

Pat Reilly is a treasure trove to any child who walks beside him on a trail, pedals a bike alongside him, or paddles with him in a canoe. He gives freely of his knowledge and his time, so that the youth of today will grow up to understand and care about nature. Pat shares and he cares, and that makes him an exemplary volunteer! We celebrate Pat's 30 years as a member of the PA Sierra Club!



Sierra Club Announces PA Supreme Court Endorsements

The Sierra Club PA Chapter has endorsed three candidates for election to the PA Supreme Court. Members of the highest court in the Commonwealth make decisions that last a lifetime. On November 3, we hope that you will vote for the environment by supporting these three candidates. It will save us a lifetime of regret.

The endorsed candidates are:

Judge Kevin Dougherty, formerly head of Philadelphia Family Court, is Administrative Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and a Democratic nominee for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He believes in restorative justice, and has focused a significant portion of his judicial career on child welfare reform in Philadelphia. During his college experience, he committed himself to protecting the environment. "Courts play a pivotal role in protecting the environment".

Judge David Wecht is a Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and currently serves as a judge on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Judge Wecht has also served on the board of directors of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. He lives in Allegheny County with his wife and their four children. He expressed concern about the "degradation of our environment" and our responsibility to protect it for future generations.

Judge Christine Donohue has served on the Superior Court since her election in 2007 and is the longest serving appellate court judge in the race for Supreme Court. This Democratic candidate is the daughter of a union coal miner father and union seamstress mother from Carbon County. She also spent nearly 30 years representing a variety of clients. Prior to her career in law, she coordinated the PA Comprehensive Water Quality Management Act for the Schuylkill River Basin, enacted to address acid mine drainage.

Vote for Your Executive Committee Leaders

Who will 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 five (5) candidates from the list below, or write-in candidates from the membership. Ex Com members will serve from 2016-17. The order of the names on the ballot was determined by a drawing of lots.

Please return the ballot by December 31, 2015, to Randy Schaffer, 2973 N 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

GVP Sierra Club Executive Committee Ballot		
Membership Type:	Individual	Joint
Justina Wasicek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Au	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cece Viti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Fox	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendi Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	_____	_____
Write-in	_____	_____

It's Calendar Time! Give the Gift of Support

GVP is selling 2016 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 you can save shipping fees and pick it up at the holiday party on December 4, or at the PA Chapter Office, 225 Market St., 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Please indicate your preference when ordering. **Mail order form and payment to: Rich Gordon, 744 Allenview Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**

Make checks payable to GVP Sierra Club	Item	Cost	Qty	Total
Name _____	Wilderness	\$13	_____	_____
Address _____	Engagement	\$14	_____	_____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____			Subtotal	_____
Phone _(____) _____	Shipping (\$3 first, .50 additional)			_____
Email _____			Sales tax	_____
Gift? Please check if yes: <input type="checkbox"/>			Grand total	_____



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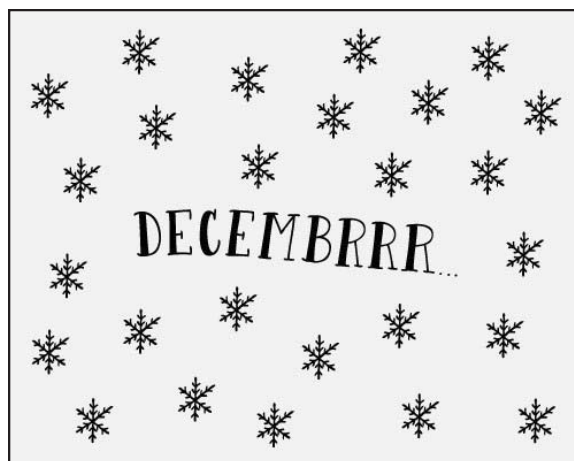
WHO: Everyone is invited—Sierra Club members and friends

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 4, from 6-8 p.m. Drop by anytime.

WHY: It will be a fun time! Come meet new people and connect with friends, in a casual atmosphere. We may even bring out some of our icebreaker games.

FOOD: The Club will provide dessert and sodas. In addition, you can choose to buy sandwiches off the menu, as it will be dinner time. BYOB

WHERE: Shugar's Philly Deli (in the private room), 316 Bridge Street, New Cumberland (across from the West Shore Theatre)



PARKING: There is free street parking, plus there are two adjacent lots.

DRESS: Wear anything you like, from jeans to what you wore to work.

We look forward to seeing you!