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Remembering an Old Friend and Member *by Jim Buzby*



Long-time Governor Pinchot Group Transportation Chair Lawrence "Larry" Joyce passed away on March 18 at age 96.

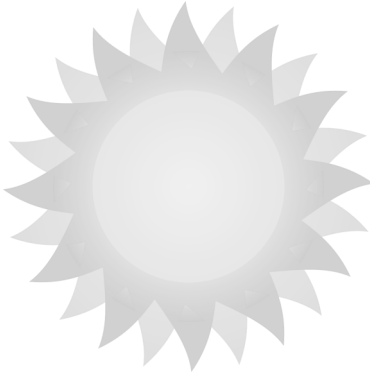
Larry founded the Keystone Association of Railroad Passengers in 1975 and served as its director from 1976 to 1989.

In 1989, Larry joined the Sierra Club and within a few years became co-chair of the PA Chapter Transportation Committee, working with Marilyn Skolnik. When asked about his inspiration, Larry said, "Once I recognized the damage that the exhaust from autos and trucks was doing to the atmosphere, I felt a responsibility to do something about it, especially since it was so obvious to me what needed to be done – a return to trains and other public transportation systems."

Eventually, Larry did need transportation by car, so for years his friends made sure he got to the Cornerstone Coffeehouse in Camp Hill on almost every weekday, where patrons enjoyed the benefit of his wit and wisdom.

Larry's suggestions for members to lessen their environmental footprints: "Here's what I do, and what I suggest that everyone do. Get out of your car. Walk, bike and take public transit whenever possible. It's not only good for the environment; it's good for your health. And it's not only good for your health; it's good for your neighbors' health as well."

The GVP Executive Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. For the location, please contact Amy Fox at amf194@gmail.com or see the GVP Website at <https://gvpsierraclub.wordpress.com/>



We Have the Tables if You Have the Time by Cece Viti

What has good music, good food and good causes down by the Susquehanna?

Answer: The 2015 Pride Festival, July 25 from 11 am to 6 pm. This summer, the Governor Pinchot Group is looking for a few good folks to staff the GVP Pride Festival table for an hour or two.

This year will be GVP's third anniversary at the festival that promises to be another day to have some fun, to get out Sierra Club's

message and enjoy the feeling of goodwill and sunshine by the Susquehanna River.

The festival draws big, friendly crowds and offers an opportunity to attract people to our cause. Don't let the summer slip away without taking a day by the river: here's the perfect excuse for a chore-less Saturday.

And if you feel yourself being drawn to yet another tabling experience, definitely

join the GVP August 2 at York Equality Fest, the arts and cultural festival held in Downtown York to promote inclusion, community and equality for all. The event features a festival atmosphere with music and food. This will be GVP's first appearance at the event. Please join us for our groundbreaking outreach.

To sign up, contact: Wendi Taylor at wendi.taylor@verizon.net.



Sierra Club Scholarship Applications due June 30

Do you know a student who could use \$1,000 scholarship? The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club awards one or two \$1,000 scholarships each year in honor of Wyona Coleman, a longtime champion of the environment.

The scholarship is open to all Pennsylvania residents who are seniors in high school, in addition to those already accepted or enrolled in college. Applications are due June 30. The application process includes a 300-word essay on how the

student intends use his or her education to protect the environment. For more information about the scholarship, see the spring issue of the *Sylvanian* or contact: Wendi Taylor at: wendi.taylor@verizon.net.

September 12: Our Annual River Clean-up

Please join us to make this year's River Clean Up even better than last year's. Last year 36 volunteers in 20 boats took a ton of stuff -- over 2,000 pounds of trash -- out of the Susquehanna River.

Join us this year for a great day on the river. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and launch around 9 a.m. from Marysville on the Susquehanna River. We will paddle down river stopping at islands along the way and finish at West Fairview. Boat rental and lunch are free to anyone who wants them. Along with us we will have an experienced canoe leader and a biologist to explain everything as we go.



Please register by email two (2) weeks before the event with Robin Broderick at rbroderick1@email.com.

You're Invited to Join Us!

June

- Thursday, June 11 – Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. at Sturges Speakeasy in Harrisburg. Contact Jill: kerrouac@msn.com
- Saturday, June 20 – Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup at 9 a.m. Contact Jill: kerrouac@msn.com

July

- Friday to Sunday, July 10-12 – Annual Members Outing at Little Pine State Park in Lycoming County. Contact Carli: carli.timpson@sierraclub.org
- Saturday, July 25 – Gay Pride Festival Tabling event in Harrisburg. Contact Cece: cdviti@gmail.com

August

- Saturday, August 2 -- York Equality Fest Tabling event in Downtown York. Contact Cece: cdviti@gmail.com

September

- Thursday, September 10 – Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. at Duke's Riverside. Contact Jim: jkbuzby@verizon.net
- Saturday, September 12 – Susquehanna River Clean-up from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Robin: rbroderick1@email.com



Club Members Line Up Against Pipelines

by Pam Bishop



As the natural gas industry in Pennsylvania endeavors to get its products to market, pipelines are being proposed throughout the state. Among the estimated 20 natural gas transmission pipeline projects in Pennsylvania, there are two pipeline projects affecting the South-Central Pennsylvania region: Mariner East and Atlantic Sunrise pipelines.

Sunoco is proposing “re-purposing” its existing west-east 300-mile pipeline (Mariner East I) to carry Natural Gas Liquids (propane, ethane and butane) from the western part of the state to the east. In addition, Sunoco intends to install a second 24-inch pipeline (Mainer East II) to run parallel to Mariner East I. Williams’ Partners (Transco) filed an application on March 31 for its proposed north-south 42-inch natural gas Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Members are working to provide information to the community about the safety issues raised by the pipelines and to educate property owners about their rights as the companies seek to buy right of ways (ROW).

Sunoco is considered a hazardous materials shipper, subject to FERC for rates only (no siting review) and to the minimum standards set by the U.S.

Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Sunoco’s pump stations are subject to municipal zoning as well as air permitting by PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Sunoco had petitioned the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) in 2014 for exemption from local zoning for its pump stations and valve stations in 31 municipalities but recently withdrew those requests, alleging it had either obtained local approvals or had

re-engineered the projects so that local approval was not necessary.

Citizens’ groups filed a zoning appeal regarding Sunoco’s Cornwall Pump Station in West Cornwall Township, Lebanon County and have appealed two DEP air permits for pump stations in Mechanicsburg and Lower Frankford Township, in Cumberland County, before the Environmental Hearing Board.

Lebanon County Commissioners intervened in the Atlantic Sunrise FERC application, to support two townships in that county (South Londonderry and Annville) that opposed the pipeline.

For more information, contact Pam Bishop at Concernedcitizenslebco@gmail.com.



Annual Members’ Outing: July 10-12

Plan to spend a weekend of camping and hiking with your fellow Sierra Club members at Little Pine State Park in Lycoming County.

The outing features a picnic dinner on Saturday night, followed by a speaker and some time around the campfire. The Otzinachson Group is hosting this event.

To reserve your spot, contact the Sierra Club office at: 717-232-0101.



Painting Party

September 28

6 to 8 p.m.

Have fun and raise funds for our local group while creating a masterpiece in an artist-led canvas painting party. Seating is limited and tickets will be available soon through our Website. Join us for a fabulous evening at the Best Western Premier Hotel in Harrisburg.

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