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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Welcome to all Chapter members! We hope you can join us. We are planning some excellent programs as well as some opportunities to participate in several activities SVTU is involved with.

Our activities are only limited by the number of volunteers who participate, so if you want to see the Chapter do more in 2017, volunteer! We have approximately 370 TU members assigned to our Chapter. Our "participation factor" is well below 10%. We could do more with more!

Don't forget to renew your membership to TU and check the TU website to review and, if needed, update your personal information. And, remember to purchase your 2017 fishing license(s).

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

JAN. 16	SVTU Board meeting
JAN. 17	Fly Tying & Brews Evenings Commence (Details follow)
JAN. 24	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: What is TU?
FEB.15	SVTU Board meeting
FEB.	NO CHAPTER MEETING
MAR. 15	SVTU Board meeting
MAR. 28	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: TBD
APR..19	SVTU Board Meeting
APR. 29	SVTU Chapter Meeting / Fly Fishing 101
May TBD:	Marcoinvertebrate Study @ IWLA Lake Details TBD
MAY 17	SVTU Board Meeting
MAY. 23	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: TBD
JUN.21	SVTU Board meeting
JUN-AUG.	NO CHAPTER MEETINGS

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING & ELECTIONS

WHEN: TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th
WHERE: IWLA Chapter House 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown
TIME: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
WHAT: Chapter meeting and Elections of Officers:: Program: What is Trout Unlimited? Rob Shane, Volunteer Operations Coordinator for TU

You joined Trout Unlimited. Do you really know what that means? Did you know you are part of an active National and State organization, as well as the Seneca Valley Chapter? Come to our meeting on January 24 and learn about National TU. What it does for you, what you can do for it. Learn about activities TU as an organization is working on nationally as well as in the region. Learn what it means to be a TU member (other than discounts on rental cars).

Mr. Rob Shane is the Volunteer Operations Coordinator for National TU. Rob is a native of Ohio and graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with a passion for conservation. He has a "thing" for Great Lakes steelhead fishing. He is a member of the Potomac-Patuxent Chapter of Trout Unlimited where he serves on their Executive Board. As a Volunteer Operations Coordinator his primary responsibility for TU is to assist and support our volunteer leaders.

January is time for our SVTU board member elections. Please consider joining our board. It doesn't take much time, and we meet one night a month. We have several open positions and we need volunteers.

CHARLES S. AUGUST MEMORIAL FLY TYING SESSIONS

WHEN: STARTED TUESDAY, JAN. 17th
WHERE: IWLA Chapter House, 18301 Waring Station Road; Germantown
TIME: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
WHAT: Fly Tying with Chapter Members

We dedicate our annual fly tying sessions to the memory of Charles, a long time board member of our chapter who started and led our past fly tying courses.

SVTU is handling the fly tying evenings different this year. Rather than have a structured class with a formal syllabus, we are going to create a fly tying environment for anyone at any skill level. There will be instructors available so assistance is at hand if you need help, but there will not be a formal "class." It will be up to those interested in fly tying to bring ideas, questions, and patterns with them to the class.

THE CURRENT SCHEDULE IS:

January 17th & 31st

February 7th & 21st

March 7th & 21st

April 4th: Try out your flies!

SVTU has a limited collection of fly tying materials that will be available for your use. We also have basic tool sets that you can borrow.

No need to spend a ton of money in tools or materials just to try a fly pattern. Come by and work with experienced tyers to figure it out and decide if you like it. And even if you do not have a pattern to tie, come by have a beer and see what everyone else is tying and enjoy some time out of the house this winter.

The first fly that will be featured is the Serendipity, a Caddis emerger pattern. Materials needed for this fly will be available.

RECENT 2016 SVTU ACTIVITIES

SVTU held meetings in September, October and November. In addition, we sponsored / participated in several or events. These events are highlighted below.

RECAP OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- **SEPTEMBER:**
On Saturday, September 27th our Chapter meeting was not a meeting with a presentation. Instead, we had a **BBQ with burgers and beer at the IWLA lake**, and had a chance to catch some fish. It was a lovely evening and everyone had a great time.
- **OCTOBER:**
Presenter::Greg Cwalina of Patuxent River Flies
Program: Building a bamboo fly rod
Greg gave a wonderful presentation on the steps it took to build a bamboo fly rod from a stalk of bamboo. It takes time and a lot of patience.

- **NOVEMBER:**
Presenter: Ken Mack, Aquatic Biologist, of Montgomery County
Program: Streams of Montgomery County
Ken gave an outstanding presentation on the streams in Montgomery county. He talked about the health of the streams, and what the county is doing to help mitigate stream impacts from development. He even talked about where there "might" be some trout. Yes, there are trout in Montgomery county!

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS:

- **BEAVER CREEK STREAM MAINTENANCE**
It is not enough to plant riparian buffer areas and then walk away, they take maintenance too. On Saturday, **November 26, 2016**, SVTU volunteers gathered along Beaver Creek to spend the morning on maintaining the plantings in the stream restoration areas that SVTU helped install. The five volunteers hacked at invasives, pruned branches, removed tree guards, installed tree guards, widened trails, and generally cleaned up the area. We found little actual trash thanks to the conservation ethos of fly fisherman, but there was a lot of vegetative "trash" to clear. It was a good time on a beautiful day and only one volunteer found the nearby electric fence.
- **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**
On **December 16th** several members of the Chapter supported the Trout In the Classroom (TIC) egg distribution of eggs to schools in the Chapter area.

FUTURE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES: SPRING 2017

Current plans include two of our favorite annual activities.

- **FLY FISHING 101**
 - **Date: Saturday April 29th**
 - **Where: IWLA lake**
 - **Time: TBD**SVTU will again partner with the Rockville Chapter of Isaak Walton League to offer our fourth third "Learn to Fly Fish" afternoon (or as we call it Fly Fishing 101) at the Rockville Chapter Lake. It will be a day of pure enjoyment for all. Volunteer instructors will guide students

through a series of “classes” that will cover basic elements of fly fishing, such as: casting, rigging, knots, macroinvertebrate entomology, flies, stream fishing techniques, and lake fishing techniques. The instructors are members or friends of Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, augmented with additional FFF casting instructors.

- **INVERTEBRATE STUDY**

- **Date: May – date TBD**
- **Where: IWLA lake**
- **Time: TBD**

We are planning another study this year, again with the assistance of Steve Moulton of the USGS who has been our expert in aquatic entomology. studies. We have supported this activity for the past few years. The day is a great opportunity for adults and children to participate and learn, about the health of the lake and stream. The day will include collecting, inventorying, and studying the insect life.

SPRING STOCKING

Spring is not too far away. It also marks the time DNR commences stocking of the local streams. Check out the DNR Fisheries website for updates soon. Also check out the new regulations for any changes to streams’ categorization. This applies to all waters / species.

SVTU PARTNERS WITH CAUSE NETWORK AND AMAZON

CAUSE NETWORK:

Cause Network is a new kind of marketplace where up to 10% of every purchase you make through <http://svtu.causenetwork.com> (at no cost to you) helps fund our education programs and stream improvement projects. There are over 1,000 stores participating in the CauseNetwork program—including many of the brand names you know and love. When you click one of the links below, you will be directed to our CauseNetwork site. It is easy to help. Below are three different ways to support SVTU when you shop online.

1. Click the SHOP buttons on our CauseNetwork website: <http://svtu.causenetwork.com>
 2. Download your version of the CauseNetwork Mobile App: <http://svtu.causenetwork.com/mobile>
- Open the app and select a cause
 - SVTU can be found under the following category:

Environmental Protection

- Scroll down and select Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited (#369)
 - Complete registration
3. Use our Web App:

<http://svtu.causenetwork.com/webapp>

There’s never been an easier way to help us. Visit <http://svtu.causenetwork.com> to get started. We thank you for your support.

[Watch the video to learn more about how CauseNetwork works.](#)

AMAZON SMILE:

SVTU is now a part of AmazonSmile. If you shop through Amazon, please select us for your Smile cause at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to SVTU as well.

SVTU WEBSITE www.senecavalleytu.org.

The website is the primary manner in which we can reach all friends of the Chapter. Check it out for info on upcoming events/activities.

SVTU EMAIL COMMUNICATION

This system is a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system that is used only by the Chapter for functions that we sponsor or support. This service, along with the Chapter’s website, provides up to the minute details of upcoming activities.

We are sending this email to both our “opt-in” subscribers and to all TU members not currently included in this list who have email addresses with TU National and who have agreed to accept emails from TU National.

If you wish to opt-in or opt-out please contact the Chapter @ svtroutunlimited@gmail.com .

EDITOR’S NOTE

If you have articles, photos, fish stories, fishing/stream reports, that you think might be appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter or the website, send an email to me @ wjunium1@hotmail.com or to the Chapter @ svtroutunlimited@gmail.com

Tight lines and we hope to see you at future meetings and events!