

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) March 2016

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: The next chapter meeting will be in April. Because the annual WNY TU banquet takes place on March 19, 2016, there will be no chapter meeting in March.**

## Announcements

- **President's Message:** Spring is almost here, and I hope everyone will be joining us for the annual banquet. This year, we will be honoring Lenny Bigaj to whom we owe so much. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. **Antoinette Grote, WNY TU Chapter President.**
- **A Report from Mr. David Bollman:**  
**Project Healing Waters:** The date of the next flying tying session at the Buffalo V.A. is: April 14, 2016. Start time is 6 p.m.
- **Face Book: Mr. Bill Jedlicka** writes: "We invite you to visit Western New York Trout Unlimited on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and "Share" it with your Facebook friends. It's a great way to spread the

word about the important things WNYTU does in the area and can help interested people (including current or, perhaps, future members) stay informed about upcoming activities. And feel free to post some of your favorite fishing or fly tying photos as well!"

- **From Mr. Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU's Representative at the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, State Council Delegate, WNYTU Conservation Committee Chair:**

**Buffalo Niagara River Keeper Programs: Mr. Godfrey** would like to call our attention to two upcoming programs recently announced by Buffalo Niagara River Keeper. One is "A Night of Presentations and Exhibitions of Our Local Fish and Their Habitats", which takes place at the Aquarium of Niagara, 701 Whirlpool Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Thursday, March 31; 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Featured presentations will be Joseph Gould, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, "Reducing Barriers for Fish & Wildlife and Improving Stream Function"; Jonah Withers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, "Listening in on Lake Sturgeon in the Buffalo Harbor"; Jo Johnson, SUNY Buffalo State, "Methods & Objectives of the Emerald Shiner Project in the Upper Niagara River"; and Helen Domske, New York Sea Grant, "Finned Great Lakes Invaders and Other Fishes".

The second announcement is of the "Spring Shoreline Sweep – 2016", which is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, from 10am to 12pm, at 40 sites across Western New York. Presumably, you can learn more about these programs, and register, by contacting Buffalo Niagara River Keeper at <http://bnriverkeeper.org>.

**Mr. Godfrey** also sent us the DEC spring trout stocking lists. They are included as attachments (two) to this newsletter.

Finally, the New York State Council of Trout Unlimited is operating a **Trout Youth Camp** this summer. The brochure is included as the third attachment to this newsletter, unless you have requested no such attachments.

**Trout Unlimited Membership:** TU is trying to increase membership and in an effort to do so, it is offering the opportunity of adding family memberships at no cost to present members. You may sign up spouses/partners and/or children. One copy of *Trout* magazine will be sent to each family, and a complimentary copy of *Stream Explorers* magazine will be sent to the youth in each household. It's really easy to add family members, but you will need to have your membership number to do so. It can be found on your membership card or your *Trout* magazine label. Existing members with a family membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/familyaddition>.

Existing members with a different type of membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/family-membership-upgrade-form>.

People who are not yet members should start with:

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>. This will allow new members to sign up for half-price and then to add family members as well.

• **Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 29, 2016 (prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		prior period thru 01/31/16	this period thru 02/29/16
		(CHECKING ACCT)	
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2016	<b>\$605.87</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2016		<b>\$598.62</b>
INFLOWS:	TRANSFER FROM MONEY MARKET	\$750.00	\$500.00
TOTAL INFLOWS:		<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING	\$70.00	\$70.00
	MEMBERSHIP DUES (EC Federation)		\$135.00
	WEBSITE DOMAIN/HOSTING		\$414.81
	SUMMER PICNIC (Shelter Deposit)	\$95.00	
	DONATION (EC Federation Banquet)	\$140.00	
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	\$257.25	
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING	\$195.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS:		<b>\$757.25</b>	<b>\$619.81</b>
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2016	<b>\$598.62</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 29, 2016		<b>\$478.81</b>

		prior period thru 01/31/16	this period thru 02/29/16
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)	
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2016	<b>\$26,000.44</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2016		<b>\$25,250.88</b>
INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.44	\$0.40
OUTFLOWS:	TRANSFER TO CHECKING	\$750.00	\$500.00
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2016	<b>\$25,250.88</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 29, 2016		<b>\$24,751.28</b>

**Banquet Report:** Editor's Note: Over the years, your Western New York chapter of Trout Unlimited has made innumerable contributions, on many levels, to cold water fisheries conservation in our area. While we are a volunteer organization and rely mightily on the efforts of unpaid workers, the organization does have a number of expenses. Those of you who have studied the monthly treasurer's reports (available in the electronic edition of this newsletter), prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina, will have noted this. Therefore, fund-raising is an essential part of what we do. One of the most important fund-raisers is the annual banquet in the spring. **Mr. David LaRoche** has kindly taken on the responsibility of organizing this event, which is now officially known as the "**Lenny Bigaj WNY Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet**". The 2016 TU banquet will take place on **March 19, 2016 at Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, N.Y. (6:00pm Cash Bar, 7:00pm Buffet Dinner.)** There will be a variety of terrific prizes, good food, and enjoyable socializing! (By the way, prizes include *a 55" TV, iPad, several rods and reels including an Orvis rod/reel donation of a Recon outfit, retail value about \$650, signed Sabres hockey stick thanks to Tony, a signed Sabres yearbook, a signed Bill's cleat, and much, much more*). **Tickets** are \$35.00 per person. If you have not already purchased tickets or signed up for the banquet, but plan to do so, please let **Mr. LaRoche** know as soon as possible. Tickets can be picked up at the door. For more information, please contact **Mr. LaRoche** at [banquet@wnytroutunlimited.org](mailto:banquet@wnytroutunlimited.org) 716-913-5647.

- Editor's Note: Our "Trout Talk" newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available twice a year (September and January). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. I can be reached at [AdkRuss@roadrunner.com](mailto:AdkRuss@roadrunner.com)

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