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REACH OUT AND TOUCH AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

BY ANNE WOIWODE

Program Director

On November 3, a historic change in Michigan's political landscape will be set into motion. Because of term limits, more than 60% of the members of the House of Representatives elected that day will be new to the hall of the capitol. This new "class" of elected officials will take their seats in the legislature in January, and many of them will be unfamiliar with the statewide environmental issues that can be expected to come before them in the following two years.

The Mackinac Chapter is joining with the Michigan Environmental Council and the Michigan Ecumenical Consultation on Christianity and Ecology (MECCE) to "reach out and touch" these newly elected legislators prior to their trek to Lansing

as your representatives. You are invited to participate in setting up meetings with your new legislators (and in some cases reelected ones) to talk about what it is that motivates you and others to work to protect the air, the water and the earth on which we depend. See the article regarding the Sierra Club's Platform to get an idea of the issues we hope to expose new legislators to!

If you would like to join in contact the Mackinac Chapter office for details. Many Group Chairs and Conservation Chairs will be helping to set up these visits as well. *

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IN MEMORIAM

BY ANNE WOIWODE

Program Director

Walter Kuhlmann, an extraordinarily talented and dedicated advocate for national forests and wild creatures, died on September 26 in his hometown of Madison, Wisconsin. As Carl Zichella, Sierra Club's Midwest Field Director, put it, Walter was "a fierce negotiator, a dynamic advocate, and one of the best damn environmental lawyers I have yet met." Since the mid 1980's, Walter had donated close to \$100,000 of pro bono legal services on issues from national forest management to endangered species protection—helping to set critical precedents that changed, for the better, the way our resources are managed. In Michigan, the Sierra Club and other environmental groups benefited both from his direct work to defend wilderness qualities on Crooked Lake in the Sylvania Wilderness, and from his freely offered counsel, advice, and support. His passing leaves a huge hole in our hearts and our endeavors. We will miss him badly. *

THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GOVERNOR'S RACE

BY GWEN NYUSTEN
Political Committee

A most exciting and unusual campaign is going on in our state in the race for governor. The environment is one of the main themes of the challenger, Geoffrey Fieger.

Making the environment a major theme and commitment of candidates is a top goal of our political program. And here we are with a person who has stepped forward and

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is doing just that. There is more talk and challenges about the environment in this race than any of our activists can recall. Will wonders never cease!

Where does Fieger stand on the environment, and what is his background? With eight years of Governor John Engler you know his record. Almost every issue of our newsletter has provided details. But what about this new person in the political arena? Environmental leaders from our chapter and from many other organizations have met with Fieger and asked

questions. He has recently provided us an expanded environmental position statement. From the point of view of our major environmental goals for Michigan and our future, there is not a single item we would dispute. We asked and received answers to more specific questions which we are providing below.

A voter makes a decision based on many issues and assessments. Making the effort to see a candidate in person is invaluable. If that is not possible, talk to friends who have. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent trying to convince voters that one candidate or another is terrible. Some political pundits believe much of the money is directed at keeping voters at home. Why vote? One of our goals is to urge our members to become educated about the environmental positions of candidates before voting, and to get out to VOTE.

You will find our written interview with Geoffrey Fieger and excerpts of his Policy Statement on Protecting the Environment in this issue of the Mackinac. *

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RECAPPING THE ENGLER ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

BY ALISON HORTON
Director, Mackinac Chapter Sierra Club

Regular readers of The Mackinac are familiar with the Engler Administration's dogged efforts to lay waste to environmental protection in Michigan. This is a pre-election check list of some of the issues previously discussed in these pages that we hope will be useful to Sierra Club members.

The Engler Administration:

- Shepherded the rollback of Michigan's Polluter Pay law
- Led the campaign to adopt the Michigan audit privilege law
- Was a key player in the massive, but failed, national campaign to block new federal health standards for air pollution
- Made a \$90 million settlement

deal with political supporters in the oil business rather than take the Nordhouse Dunes wilderness lawsuit to the State Supreme Court

- Proposed to allow for increased toxic discharges into Lake Superior
- Failed repeatedly to update endangered species listings as required by Michigan law
- Vehemently opposed implementation of adequate health warnings for consumption of sport fish contaminated with PCBs
- Tried to raid money from Natural Resources Trust Fund for parks and recreation land so polluters would not have to pay costs of contamination cleanups, was ruled unconstitutional in court
- Moved to zero out Michigan's Natural Heritage Program
- Launched deceptive attacks on

U.S. EPA guidelines for incorporating environmental justice considerations into pollution permit actions

- Rolled back state residential and commercial energy efficiency standards
- Vetoed modest funding for notification of communities regarding toxic hazards being released from local business facilities.
- Refused for two years running to accept federal funding to protect children from lead poisoning
- Typically use words like "vampire," "liberal fear mongers," "hatchet job," "big spending giveaways," "political attack," and "trash" in published statements attacking the views of environmental advocates and environmental agency professionals at the federal and state level. *

EXCERPT FROM GEOFFREY FIEGER'S "POLICY STATEMENT ON PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT"

" . . . We propose to actively lead the great Lakes region in restoring and preserving our natural resources. We will put into place a structure and process that will balance economic development with "ecological" development. An integral part of our policy is incorporating citizen and local oversight of programs.

We propose the following program to start:

Consolidate the DEQ and a reinvigorated DNR into an agency with citizen oversight...

We will repeal the 1996 Environmental Audit Privilege and Immunity Law. We must ensure citizen oversight and the right to know about decisions made by the DEQ and DNR. We also must allow for citizen comment and appeal of these environmental decisions. We will expand the ability and willingness of the DNR/DEQ to enforce environmental laws. This agency must become de-politicized so that environmental decisions are made on the basis of scientific studies and coordinated resource management and conservation.

Develop coordinated land development plans with emphasis on clean up and utilization of existing devel-

opment and preservation of rural areas. . . . conservation plan, which will strike a reasonable balance between economic development and our priority of protecting undeveloped areas. For example, we will only support revenue sharing formulas that emphasize redevelopment of existing infrastructure and urban areas and restrict urban sprawl. Reforms are needed to protect minority and/or low-income neighborhoods from continuing to suffer the disproportionate share of adverse effects from polluting industries.

Immediate challenge of importation of solid and hazardous waste from other states and countries. Although we are constrained by Federal Laws and Regulations, we believe that the Governor can effectively mount legal challenges to the importation and transportation of hazardous wastes in Michigan...

Revive the "polluter pays" law and expand enforcement capability...

Urban environmental initiative: clean up emphasizing environmental impact studies on old structure demolition, mass transit and sensible transportation planning, hazardous waste, sewage and infrastructure rebuilding, urban re-forestation.

Revive and reinforce wetland protections.

Revive and reinforce park/forest system. We will make explicit protections of forests and natural habitats of species from the forestry industry and recreational development. Rare and special animal and plant life must be protected so we must strike a conservative balance between conservation and commercialization. We believe that the State has moved far to rapidly in the direction of development.

Protect the integrity of the Natural Resources Trust Fund: no more fiscal raiding or diversion.

Moratorium on oil and gas leases on public lands until environmental impact studied and public input. We will declare an immediate moratorium on leasing until we can adequately assure complete environmental impact studies can be completed, reform the leasing contracts to limit the size of acreage and lease by strata. Subleasing will be significantly restricted and safety regulations of wells will be rigorously enforced. We will not approve of drilling under the Great Lakes until the issue has been thoroughly researched and the issue submitted to the people for consideration." *

IT JUST TAKES A LITTLE WILL POWER...

If you do not have a will, the state decides how your property and other affairs are handled. Decisions made now can later provide financial security for your family, friends, and the Sierra Club. You can even direct your bequest to a specific Club program or your home chapter. For more information and confidential assistance, contact:

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GEOFFREY FIEGER AND THE ENVIRONMENT: A WRITTEN INTERVIEW

MACKINAC CHAPTER: Whether it is a matter of protecting the air we breathe, our wetlands, the health of residents in inner city neighborhoods, or the Great Lakes, there is frequently controversy over appropriate federal, state, and local government roles. Please give us your views on the appropriateness of setting minimum federal standards as a floor for environmental protection, giving states authority to set higher protective standards as needed, and giving local governments authority to enact ordinances more protective than state requirements. Do you believe states should have the authority to implement environmental programs that are not as protective of health and the environment as federal standards?

FIEGER: I do believe that the Federal government should establish minimal standards as floor protections, particularly in areas that could affect an ecosystem extending beyond State boundaries. These are minimal standards and Michigan should regulate and enforce environmental protections with standards well above those set by the Federal government.

I believe the same principle should apply within the State so that the State should establish standards for environmental standards on issues that have implications beyond local systems (e.g. agricultural chemical spillover).

Most people would enforce the toughest standards on issues directly affecting their own immediate environment. Therefore I would encourage local citizen oversight and input to local and State-wide environmental decisions.

MACKINAC CHAPTER: Do you support state-level action to curb urban sprawl and stem the loss of farmland and open space? Do you support legislation and funding to implement programs that support acquisition of development rights, provide a state framework for local comprehensive planning, and promote envi-

ronmentally sensitive transportation policy?

FIEGER: Yes. I will support only those revenue sharing plans that emphasize infrastructure redevelopment and discourage green land development. I will support legislation to require developers pay for new development infrastructure as a disincentive. My environmental policy and road policy contain references to mass transportation.

MACKINAC CHAPTER: You indicate in your policy statements that consolidation of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will “streamline the process of environmental impact studies and responsiveness to industry

concerns and needs” and that there will be “an acceleration of the review and elimination of unnecessary or counterproductive regulation of business by govern-

ment.” Please provide us with some examples of where you believe streamlining of environmental agency responsiveness to industry and the elimination of environmental regulations are needed currently. And will you support restoring citizen oversight of the environmental review process and assuring the public’s right to know about, comment on, and appeal environmental decisions?

FIEGER: One example is in the deconstruction of urban buildings which may contain hazardous materials but need to be razed to promote redevelopment. A rapid but thorough study would help identify risks and benefits for razing vs. gutting, etc.

Citizen oversight is the one continuing thread through all of my programs, especially environmental programs. This is an issue explicitly addressed in the environmental policy statement.

MACKINAC CHAPTER: The clean-up of

old contaminated industrial sites, often located in minority and low-income neighborhoods, increasingly focuses on creating an economic incentive for new industry to develop on that site. What do you believe needs to be done to address the concern that contaminated sites are now cleaned up to a lower health standard than prior to rollback of Michigan’s polluter pay law and the concern that the redevelopment of that site may result in new increases in air and water pollution in that community?

FIEGER: The process of establishing a program of environmental justice is difficult but will be addressed by my programs for urban renewal. We have to start first with the recognition that there has been injustice perpetrated upon low income and minority neighborhoods and that economic development is not a justification for treating these populations poorly.

We should as a State provide incentives to clean sites thoroughly and promote safe, clean redevelopment. We will require polluters to pay for clean-ups and continuing pollution.

MACKINAC CHAPTER: Our natural heritage is cherished and appreciated by Michigan families and visitors, is the foundation for an enormous tourism business, and is suffering from overuse, neglect, and years of agency capitulation to powerful development interests. Will you support the funding, staffing, and policy initiatives necessary to put the state back in the business of stewardship and of enforcing the state and federal laws enacted to protect the natural values of our parks, forests, beaches, and wildlife areas?

FIEGER: Yes. The environmental policy statement addresses this issue by trying to strike a careful, but conservative, balance between recreation and conservation. (By conservative I mean to err on the side of increasing conservation and preservation.)

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MACKINAC CHAPTER ENDORSEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 10, 1998

See the August-October issue for previous write-ups.

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- Mich. State Sen. Jim Berryman, (D-Adrian/Jackson, District 7)
- Rep. David E. Bonior (D-Mt. Clemens, District 10)
- Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Detroit, district 14)
- Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Flint, District 9)
- Rep. Sander Levin (D-Southfield, District 12)
- Rep. Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor, District 13)
- Rep. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing, District 8)

CANDIDATES FOR MICHIGAN SENATE:

- Dan Bewersdorff (D-Columbus/Port Huron, District 27)
- Kristin Carambula (D-Portage, District 21)
- Sen. John D. Cherry (D-Clio, District 28)
- Sen. Kenneth DeBeaussaert (D-Mt. Clemens, District 11)
- Rep. Robert Emerson (D-Flint, District 29)
- Sen. Gary Peters (D-Pontiac, District 14)
- Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-Salem Twp., District 18)
- Ken Warfield (D-Wayne, District 8)

CANDIDATES FOR MICHIGAN

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos, District 70)
- Randy Bertram (D-Sault Ste. Marie/Kincheloe, District 107)
- Rep. Rose Bogardus (D-Davison, District 47)
- Rep. Elizabeth S. Brater (D-Ann Arbor, District 53)
- Rep. Lingg Brewer (D-Holt, District 68)
- Rep. William Callahan (D-St. Clair Shores, District 26)
- Rep. Deborah L. Cherry (D-Burton, District 50)
- Rep. Eileen DeHart (D-Westland, District 18)
- Paul Gielegem (D-Clinton Twp./Mt. Clemens, District 31)
- Bob Goodwin (D-Kalamazoo, District 61)
- Rep. Derrick Hale (D-Detroit, District 14)
- Rep. Michael Hanley (D-Saginaw, District 95)
- John Hansen (D-Dexter/Ann Arbor, District 52)
- Howard Heidemann (D-Port Huron, District 81)
- Lance Hendrickson (D-Hesperia/Manistee, District 101)
- Matt Hogan (D-White Lake/Waterford, District 44)
- Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods, District 35)
- Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick (D-Detroit, District 9)
- Rep. Ed LaForge (D-Kalamazoo, District 60)
- Rep. Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing, District 69)
- Jack Minore (D-Flint, District 49)
- Rep. Hubert Price (D-Pontiac, District 43)
- David Richards (D-Royal Oak/Troy, District 41)
- Rep. Vera Rison (D-Flint, District 48)
- Rep. Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek, District 62)
- Gloria Schermesser (D-Lincoln Park, District 25)
- Rep. Martha Scott (D-Highland Park, District 6)
- Art Toy (D-Almena, District 80)

CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICES:

CITY-COUNTY-TOWNSHIP

- David Lossing, Candidate for Linden City Council

Make Michigan Greener: VOTE! November 3rd **Election 1998**

"My vote doesn't make any difference."

False! A high percentage of elections are won or lost by less than one or two percentage points—many by only a few hundred votes. It happens every year right here in Michigan. The Mackinac Chapter has over 15,000 members, and thousands of us are registered to vote. When we vote, we do make a difference.

Endorsements:

A Sierra Club endorsement is a way of recognizing a candidate for good environmental work. We have studied their records and found that they support our issues.

"But my candidate didn't vote right on the forest management question."

Neither the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) nor the Sierra Club considers any single issue or vote a "litmus test." What is important is the overall record.

"I know a candidate that is really good on the environment, and the Club hasn't made an endorsement."

You are right. Often we do not have sufficient information to recommend an endorsement of one candidate out of several. Most of our endorsements are for candidates who have built up a record of public service and votes. Because of the new law on term limits, the Michigan House has an unprecedented number of open seats and candidates (see page 2 of this issue). There are many primary races with four, five and six candidates. Most of them are new to us. We always welcome more information on candidates with strong environmental backgrounds. Many candidates have returned our questionnaire and we continue to gather information on the campaigns.

Ask environmental questions—show the candidates that the Grassroots (that's us) care. There are candidate forums, talk shows on the radio, question and answer sessions after speeches. Candidates are eager to meet the voters. You can help by asking questions on the environment. This gives everyone important information we need to make decisions on how to vote.

To volunteer in the political program, call our chapter office at 517-484-2372, or Gwen Nystuen, Political Committee Chair, at 734-665-7632. *

MACKINAC CHAPTER ENDORSEMENTS

*MORE PRO-ENVIRONMENT CANDIDATES
RECEIVE OUR STAMP OF APPROVAL*

**CANDIDATES FOR THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

.....
REP. DALE KILDEE
(D-Flint, District 9)



Congressman Kildee is a longtime environmental friend and advocate who is currently working with the Nepessing Group in their efforts to clean up the Flint River and protect the watershed. He is a longtime advocate in the US House of Representatives for protecting parks, forests, wilderness, and wild rivers. He is always accessible and has worked on such issues as resolving inholding disputes in our Sylvania Wilderness Area and acquisition of a valuable privately held island for the Forest Service in

Michigan. He also supported many of the positions the Club favored during the hearings on wilderness access and other national issues.

**CANDIDATES FOR
MICHIGAN SENATE:**

.....
DAN BEWERSDORFF
*(D-Columbus/Port Huron,
District 27)*



Mr. Bewersdorff cites protecting land against "takings" legislation and his opposition to the DNR/DEQ split as two of his conservation priorities. He will seek to re-instate the citizen oversight boards that the Engler administration eliminated. Mr. Bewersdorff believes that

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we have a stewardship role where natural resources are concerned. He is challenging incumbent Dan DeGrow in this St. Clair County district.

KEN WARFIELD
(D-Wayne, District 8)



Mr. Warfield is a deputy Wayne County Clerk and a former mayor of Wayne, MI. Prior to elective office he was the first president of the Wayne Firefighters union. Mr. Warfield's concerns are preventing urban sprawl, eliminating combined sewer overflows, and reducing non-point source pollution. His district is western Wayne Co., including Wayne, Westland and Canton. He is expected to have a very close race with incumbent—and Engler crony—Loren Bennett.

CANDIDATES FOR MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

RANDY BERTRAM
(D-Sault Ste. Marie, District 107)

A Chippewa County



Commissioner and former Township official, Mr. Bertram has a long-standing concern about environmental issues. As a local official he has acted to seek a ban on oil and gas drilling under the Great Lakes, to support wetlands protection, and to address toxic waste problems. Mr. Bertram identifies the import of toxic wastes into Michigan, assuring that polluters pay, and protection of natural resources as his top statewide concerns. Mr. Bertram's candidacy is enthusiastically supported by the Three Lakes Group.

PAUL GIELEGHEM
(D-Clinton Twp./Mt. Clemens, District 31)

A former aide to long-time environmental hero Sen. Ken DeBeaussiaert, Mr. Gielegghem is seeking public office for the first time. In this central Macomb County district that includes Mt. Clemens and Fraser, Mr. Gielegghem is concerned with the clean up of Lake St. Clair and the effects of urban



Charles Perricone. His history of working with a broad range of people suggests that he would work effectively with the groups that would seek to provide input on environmental issues.

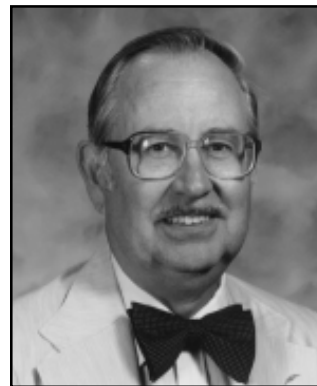
JOHN HANSEN
(D-Dexter/Ann Arbor, District 52)



Since the primary, Mr. Hansen—a former school administrator—has vigorously promoted local ballot Proposal 1, the Washtenaw County “Comprehensive Land Use Initiative.” Voter approval of this proposal is Huron Valley Group's top priority in this election cycle. Local environmental groups consider this seat to be extremely important. Mr. Hansen has met with a number of local groups and has generally impressed the local environmental community as a person with a grasp of the politics of the environment and overarching issues. He has had hands-on experience with a wide variety of environmental

sprawl. He is also concerned with the lack of enforcement of the law by DEQ. Mr. Gielegghem is expected to have a close race in this open seat.

BOB GOODWIN
(D-Kalamazoo, District 61)



Bob Goodwin is a public school teacher and active member of his party, having helped many other candidates with their campaigns. With practice he has become an able speaker and can clearly articulate the environmental perspective on state issues. Review of his questionnaire responses shows that he holds and expresses strong pro-environmental positions which is in clear contrast to his opponent in this election,

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issues, ranging from sick building syndrome to takings. He has sound positions on watershed protection, medical waste incineration, and utilities deregulation. He is articulate on the issues, he campaigns well, he is accessible, and he has a good prospect of winning against his opponent.

HOWARD HEIDEMANN
(D-Port Huron, District 81)



Mr. Heidemann is an opponent of the “polluters secrecy act” and would work to get it repealed. He supports the expansion of mass public transportation as well as the development of wind and solar power. In addition, he is the supervisor of the Ecology Club at his local high school. Mr. Heidemann is running in a marginally Republican district that runs along the St. Clair River. The district includes Port Huron, Marysville, and St. Clair.

See page 14 for info on the Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee Elections!

LANCE HENDRICKSON
(D-Hesperia/Manistee, District 101)

Mr. Hendrickson, a lawyer in Hesperia, has served on the local school board. He is a strong advocate for enforcement of environmental laws. He is particularly concerned about developing public safety standards for exposure to H₂S (sour gas from oil drilling)—a major problem in his district. He believes citizens should have oversight for the Department of Environmental Quality. He also advocates encouraging and empowering proactive local planning to address the problems of urban sprawl. He supports a more pro-active state role in waste regulation and recycling.

MATT HOGAN
(D-White Lake/Waterford, District 44)



Mr. Hogan supports the development of rapid transit and fuel efficiency in all forms of transportation. A retired state trooper, he worked to remove gas tanks from State

Police posts and advocated road clean-up. Mr. Hogan opposes “takings” legislation and seeks to pass on a clean environment to future generations. His district is in central Oakland County and includes White Lake and Waterford townships. The district is an open seat and tends to be a marginal Republican seat.

GILDA JACOBS
(D-Huntington Woods, District 35)



Ms. Jacobs is a hard working, well-informed public servant. As an office holder in Huntington Woods and Oakland County, she is professional and concerned about the environment. She lists land use, opening up participation by citizens in the Department of Environmental Quality, polluters pay, and wetlands protection as her priorities.

JACK MINORE
(D-Flint, District 49)

Jack Minore is seeking a first term in the Michigan House. He has

served as a Flint City Councilman where he worked hard to bring recycling to Flint. He also represented the City of Flint on the Brownfield Development Authority and served on the city-county water study committee.

DAVID RICHARDS
(D-Royal Oak/Troy, District 41)

A Royal Oak City Commissioner who helped bring curbside recycling to that city, Mr. Richards’ main concerns are the protection of State forests and increased funding for State Parks and environmental protection. Mr. Richards is opposed to “takings” and favors the purchase of development rights to slow urban sprawl. He faces a difficult race against John Pappageorge, who is a three-time loser against Sierra Club endorsed US Rep. Sander Levin. This District includes northern Royal Oak, Clawson and southern Troy.

GLORIA SCHERMESSER
(D-Lincoln Park, District 25)

A former Mayor Pro-Tem of Lincoln Park, Ms. Schermesser is the Chair of the Friends of Ecorse Creek and a regular participant in the Rouge River Clean-up. Her environmental priorities include air and water

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quality and the removal of underground storage tanks. In this traditionally Democratic district, Ms. Schermesser is expected to have an easy election in November.

ART TOY
(D-Almena, District 80)

Art Toy is a research scientist with



Pharmacea-Upjohn and a strong environmentalist. He is both well informed and articulate. He strongly advocates meaningful citizen involvement in departmental (DEQ, DNR, etc.) decision making, strengthening of environmental regulations, and legislative empowerment of appropriate (local) units

of government to take a strong position on environmentally responsible land use, planning, and zoning. He has exhibited leadership in his party affairs and is well respected for the soundness of his public stances and statements. The Kalamazoo Valley Group knows him well and has heartily endorsed his candidacy. This endorsement would have been listed in our summer issue except for some mishaps in handling his questionnaire form.

DAVE WOODWARD
(D-Madison Heights, District 34)

A former aide to term-limited and Sierra Club endorsed Rep. John

Freeman, Mr. Woodward is in his first race for public office. He favors an expanded bottle bill and the permanent closure of the Madison Heights incinerator. Mr. Woodward is widely supported by local environmental activists and is expected to prevail in this southern Oakland Co. district that includes Madison Heights, Hazel Park, and southern Royal Oak. *

THE MICHIGAN HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL VOTES 1997-1998 CORRECTION

made by each legislator affected. For the entire Vote Chart and brief explanations of each issue, please refer to page 18 of the August-October issue of *The Mackinac*. *

KEY TO VOTE CHART:

A capital Y or N represents a pro-environment vote, a lower case y or n a negative environmental vote. nv indicates not voting. A record of all or nearly all capital letters is a very good record.

	FISH	SPRWL	DNR	HAZ	BRWN	DRNK	WW
Dobronski, Agnes (15)	N	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hertel, Curtis (2)	N	n	Y	Y	nv	nv	Y
Jellema, Jon (89)	N	n	Y	n	Y	n	n
Leland, Burton (13)	N	n	n	Y	Y	Y	Y
London, Terry (81)	N	nv	n	n	n	Y	Y
Price, Jr., Hubert (43)	N	n	Y	n	Y	Y	Y
Rocca, Sue (30)	N	n	n	n	n	Y	Y
Schermesser, Gloria (25)	N	n	Y	Y	Y	nv	Y
Thomas III, Samuel (11)	N	n	Y	Y	n	nv	Y

The following legislators' environmental votes for the 1997-1998 House session were misrepresented in the August-October issue of *The Mackinac*. Below are the correct votes

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PROTECTING MICHIGAN'S ENVIRONMENT: SIERRA CLUB PLATFORM FOR THE 1998 ELECTIONS AND BEYOND

Contributors to the Sierra Club platform include Alison Horton, Tim Killeen, Gwen Nystuen and Anne Woiwode.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the State of Michigan was in the forefront of the effort to stem environmental degradation. Through laws advancing clean air, clean water and protection of forest and wetland habitats, the State was a model for the rest of the nation. Michigan's ethic of environmental stewardship and its enactment of farsighted environmental protection laws, coupled with strong implementation and enforcement, substantially improved the quality of life for Michigan citizens.

Sadly, though, the environmental track record in Lansing has been a dismal one in recent years. It has been a parade of actions responsive to corporate special interests and scornful of constituent concerns about assuring a healthy environment for our families and our future. Gutting Michigan's landmark Polluters Pay law, giving polluters new secrecy privileges, failing to carry out our responsibilities to protect endangered species and our natural heritage—Lansing has lost touch with what Michigan citizens want.

This platform outlines some of the most pressing actions we need to take for the environment in Michigan. Pro-environment candidates in 1998 have an important opportunity to campaign with a clear pro-environment agenda. Michigan voters, reflecting the strong support Americans everywhere demonstrate for the environment, consistently support environmental protection. Voters have said they want to hear what the environmental agenda of candidates is.

Restoring Michigan's Environmental Protection Programs

Enforcing our Environmental Laws

When individuals or corporations violate the law they should be held accountable for their actions. But Michigan is awash in violations of environmental laws while funding and staffing for enforcement are suffering in the environmental agencies, and the enforcement actions being taken fall far short of what is needed. A few examples of the problem: There are now over 4,000 illegal groundwater discharges in Michigan leaking toxic substances and other pollutants into one of our most impor-

tant sources of drinking water. A growing number of drinking water supplies are violating health standards. Last year, agency records showed declines in inspections, audits, notices of noncompliance and penalties assessed. According to the state's Auditor General, three quarters of the complaints about violations of the Wetland Protection Act are never followed up; and, according to agency sources, field staff are increasingly called on to ignore the intent of the wetland law.

The Sierra Club supports increases in budget outlays for compliance and enforcement programs and aggressive legislative and public oversight, to put a halt to the DEQ's consistent pattern of disregard for its legal obligations.

Protecting the Public's Right to Know and Act

The Sierra Club strongly urges the repeal of the 1996 Environmental Audit Privilege and Immunity Law.

Polluters can now shield their records of environmental violations from public view and are given immunity from any administrative agency actions against those violations or any legal actions by citizens. What is it that polluters must do in order to receive this protection from the law? Merely compile its records on illegal pollution and violations of permits in its own audit report, labeled as such in its own files. As just one example of the harm allowed under the new law, polluters are specifically allowed to continue their illegal pollution for three years after completing an audit, and that, of course, can only be tracked independently if someone other than the polluter has been able to secure information about that violation. "Pollution secrecy" laws are bad public policy and should be removed from the books.

Assuring Citizens Access to the State's Environmental Decision Making

Agency decisions and actions on pollution permits, violations of environmental laws and management of natural resources are not made with adequate citizen involvement.

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The Sierra Club is seeking to restore citizen oversight functions, and to assure the public's right to know about, comment on, and appeal environmental decisions made by both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources.

Protecting the Health of Children and Families from Harmful Pollution

Making Environmental Justice a Reality

Across the country it has been demonstrated that residents of minority and/or low income communities suffer a disproportionate share of the damaging economic, health, and environmental impacts of polluting industries.

The Sierra Club endorses Environmental Justice legislation recently introduced in Michigan to help correct this problem. Key changes that need to be enacted include: limits on the siting of new polluting facilities where pollution inequity exists; meaningful citizen participation in air pollution permit decisions; and full assessment of environmental impacts.

The DEQ was recently found to be in violation of the state constitution with regard to public health and ordered to rectify its procedures by a Circuit Court in Genesee County. Legislative leadership is needed to prevent costly future lawsuits and to address impacts on health and communities.

Putting a Stop to Toxic Pollution from Incinerators

The case cited above involved a trash-to-energy incinerator that would put high levels of lead into the air and soil in a five mile area surrounding the plant. Across the state, incinerators such as municipal trash incinerators and medical waste incinerators are the source of toxic contamination affecting schools and neighborhoods and adding to the contamination of the Great Lakes. Michigan has not taken action to implement recent federal requirements to reduce emissions from solid or medical waste incinerators.

The Sierra Club opposes the re-licensing of existing incinerators and supports a moratorium on the building of new ones. These facilities have been demonstrated to release high levels of heavy metals as well as a rich assortment of toxic compounds into the surrounding communities. The Sierra Club encourages a policy of recycling and land-filling of materials that would otherwise be sent out of the chimneys of these facilities. Such an approach is not only less damaging to the environment, it is more economical.

Cleaning Up Power Plants:

A key part of Utility Deregulation

The Michigan Legislature has begun work on utility deregulation. The rules by which this new electric utility market will operate are as of yet undefined. The production of electrical energy—primarily from coal-fired power plants—is a major source of environmental problems ranging from mercury in our fish to acid rain to global warming.

The Sierra Club advocates that the following be a part of any deregulation initiative: require all power plants to reduce toxic emissions to meet standards set for new power plants; implement energy conservation programs to encourage the use of energy efficient technologies; set up a "cap and trade" program to reduce mercury emissions; and mandate increased use of renewable resources in electricity production.

By reducing consumption and cleaning up production, we can take a big step forward in limiting pollution.

Curbing Urban Sprawl, Protecting Communities and Open Space

Making Smart Growth Decisions

Many Americans consider sprawl to be the fastest growing threat to their local environment and quality of life. Polling last spring indicated that 75% of Michigan voters are concerned enough about the loss of our open spaces that they would support taxpayer funding to protect our disappearing farmland, natural areas, and open space. Michigan has been losing farmland at the alarming rate of 10 acres per hour faster than in any other Great Lakes

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state. Projections for Southeast Michigan, the Grand Rapids, and the Traverse City areas anticipate that open space will be devoured at a rate six times greater than population growth over the next 20 years. Detroit and other Michigan cities are suffering from the neighborhood deterioration, traffic congestion and pollution, and worsening of quality of life in suburbs which accompany sprawl.

Michigan and its local governments can combat sprawl, and the Sierra Club urges that we move forward quickly with a number of smart growth solutions. There are numerous successful strategies being employed by states and communities across the country: state funding for the purchase of development rights to protect farms and valuable natural areas from development; setting state goals and encouraging local comprehensive planning; calling for urban growth boundaries around communities in the state; guiding state funds to priority growth areas such as existing cities and enterprise zones; raising revenues from gas taxes and bonds for purchase of green space; and promoting effective new mass transit.

Voters on the Leelenau Peninsula have enacted a farmland protection program. Voters in Washtenaw County will vote on a purchase of development rights millage this coming November. Michigan needs to start adopting some smart growth solutions statewide as well.

Preventing Industrial Pollution from Corporate Animal Farms

Large scale Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) are becoming a major environmental problem throughout much of the country. Overwhelming odors, threats of groundwater and surface water contamination from liquefied manure stored in open lagoons, and problems with land application of the waste have prompted many other states to pursue reasonable regulations of these industrial livestock factories. In many parts of the country, contamination of waterways by waste from CAFOs has caused devastating fish kills and is implicated in human illnesses caused by *pfisteria* and *cryptosporidium*. Property values near these facilities have been driven down by the overpowering odor and threat of water pollution.

The Michigan Right to Farm Act, passed in the 1970s, and the regulations developed to implement it make no distinction between family farming operations

and industrial animal operations housing upwards of 3,000 hogs, tens of thousands of chickens or turkeys, or other enormous confined livestock feeding facilities. Protection of family farms is a legitimate goal of the Right to Farm Act, but current loopholes allow facilities that produce an amount of animal waste equivalent to a city of 10,000 or more people to be exempted from compliance with any prior regulations or standards.

The Sierra Club supports enactment of a strong law to protect Michigan's rural communities and small family farms against the devastating impacts of massive CAFOs. More than 20 states are moving ahead with such laws that respect legitimate small family farm interests, but assure that corporate livestock factories are not free to pollute. The Sierra Club also urges that a moratorium on large facilities be immediately enacted while Michigan crafts effective and protective legislation to protect family farms and rural residents against the devastation of massive, corporate livestock factories.

Making the Clean Michigan Initiative Work for the Environment

The Michigan Legislature responded to strong public demands and added significant environmental funding to the Clean Michigan Initiative before voting to place it on the November ballot.

The Sierra Club supports the Clean Michigan bond proposal, which now includes funding to rebuild Michigan's tattered water quality monitoring network; to address stormwater runoff and failed septic systems, which have contaminated recreational waters around the state including Lake St. Clair; for small business pollution prevention efforts; to specifically target clean up of contaminated brownfield sites that pose serious health and environmental risks; and to give a start to state clean-up of lead contamination.

In addition to the major economic development funding included in the initial version of the bond proposal, there is funding to control pollution from city and farm runoff and to overhaul or construct state and local park facilities such as restrooms and roads. If Michigan voters follow

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their past pattern of support for environmental proposals, the ballot measure will pass by a sizable margin—and we will have an opportunity to invest some useful new environmental funding if we carefully monitor the initiative's implementation.

Protecting the Great Lakes and our Water Quality

Stopping Destruction of Rivers, Streams, and Private Property at Taxpayer Expense

In Michigan, any stream can be a drain or sewer; any of the many waterways now designated as drains can be channelized without regard to fish, wildlife or other natural values; and county drain commissioners have absolute authority over decisions that generate growing suburban sprawl. Legislative committees have struggled over reform of the antiquated Drain Code during this session, but critical changes have not yet been made.

The Sierra Club believes that fair treatment of taxpayers and property owners and environmental protection have to go hand-in-hand to achieve the needed changes in the Drain Code. A reformed Drain Code needs to insure the public's right to know about, comment on, and appeal drainage ditch projects; environmental review of and public information on the cost, size, and impact of drain projects; that drain projects conform with current state environmental laws and regulations; and that drain commissions should not have the authority to pollute the water and destroy wetlands that are in the common interest of all Michigan citizens.

Taxing Pollution for Cleaner Air and Water

Most of the pollution which goes into our air and water is not taxed. One of the best ways to make our air and water (including the Great Lakes, where 90% of the contamination is deposited from the air) cleaner is to prevent the pollution from occurring in the first place.

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LISTING OF SIERRA CLUB
ENDORSED CANDIDATES.**

The Sierra Club supports shifting taxes away from productivity—and onto harmful waste—to create incentives for cutting pollution and generate needed funds for environmental monitoring, compliance, and enforcement.

A survey of American voters earlier this year found that a majority support a tax on air and water pollution—voicing slightly more support for this environmental tax even than for taxes on cigarettes or liquor. According to the US EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (annual data on the amount of some 300 toxic chemicals released by major industrial producers of pollution, according to the companies' own measurements), over 90 million pounds of toxic pollution was released in Michigan in 1996. A reasonable tax on pollution by the pound would be a true economic incentive for major polluters to clean up emissions and would provide a source of needed funds to monitor, track the effects of, and prevent pollution.

Strengthening Fish Advisories

Toxic pollutants from the air and from direct discharge are still contaminating Michigan's rivers, lakes, and streams—and our effort to prevent new pollution and clean up existing pollutants must continue. While Michigan waters remain polluted, it is critical that people who eat fish from our waters be fully aware of the health hazards associated with contaminated fish. The Sierra Club is encouraged that, in response to public concern, the State of Michigan has issued fish advisory information for 1998 that is more protective of the public's health than information provided in recent years. However, the current advisory provides confusing and inadequate information about mercury health advisories on inland lakes, fails to provide health advice for men in addition to women and children, fails to provide information about other harvested aquatic species such as clams and crayfish, and minimizes information about potential health effects.

The Sierra Club urges that the fish advisory be revised to reflect current research on health effects and on accumulations of toxins in members of families who eat fish, and that the distribution process be significantly improved in light of findings that the majority of women in fishing families and minorities who fish are unaware of fish consumption warnings. We support the right of the public to read and decide for themselves based on the best information available.

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Protecting Michigan's Forests, Parks, and Natural Values

Reforming Oil and Gas Development Practices

Michigan's oil and gas interests have been seeking to conduct extensive oil drilling under Lake Michigan, to drill in the pristine Jordan River Valley natural area, and huge new lease sales of drilling rights in northern Michigan. They have profited from an unprecedented windfall of millions of dollars of taxpayer money in a misguided settlement of a deeply flawed "takings" claim at Nordhouse Dunes. Michigan urgently needs a new oil and gas law which protects citizens from health hazards associated with oil and gas production, protects the natural and recreational values—which our residents and visitors cherish—from destructive development, and prevents oil companies from trampling individual private property rights. The legislature has begun considering ways to address oil and gas development problems in the state.

The Sierra Club supports establishment of a planning and environmental review process for oil and gas development that assures meaningful citizen involvement, coordinates with local land use plans, and protects waterways, wetlands, parks, dunes, and important natural areas from development. The Sierra Club also supports legislation which would require agreements from surface owners of property before drilling could occur, and which would prevent drilling close to residentially zoned land.

Protecting our Great Outdoors

Michigan's natural resources are being neglected and poorly managed. Powerful interest groups that focus on single uses of resources have become unduly influential. Under-funding and inadequate staffing of the DNR's resource management and protection agencies have aggravated long-standing neglect of State Forests, State Parks, and Wildlife lands, and have sabotaged enforcement of critical state and federal resource protection policies.

These problems have taken a huge toll on state owned and managed natural resources. Michigan is the only place in the world where bovine TB is spreading in the wild white-tailed deer population, threatening the state's dairy industry and showing up now in coyote

populations as well. Lobbying by agricultural, hunting and retail interests have continued the practices of deer baiting and deer feeding in Michigan long after these were outlawed in most other states. Management of State Forest lands have continued to emphasize production of habitat for deer despite overpopulation throughout the state that is leading to decimation of natural communities. And a 1997 state audit found the worst compliance with voluntary best management practices to prevent pollution of waterways from timber harvesting was on State Forests, in comparison with industrial, private, or National forests in Michigan.

Michigan's timber industry has played an increasingly aggressive role in lobbying for more logging on State Forests. The FY98 and FY99 budgets for DNR included language written by the timber industry to mandate a minimum timber marking level to increase logging on State Forest lands. Responding to public pressure, the 1999 budget included direction that wildlife and recreation values must be protected, but provided no increased funds to carry out those objectives.

Outdoor recreation is big business in Michigan, but our state recreation assets have been allowed to deteriorate from both overuse and neglect. Off-road vehicle damage is continuing on State Forest lands despite a state law to regulate these vehicles, as conservation officers are stretched well beyond their limits and restoration funding is insufficient. Legislative proposals to develop funding for State Forest campgrounds, non-motorized trails, and other neglected facilities, have been stalled in the legislature, while commercialization and privatization of publicly owned lands and resources has been increasingly emphasized.

Rare and special animal and plant life is increasingly at risk in Michigan. The DNR is now five years late in meeting its legal deadline for updating the Michigan Endangered Species list. The agency has consistently failed to fund or conduct required scientific research or seek public input regarding protection of species and habitats when development, timber cutting, or other activities proceed on public lands.

The Sierra Club believes full enforcement of Michigan's laws and regulations that protect and manage our natural resources is the essential first step toward reversing the long decline of State Forests, State Parks, Wildlife areas and other state public lands and resources. That goal demands full funding of resource needs and staffing and a demonstrated commitment to protection of all multiple use values, from endangered species to enjoyable family camping experiences. *

MACKINAC CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Vote for your Sierra Club Representatives

BY SUE KELLY

Member Programs Committee

The following candidates have agreed to accept the nomination to run for five At-Large Member positions on the Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee for terms running from January 1999 through January 2001. We greatly appreciate their past environmental work and their willingness to take a leadership position at the Chapter level.

The Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee consists of 9 At-Large Members representing all of the Sierra Club members in Michigan, and 10 representatives from the regional Groups in Michigan. Their responsibility is to establish and manage the chapter's budget, fundraise, set and implement conservation priorities and policies, oversee Chapter staff, and address member concerns. These Executive Committee Mem-

bers are expected to participate on some committees and attend chapter functions. The Executive Committee meets four times a year and meetings are open to all members.

Your vote is necessary in the selection of those candidates who you feel best represent the interests of Michigan Sierra Club members.

Please write your Sierra Club membership number on the outside of your envelope to insure ballot validation. Your membership number is on the mailing label for this newsletter.

The ballot is found on the back page of this issue (page 32). Please follow the instructions and vote for no more than five candidates. **Ballots must be received on or before December 10, 1998.** *

Chapter Executive Committee

At-Large Representative Candidate Statements

Michael Johnson

Two years ago I began active involvement with the Sierra Club by attending Kalamazoo Valley Group meetings. Since that time, Group activities I've participated in have been clean-ups, public presentations, outings planning, and contributions to the newsletter. At the Chapter level I've attended Political, Conservation, and Executive Committee meetings, and have been a student of the forest issues workshop. At the National level I've received activist training and traveled to Washinton to lobby on the behalf of the Sierra Club for the protection of Utah wilderness, meeting with staff members of all of Michigan's representatives and senators.

Environmental issues most important to me are Great Lakes, forest and wetland, and wilderness protection, and "sprawl". Given the Mackinac Chapter's unique location in the midst of the world's largest pool of fresh water, as an Executive Committee member I would work for greater Chapter involvement in Great Lakes concerns. As a supporter of grass-roots activism I would propose Chapter implementation of a

policy which would permit Chapter financial grants to Groups working on issues of state wide importance.

Helen LeBlanc

Current :

- Mackinac Chapter Treasurer
- Central Michigan Group Treasurer
- Environmental Fund for Michigan Treasurer
- Member Ingham County Solid Waste Plan Committee
- Member Ingham County Emergency Planning and Right to Know Committee
- Member Williamston Township Environment and Open Space Advisory Committee

Past Experience:

- Chair, Sierra Club Central Michigan Group
- Chair, City of Lansing Planning Commission
- Member Ingham County Groundwater Protection Committee.

I am interested in issues dealing with Urban Sprawl and what I see as one of the solutions to sprawl: making our cities places people want to live in

and publicizing the good aspects of urban life. I am also interested in recycling, solid waste and hazardous waste issues, as well as groundwater and protection of wetlands. I have been working on these issues through various governmental boards and committees.

As a treasurer, my vision for the Chapter is to have a good financial base so we can accomplish our conservation and public outreach goals and continue to attract and retain quality staff.

Linda Rosenthal

During the year, I served the Sierra Club West Michigan group as chapter representative to the executive committee, and also as alternate chapter delegate to the Midwest Regional Conservation Committee during the Big Rivers week conference. I was involved as an activist in a local wetlands preservation effort, our chapter outreach to local faith communities, several voter and educational workshops, as well as in group newsletter duties. My primary interests include the Great Lakes, endangered/threatened animal and plant populations,

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public land issues, and greenspace planning. This summer, I served as a DNR volunteer piping plover warden where I learned the strength of networking through media and the Internet and public attitudes toward an endangered species. I am a Kent county commissioner's appointee to the Timberland Resource and Development Council, Inc., where I am learning to advise on regional conservation projects. Our chapter has, and will continue to have, national impact on land use and forest issues. I am offering my service as a leader who believes in integrity, openness, and a willingness to listen to possibilities for solution through education and coalition. My vision includes furthering positive ways of changing public and government attitude and law so that we develop a more conscious and responsible connection to Michigan.

Gary Semer

I have served on our Chapter's Executive Committee for the past eight years, most recently as your Chapter Chair since January 1997. I believe that my service to the Club has been focused and effective. What has made us a strong organization is our broadly representative grassroots and our well developed positions on issues—positions that reflect the values of our membership and the public, alike. I believe that our grassroots strength is best fostered by focusing the Chapter efforts on our regional groups. Through providing "best practices" examples of various club activities and training in essential areas, such as running conservation campaigns, we can strengthen and tie together the regional groups. Furthermore, individual members are given a sense of empowerment.

The struggle to protect our natural heritage will be ongoing. And, as such, it requires all of us to have the continuity and support that the Sierra Club uniquely offers. I would like to retain my leadership position in this Chapter to work towards this end. I would appreciate your vote.

Mike Keeler

For two years I have served as the Mackinac Chapter's National Delegate. From interacting with 65 delegates from the US and Canada, I learned our Chapter is among the most dynamic in the Club. I am proud and honored as an activist to have worked, over the past 6 years, to help shape the direction of our Chapter.

My volunteer activism includes:

- 6 years service on the Executive Committee
- Serving 2nd year as our Chapter's National Delegate
- In 1996, I helped lead a successful Independent Expenditure Campaign
- Active on our Chapter's Political Committee
- Organized environmental press events
- Trained Sierra Club members at media and activism workshops
- 2nd year as Mackinac Chapter Raffle Coordinator
- 5 terms as Co-Conservation Chair for the Nepeessing Group

The lifeblood of our state Chapter comes from the strength of our local groups. From a total group effort of Outings, education, and media attention, we have shaped our local group to attract the largest number of new members and activists since I joined the Club in 1990.

My vision is to share this knowledge with group leaders across the state by serving you on the Chapter Executive Committee. I would appreciate your show of confidence in me.

Paul Haas

I have been active in the Club for a number of years. I am presently serving on the Executive committee of the Kalamazoo Valley Group, and am the group representative to the Chapter Executive Committee. I have held a variety of positions in our local group, have served as the chapter conservation chair, and have been the chapter representative to the Midwest Regional Conservation Committee. My personal interests are Outings, our forests, and land use. I believe strong Outings programs are a key factor in moving people from being "concerned" about the environment on a survey to being active and effective en-

vironmental advocates. Today, with some of the worst enemies of the environment presenting themselves as "green," we need to be able to draw ever clearer distinctions. It is this real contact with real places that allows people to sort that which is green from that which has been merely tinted for mass consumption.

Lydia Fischer

- Incumbent Vice-Chair

Since becoming a member quite a few years ago, I've been active in a variety of Club endeavors—including political activity, fundraising, and outings. Conservation has also been an important focus for me, especially our campaign to stop the expansion of trash incineration in the Detroit area. I've been a member of the chapter executive committee since 1997, and now serve as its vice-chair. From these experiences I've drawn a good understanding of the considerable strengths in our chapter. Among them, our dedicated, extremely competent staff in Lansing and the commitment and creativity of our activists in every Group across the state rank at the top. As I'm also vice-chair of the Southeast Michigan board, I remain closely in touch with the joys and frustrations of working for the environment at the group level, with lots of enthusiasm and little resources.

I think the greatest challenge for our Chapter Ex-Comm is to help the Groups turn more members—our core resource—into effective activists. There is no scarcity of problems. Too many of Michigan's elected politicians vote consistently against the environment. In our cities, pollution continues unabated. Wetlands and farmland are disappearing at an alarming rate. Most Groups have identified opportunities for action; however, a variety of reasons make attracting and involving additional members in the Club's activities more difficult than ever.

I'm seeking reelection because I'm eager to continue working with fellow members in the executive committee to find ways of helping established Groups achieve their goals as well as assisting in the creation of new Groups across the State. *

MICHIGAN FOREST BIODIVERSITY PROGRAM

BY ANNE WOIWODE
Program Director

STATE SUBMITS FINAL P-R GRANTS: FATAL FLAWS STILL EXIST

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Division 11th hour submission of an application for funds under the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (P-R) brought to an end a frantic 1.5-year-long effort to secure wildlife habitat funds for FY98. While the five projects submitted have been or are expected to be approved, the Sierra Club contends they fall far short of the requirements of both P-R and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As a result, these five P-R projects cast a deep shadow over the work of the state agency, and raise serious questions about legal compliance by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) Office of Federal Aid, which oversees these wildlife habitat restoration grants. The overall P-R program brings between \$6 and \$7 million per year to the DNR Wildlife Division in the form of five-year grants.

The fifth of the seven expected grant applications, "Wildlife Habitat Management On Michigan State Forest Land," was submitted on the last day of September, barely sliding under the October 1 end of Fiscal Year 98. This was the only proposal of the seven for which the state had committed to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA). The DNR kept its promise, even though the agencies, at the prompting of USF&WS, are claiming that this project is categorically excluded from further environmental review under NEPA. Unfortunately, the application and the EA were both significantly flawed—prompting heavy criticism from the Sierra Club in comments on this proposal.

A major problem is that the original unified project submitted in 1995 has been subdivided in a way intended to avoid triggering environmental review under NEPA. Yet the projects, as submitted, are in fact intertwined—with actions in one project dependent on the decisions and actions in another. The artificial lines among the proposals prevented substantive review of the potential environmental effects of the projects. The one EA prepared was so vague as to offer only the most broad brush overview of effects. As a result, the agencies confounded the

fundamental goal of environmental review—which is to disclose to the public and the decision makers what positive or negative effects would be caused by actions proposed to be taken with federal funds. In the 61 years of P-R funding for Michigan projects, there has never been consideration of the environmental effect of activities—which have included annual manipulation of more than 100,000 acres of wetlands and clearcutting of more than 40,000 acres of State Forest lands. The Sierra Club continues to criticize the agencies for failing to do adequate environmental reviews, thereby undercutting the law and subverting the public's right to know the effect of the massive resource management activities undertaken with these funds.

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Other problems include the manner in which public input on the documents was taken. Sierra Club notes that the ultimate decision maker, the USF&WS, has failed to solicit any comments from the public on the proposals submitted by DNR. While the DNR did solicit public input, the process rendered the comments effectively meaningless. Citing a short time frame, the DNR substantially modified the draft proposal while the documents

were out for public comment. Members of the public, unaware of the changes, submitted comments on a draft that had already been drastically altered before the comments were even received. In addition, one set of documents was submitted to the USF&WS prior to the close of public comment period, nullifying even the appearance of consideration of the public's concerns.

"We remain disappointed that the DNR and the USF&WS have failed to correct the severe legal and procedural deficiencies in these grants," said Anne Woiwode, Program Director for the Michigan Forest Biodiversity Program of Sierra Club. "The Sierra Club has worked for three years with these agencies to try to fix the problems with Pittman Robertson funding in Michigan. While there has been progress, the failure to address these major legal problems will continue to haunt the program." The leadership of the Mackinac Chapter is currently considering options for pressing for further changes in the P-R program in Michigan. *

ENVIRONMENTAL VOTER EDUCATION GOES INTO THE HOME STRETCH

BY MELANIE NANCE
Mackinac Chapter Staff

With just ten days to go before the 1998 elections, dozens of volunteers from the Mackinac Chapter spent a late October weekend in Lansing, Brighton, and Saline neighborhoods—all part of Michigan's 8th Congressional District—distributing environmental voter guides. Working toward the goal of educating the public on the environmental records of their elected officials and candidates, volunteers went door to door with a side by side comparison of Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow's excellent environmental voting record and the

poor voting record of her challenger, former State Representative Susan Munsell.

As a part of the Sierra Club's nationwide election year campaign, the Mackinac Chapter is encouraging the public to get the facts about candidates' environmental records before they vote on November 3. Voters in Michigan's 8th Congressional District have been the focus of Michigan's component of the national effort to raise the visibility of the environment in this year's elections. The Mackinac Chapter launched its 1998 campaign in mid-May and has not slowed down since. Throughout the summer, Sierra Club

volunteers talked with people about Representative Debbie Stabenow's excellent environmental voting record and asked them to sign postcards telling her that environmental protection is important to them. As a result of these efforts, over 1,300 postcards were sent to Representative Stabenow telling her that voters in Michigan care about the environment and want to ensure that it is protected.

The Voter Guides give voters a tool to make informed decisions at the polls. Knowing where the candidates stand is critical to electing offi-

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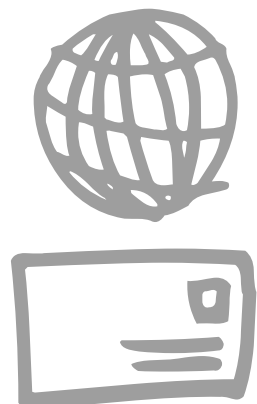
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cials who care about the issues we all care about—the environment. In Michigan's 8th Congressional District, voters were given a guide that highlighted issues such as Water and Wetland Protection, Public's Right to Know, Protecting Land, Toxic Waste Clean Up, and Clean Air. The voter guide gives specific examples of how both Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow and her opponent, former State Representative Susan Munsell, have voted on these issues. Congresswoman Stabenow showed her clear commitment to the environment by voting pro-environment on all issues; her opponent, however, voted against the environment and the Sierra Club position all but once among the six votes listed.



When it comes to choosing a leader for Michigan's environment, the work the Sierra Club is doing in Michigan's 8th Congressional district lays the facts on the line and lets the candidates' voting records speak for themselves. *

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1998 SIERRA CLUB AUTUMN RETREAT

BY LEE GANGER

The 1998 Sierra Club Autumn Retreat at Camp Miniwanca was another success, enjoyed by over 150 people of all ages and interests. The weather spirits smiled upon this section of Lake Michigan shoreline for two days of workshops, fun, relaxation, and fellowship with nature and other like-minded people.

The Retreat is made possible

by scores of volunteers donating time (hundreds of hours and phone calls!) and energy, by speakers and presenters donating their knowledge and experience; and by all who attended, participated, and shared in this environmental and community process.

Key volunteers were Gary and Cathy Semer, who once again “guided” the process with their past experience and knowledge; Lisa Wickman, who tackled and accomplished the registration and lodging logistics; and Lee Ganger, who coordinated the speakers, workshops, and Retreat schedule.

Special thanks to Janet Wulf-Marvin for again heading up the Kids Camp, where kids made their own aquatic and land mini-ecosystems—teach them early! And to Tim Killeen for guiding the Teen Retreat again this year, where teens could come together and learn from each other socially, environmentally, and as a group.

Our speakers and their

presentations were as varied as the many people who attended the Retreat. We thank all of them: Sandy Carden for early morning yoga; Dave

Bailey for orienteering across acres of hills and dunes; Brett Hulsey for presentations on Protecting the Great Lakes, Sprawl in the Midwest, and flyfishing basics; Anne Woiwode for the always popular forest diversity hikes; Alison Horton for Current Environmental Issues in our State; Cre Woodard for natural landscaping alternatives; Mary Buckwalter (of the Kalamazoo Nature Center) for the beautiful live hawks and owls; Miniwanca Camp staff for the walking history tours of the camp; Fred Townsend for Human Population Growth and its impacts; Aspin Bernath-Plasted for the Hypno-Chi Therapy experience; Sue Kelly and Mike Keeler for a discussion on the 1998 election year; Kevin Breen for his personal Lake Michigan 500 Mile walk experience; Tim Berneth-Plasted for Tai-Chi—an annual favorite; Phil Crookshank for sharing his Grand Canyon trip and information on Sierra Club outings; Tom Foote for his story telling and games; and Chris Wilkinson for evening and early morning binocular astronomy.



Pete Perez entertains the crowd

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Storytime

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Thanks is also in order for all the other volunteers, the office staff (thanks Melanie Nance and Rita Jack!), and the retreat participants who assisted in many ways.

The retreat is made possible by volunteers and grows with the new creative energies brought by those willing to participate and share. Contact any local Sierra Club group or the Lansing office to volunteer.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION:**TWO JUDGES ORDER PROJECTS STOPPED BECAUSE DEQ FAILED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH**

BY CHRIS BZDOK

When Governor Engler split the DNR in 1996 and created the DEQ, which reported directly to himself, many environmentalists were concerned that the removal of independent citizen oversight from the state's chief pollution regulator could have harmful implications for environmental protection. Now, two members of the Michigan judiciary have made strong statements that they share those concerns. In the past year, two judges in two different counties have issued injunctions because they were convinced that the DEQ had failed to meet its responsibility to protect public health.

The first case was NAACP-Flint vs Engler, which was reported by attorney Linda Berker in the Autumn 1997 issue of the Mackinac. In the summer of 1997, Genesee County Circuit Judge Archie Hayman enjoined the DEQ from issuing air pollution permits in Genesee County until the agency reformed the permitting process. The NAACP-Flint case was brought to prevent the emission of airborne lead from a power plant fueled by the burning of waste wood. The main source of the pollution was lead-based paint on wood from older homes burned to generate steam for the plant. The plant was sited in an African American community whose residents already had artificially-elevated levels of lead in their blood.

The judge found that the DEQ's air permit review process did "not adequately account for pollution in the urban environment." He also found that the DEQ, as an agent of the state, had failed to meet its constitutional responsibility to protect the health and safety of Michigan citizens. Based on these and other findings, Judge Hayman barred the

DEQ from issuing further air permits in Genesee County until it enacted procedures through which a risk assessment would be performed and the public would be provided with a meaningful opportunity to comment.

The second case was Filer Township vs Michigan Production Company, decided in the summer of 1998. Manistee County Circuit Judge James Batzer ruled that a natural gas well containing high concentrations of the deadly gas hydrogen sulfide could not be operated until the state legislature issued standards that, in Judge Batzer's

If the state agency in charge of protecting the environment refuses to guard the basic safety of the people, then the circuit courts will.

words, would provide "strong assurances" that the public health would be protected.

The well at issue in the Filer Township case is located in a residential area just south of the City of Manistee. The formation in which the natural gas is found contains pressurized hydrogen sulfide, a gas with roughly the toxicity of cyanide, at a concentration of 43,000 parts per million. This concentration is 143 times the lethal level designated by the federal government, and 48 times the concentration of hydrogen sulfide in a nearby well where an accident in August of 1996 sent eleven people to the emergency room.

The well was drilled in 1990, then temporarily "shut-in" with cement. In 1997, after being rebuffed by the DEQ, which permitted the well after claiming it had no jurisdiction over public health and safety, Filer Township sued the well's owners. The Township sought to have

the well permanently plugged because of the danger its operation would pose to nearby residents.

Judge Batzer found that the well posed an unacceptable danger to the neighborhood, given the high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide which could be released. He also found that no state regulation existed to protect the public from the dangers of oil and gas wells containing hydrogen sulfide. The judge then ruled that without adequate regulation, the risk posed by the well was a legal nuisance and violated the Michigan Environmental Protection Act. Judge Batzer ordered that the well could not be re-opened until the gas company could prove that the legislature changed the law to provide "strong assurances" that public health and safety would be protected from the dangers of hydrogen sulfide.

The NAACP-Flint case has been appealed, and the Filer Township case will probably be appealed, too. Regardless of the outcome of these appeals, however, the message sent by Judges Hayman and Batzer will stand: someone, somewhere, has a responsibility to protect people in residential areas from serious risks to their health and well-being, risks forced upon them without their consent. If the state agency in charge of protecting the environment refuses to guard the basic safety of these people, then the circuit courts will.

*Chris Bzdok is an attorney with Olson, Noonan, Ursu & Ringsmuth, P.C., a Traverse City firm with a statewide practice in environmental law. His office represented Filer Township in the Manistee case. He acknowledges the assistance of Tom Stephens, co-counsel for the NAACP-Flint Chapter, in preparing this article. **

NATIONAL NEWS

The Sierra Club has filed a lawsuit against the National Park Service's Plan for the Yosemite Lodge Area. One of the issues is we claim that the park Service is violating their own 1980 General Management Plan for Yosemite. That Plan was a result of 8 years of unprecedented public input and democratic process. 20,000 people worked on this plan, attended numerous meetings, and turned in comprehensive, large workbooks on all aspects of Yosemite in order to develop this plan. Most people who worked on this plan are still very connected to it. The preservation goals of this plan are now being subverted by the Park Service's new plans. We are trying to stop this further development and commercialization of Yosemite. *



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO WORKED ON THE 1980 GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN for YOSEMITE! If you worked on this plan and want to lend your name to help to prevent the perversion of its intent and goals, please contact Joyce Eden, Sierra Club Yosemite Committee by phone (408)973-1085, fax 408 973 1087, or email <yojo@batnet.com>.

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Group Meetings & Programs

AG Algonquin Group

This group is currently in reorganization. If you are interested in helping with future meeting plans, please call Rita Jack at the chapter office at 517-484-2372.

CMG Central Michigan Group

The general meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the Harris Nature Center, off Van Atta Road in Meridian Township. Come at 5:30 for supper (small donation requested) or at 6:15 for the meeting. Call Pete Pasterz at (517)676-3339 for information.

The Conservation Committee usually meets the second Monday of each month in Wells Hall on the MSU campus. Call Maria Lapinski at 517-569-3302 for information.

The Executive Committee meets the first Monday of each month. Call Jerry Schuur at (517)351-7796 for information.

11/9 Conservation Committee

11/16 Trail Work at Chapel Beach. Slide show on Central Michigan Group's service outing in Pictured Rocks. At Harris Nature Center, dinner at 5:30 program at 6:15.

12/7 Executive Committee

12/14 Conservation Committee

No general meeting in December

1/18 (tentative) Holding the line: Stopping runaway sprawl and enforcing the urban service boundary in Meridian Township. At Harris Nature Center; dinner at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:15.

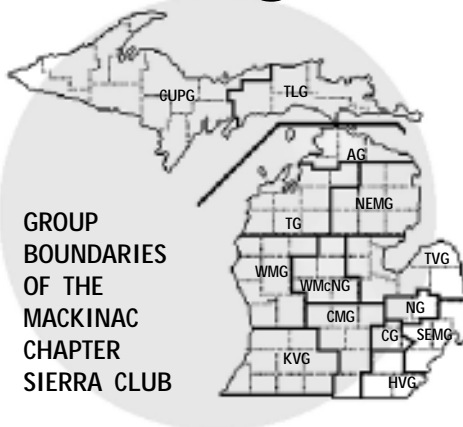
CUP Central Upper Peninsula Group

Sierra Club members in the central and western counties in the Upper Peninsula are invited to participate in CUP group activities. General membership and executive committee meetings are held in West Science Building, Room 270, on the Northern Michigan University campus at 7 p.m. For information call John Rebers, (906)228-3617.

To receive news about outings or other Sierra Club activities in the Central Upper Peninsula, send \$5 for a subscription to the CUP newsletter to Sierra Club, 338 West Crescent, Marquette, MI, 49855.

CG Crossroads Group

Want to learn more about the Madagascar Rainforests? Or maybe you want to learn about bats, or snakes, or making your yard



more wildlife friendly? These are all programs we plan to present at our monthly meetings, held the second Wednesday of each month. We present our programs at 7 p.m. in the Brighton District Library at 200 Charles Orndorff Drive. These meetings are free and refreshments are provided.

Conservation Committee meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. For locations and information, call Eleanor Conaway at (810)632-7776.

For membership information, contact Emily Gobright at (517)548-0995. You do not have to be a member to participate in outings or meetings.

If you have any ideas for a speaker, topic, or would like to learn more information about a program, contact Rick Pearsall at (810)227-6298.

HVG Huron Valley Group

The General Meetings of the Huron Valley Group of the Sierra Club are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. For more information call (313)665-7345.

11/17 (Tue) General Meeting. Topic to be announced.

12/15 (Tue) General Meeting. This will be our annual members slide show. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own eating utensils and a dish to pass.

1/19 (Tue) General Meeting. Topic to be announced.

KVG Kalamazoo Valley Group

General membership meetings are usually

held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The Executive Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., and all members are welcome. Contact Verne and Cindy Mills at (616)344-4279 for more information.

11/19 Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC). The Conservancy is doing a fantastic job of protecting valuable open space and habitat throughout southwest Michigan. Rene Kivikko, director of the SWMLC, will update us on their recent activities and provide us with information on how we can become involved. The meeting is at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Texas Twp. Campus, Room 4370, at 7:30 p.m. Call Verne at (616)344-4279 for more info.

1/21 (Thurs) Kenya Photo Safari. Verne Mills will present a slide program on National Parks & Reserves of Kenya as experienced on safari this summer. The meeting is at KVCC Texas Twp Campus, Room 4370, at 7:30 p.m. Call (616)344-4279 for more info.

2/22 (Mon) Natural History of Trees. This program is a joint meeting with the Audubon Society of Kalamazoo. Jim Richmond will present the program, which will describe the evolution and ecological progression of the trees we enjoy today. Note that this meeting is being held on a Monday night at Peoples Church, 1758 North 10th Street. Refreshments & socializing at 7:00 p.m., with the speaker's presentation starting at 7:30 p.m.

NG Nepessing Group

General membership meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Prah Center, Genesee Room of Mott Community College, 1401 E. Court St., Flint. We have special speakers at 6:30 followed by refreshments. An environmental program starts at 7 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Non-members are encouraged to attend. For more information call Carol Graham at (810)659-4965.

For Conservation meeting information, call Mike Keeler at (810)732-7385.

The Nepessing Group 1998 weekly hiking series schedule is available at (810)743-0335, or online at <http://gfn.org/sierrang>.

11/21 (Sat) 1999 Hike Schedule Meeting. Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley.

Call Cindy Engelmann at (810)743-0335 for times.

NEMG

Northeast Michigan Group

This group is currently inactive. Please call Rita Jack at the chapter office at (517) 484-2372 for information or if you are interested in helping with reorganization.

SEMG

Southeast Michigan Group

General membership meetings are held 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, Sept. through June, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy (southbound M-10 service drive) between Southfield & Evergreen roads and Nine & Ten Mile roads in Southfield. The SEMG general information number is (313)928-3423.

The Executive Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward and 11-mile Rd, Royal Oak. Contact Anna Holden, Chairperson, for information at (313)331-0932.

Conservation Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Parking in back of the church, south of 11 Mile Road. For information call Ed McArdle, (313)388-6645.

Outings Committee: Contact Phil Crookshank if you are interested in planning or leading outings, (313)562-1873.

Political Action to support pro-environment legislation, state and national. Contact Tim Killeen, Chair, Political Action Committee, at (313)526-4052.

No meeting scheduled for August.

11/5 Newburgh Lake. John O'Meara and Van Omen, chief engineer, will discuss restoration of River Rouge in Livonia, sponsored by the outings committee of SEMC.

1/7 Population Growth and Its Effect on the Environment. "Population growth is one of many critical factors affecting our global environment. Rising resource consumption levels, waste of natural resources and human population levels are degrading ecosystems at an unprecedented rate. In recognition of the impact of population on habitat and ecosystem conservation, the National Wildlife Federation has begun a Population and Environment Campaign to advocate in the grassroots and political arenas in support of a sustainable global population.

2/4 Natural Landscaping: What Is It? Is it planting perennials instead of annuals or what kind of trees to plant in your yard? Dr.

Orin Gelderloos, a professor in the Dept. of Natural Sciences at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will give everyone more to think about than which flowers to plant. He'll sneak to the heart of the issue—that is ... why? Why, "Natural Landscaping!"

3/4 What's Happening In and Around Lake St. Clair? Come find out, and learn about who's responsible for cleaning it up. Doug Martz is the chairman of the new Macomb County Water Quality Board, the watchdog panel which monitors Macomb Co.'s anti-pollution efforts. Doug will inform us on the health of our closest "Great Lake."

TLG

Three Lakes Group

Sierra Club members in the Upper Peninsula counties of Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft are welcome to attend meetings of the Three Lakes Group. Business meetings are held monthly at various locations in Sault Ste. Marie. Programs are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September through May at the Walker Cisler Center on the campus of Lake Superior State University. For information call Floyd Byerly at (906)632-0218.

TVG

Thumb Valley Group

We would appreciate any input on potential meeting options, especially ones as centrally located for the TVG as possible. Additional leaders and programs desired. Please contact Craig and Janis Kendziorski at (517)631-5170 if interested in being on leadership team, and/or arranging an event.

12/2 7:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting. Plan winter events and Newsletter. Meet at Craig and Janis' house, 4209 Linden Drive, Midland (517)631-5170.

1/16 6:00 p.m. Group Meeting (Potluck). Bring a dish to pass. Craig and Janis' house, 4209 Linden Drive, Midland (517)631-5170.

TG

Traverse Group

General membership meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern Michigan College in the Oleson Center, Room 1. However, the January meeting will be held in the Beckett Building, Room 140 at NMC. For more information call Mark Fowler at (616)275-2389.

We are selling Sierra Club Calendars. If you care to purchase one of these great calendars, call Mark.

11/12 Bill Herd, a Park Interpretive Ranger from the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, will give a presentation on the Top 10 reasons to visit the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

12/10 Rebecca Lessard, local Raptor rehabilitator, will be the featured presenter.

1/14 Rick Moore, District Forester, will cover forestry issues of Northwest Lower Michigan.

WMCNG

Wakelin McNeel Group

This group is currently in reorganization. Please call Rita Jack at the chapter office at 517-484-2372 if you are interested in helping with future meeting plans.

WMG

West Michigan Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the East Grand Rapids Administration Building board room, beginning at 7 p.m. Contact Elaine Goodspeed at (616)364-4704 for more information. *

Join the Forest Activist Network

If you would like information about the **Michigan Forest Activist Network**, fill in and send this form to F.A.N., Sierra Club, 300 N. Washington, Suite 411, Lansing, 48933, or email anne.woiwode@sfsierra.sierraclub.org with the same information:

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MACKINAC CHAPTER OUTING NEWS

BY RALPH POWELL
Chapter Outings Coordinator

Summer Service Trip in the Upper Peninsula

Many members took advantage of several scheduled outings to build new trails and maintain existing ones, including some bridge construction in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Two such trips took place where the Pictured Rocks Lakeshore Trail was taken off the road in the Twelve Mile Beach area. Participants stayed in a campground near the work area. The Lakeshore Trail along Lake Superior has been part of the North Country National Scenic Trail, and will be officially called the North Country Trail in the park. The park is only one of the many scenic areas through which this national trail passes on its route from New York to North Dakota—the trail also passes through Tahquamenon State Park, several national forest wilderness areas, and two state wilderness parks (Craig Lake and Porcupine Mountain).

The Chapter, along with the North Country Trail Association, also cosponsored a two week service trip at Old Victoria, an area south of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Here a section of the North Country Trail was built in a very scenic area on private land. This is the third year that the club has helped build new trail in this area. One attraction here is the historic setting and opportunity to stay in a rebuilt cabin, where participants help in the meal preparation.

Trail work in Wilderness State Park

Also this summer, Sierra Club members (mainly from the Huron Valley Group) worked to repair storm damage and remove limbs in Wilderness State Park. The group camped in a secluded site on Lake Michigan. The North Country Trail, some of which was built by participants in an earlier service trip a few years ago, winds about six miles through this beautiful state park.

In the last dozen years, the Sierra Club has built and helped maintain many miles of North Country Trail in the state of Michigan. Watch for opportunities to participate in future service trips to help build this national scenic trail, of which Michigan has more miles than any other state. When completed, it will have over 4000 miles stretching all the way from the Appalachian Trail in the east to the Lewis and Clark trail in the west.

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Deer Marsh Interpretative Trail in the Ottawa National Forest

A small group camped at Lake St. Kathryn in the upper peninsula for one week, to improve and make handicapped accessible a nature trail of about three miles going around a beautiful marsh. Several new sections of trail were constructed. The group helped in the start of a bridge and boardwalk in one section, and put in steps leading to this part of the trail. On longer service trips, time off is taken to relax and explore the area. On this trip, the group spent some time bushwacking in the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness—where in addition to hiking to the Sturgeon River, they also explored a research natural area containing virgin forest.

National News

The Sierra Club have revised their first-aid policy, in which they allow each chapter and group to specify the level of first aid training needed by approved outing leaders. The main emphasis is to make the required training appropriate to the type of outing.

The Club is coming out with a revised outing leaders handbook—or “red book”—which is recommended for all outings leaders. This useful book can be obtained from the national office.

Outings Leader Training and Backpacking Skills

In the past, the club has provided training for outings leaders and sessions on learning backpacking skills. If there is interest among the groups for scheduling such training, contact your group or the chapter office. Consider when you would prefer this to be done. *

Don't forget to vote for your Mackinac Chapter Executive Committee Members! See page 16 for more information; the ballot is located on the back of this issue.



MACKINAC CHAPTER

SIERRA CLUB

Outings



TO EXPLORE, ENJOY AND PROTECT

Abbreviations in capital letters signify the group that is planning the outing. Refer to the Group Meetings map on page 24 to determine a group's location. Trips begin at the trailhead. Outings are open to everyone.

NOVEMBER

Mid-August Mackinac Chapter Outing. Service Trip for North Country National Scenic Trail Construction. Contact Ralph Powell (734) 971-9013.

11/1 SEMG Crosswinds Marsh. Let's explore this new marsh to see what plants and animals are still here from fall, before winter sets in. Dress for the weather. Meet at 10:30 a.m. behind the Dearborn Civic Center, (S.W. corner of Michigan Ave. and Greenfield, East end of parking lot) in Dearborn. Leader: Lee Becker (810)294-7789.

11/1 HVG (Sun) Haenele Crane Watch. Come and watch the Sandhill Cranes come in to roost at sunset at this sanctuary near Chelsea. Meet at the Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot at 3:30 p.m. Call Jeanne Grae at (734)665-2419 for more information.

1/7 KVG Mott Sanctuary Service Outing. Projects that still need work include pulling garlic mustard, trimming brush along the fence, and sprucing up signs. Meet at the sanctuary (corner of 40th & 24th St., north of Mattawan) at 9:30 a.m. Bring gloves and pruners if you have them. For more information or directions, call Ed at (616)649-4885.

11/7 NG Bald Mountain Recreation Area Hike. 10:00 am. Take M24 south to Lake Orion, Left on Flint St. to Orion Rd. to left on Stoney Creek Rd. to left on Harmon Rd. Parking lot at corner of Harmon and Predmore. 4 miles. State Vehicle Permit required. Lunch at Red Knapp's in Oxford. Dick Groomes (810)724-7812.

11/8 SEMG (Sun) Losee Lake Hike. This new hiking trail in the Pinkney State Rec. Area will make for a beautiful Sunday afternoon. 6 miles of moderate hiking (rain or shine) will give us an appetite for a meal at a nearby restaurant afterwards. Meet at noon behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Leader: John Kalam (248)681-9160.

11/8 HVG (Sun) Lost Nation State Game Area Hike. Explore a potential route for the North Country Trail in a very scenic area in southern Michigan near the Ohio border. Meet at the Maple Village Shopping Center near the Fox Village Theater at 11:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring a snack and plan on approximately 1 hour travel each way. Call Ralph Powell at (734)971-9013 for more information.

11/8 HVG (Sun) Crooked Lake Trail Hike. Hike over glacial terrain and enjoy fall temperatures and colors. Meet at the Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to carpool. Call Milton French at (313)295-6321 for more information.

11/14 KVG Grand Mere Dune Hike. Meet at the northeast corner of KVCC's Texas Twp parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for car pooling. You may want to pack a snack and a beverage. Bring rain gear in case the weather is stormy. We may stop for lunch if there is enough interest. For more info, call Verne at (616)344-4279.

11/14 SEMG (Sat) Beat the Bullet Hike. Last chance to hike Holly Rec. Area before Deer Hunting season! Join us for 5.5 miles, moderately paced. Wear lug soles, bring trail snack and water, restaurant stop afterwards. Meet at noon behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Leaders: Pat and Tom Skinner (734)981-8031.

11/14 NG (Sat) Holly North Hike. 10 a.m. Meet in the parking lot behind the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Rd. Holly, east of I-75 between Mt.

Holly and Ortonville (not to be confused with fire and police department building on corner of Dixie Highway and Grange Hall Road). State Park Vehicle Permits not required. This trail is well marked with numbered signs, thanks in part to the Nepessing Group's own Mike Keeler. Restaurant stop following. Call Cindy Engelmann at (810)743-0335 for any additional information.

11/15 SEMG Paint Creek Trail. We will begin our 6 mile, moderately paced hike at the Cider Mill. See the level trail meander along the old railbed, and open at interesting wooded rest stops along the way. Wear strong shoes and Nov. layers. Meet at 11 a.m. behind the Michigan Nat'l Bank on 14 Mile Rd. and I-75 (South edge of Oakland Mall) in Troy. Leader: Mike Scanlon (313)884-2214.

11/15 HVG (Sun) Parker Mill Hike. We will hike the boardwalk along Fleming Creek in this fairly new park. There will be an option to hike the pathway to Gallup Park also. Meet at Parker Mill parking lot, off Geddes, about 1 mile east of US23 at 1:00 p.m. Call Ruth Graves at (734)483-0058 for more information.

11/19 HVG (Thur) Indoor Rock Climbing. Rock climb inside at the REI store in Northville, 7-9 p.m. Beginners welcome, equipment provided, liability waiver required by REI. Please call Alan Richardson at (734)332-0207 for reservations, directions, and information.

11/21 NG (Sat) Flint River Urban Hike at 1 p.m. Meet at City Farmers' Market parking lot at 420 East Boulevard Dr. Bring lunch. 6 miles round trip. Cindy Engelmann (801)743-0335.

11/22 SEMG (Sun) Mystery Hike! Come and explore a new place or rediscover a familiar one. We will hike 5-6 miles over fairly easy terrain. Dress for weather, restaurant stop afterwards. Meet at 1 p.m. in

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the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph, just north of Square Lake Rd. Leader: Cindy Gunnip (248)557-7768.

11/28 NG (Sat) Camp Copneconic and Genesys Health Park Hikes. This double-header starts at YMCA Camp Copneconic at 10407 Fenton Rd., Fenton. From US23, near Fenton, exit 84 (Thompson Rd.), east about 2 miles, north on Fenton Rd. 0.5 to 1 mile. Camp is on east side of road. From I-75 near Grand Blanc, exit 108 (Holly Rd) south (right) 0.5 mile to Baldwin Rd., west about 3.5 miles, south on Fenton Rd about 0.5 mile. Camp on east. At fork go left toward Day Camp. Go straight past horse barn. Park at Toboggan Run. Hike 3.5 miles around camp then drive to Genesys Health Park. Take Fenton road right 0.5 mile. Right on Baldwin Rd. 2.8 miles to G.H.P. entrance, straight through at stop sign. Left into parking lot at blacktop trailhead (on right), two quick right turns into Honeysuckle parking lot. Hike 2.5 miles of the hospital's trails through woods, fields, and wetlands. Lunch inside hospital in atrium food court at Schlotzsky's Deli and/or Frullati. Cindy Engelmann (810)743-0335.

11/29 HVG (Sun) Bird Hills Hike. Enjoy an invigorating 5 mile hike in and around this interesting city park. Meet at the Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot at 1:00 p.m. Call Ron Killebrew at (734)429-0671 for more information.

11/29 SEMG (Sun) Huron Meadows Turkey Trot. Hike off those extra Thanksgiving calories by joining us for a brisk 5 mile hike near Brighton. This is a slightly hilly area, just enough to work up an appetite for a restaurant stop afterwards. Meet at 12:30 p.m. behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Leaders; Joanne Spatz (248)932-5370, Delores Liebawitz (248)553-6823.

DECEMBER

12/5 NG (Sat) Annual Sierra Club Christmas Potluck. 1 p.m. at Ligon Outdoor Center, 5213 E. Farrand Rd., Clio. 5 miles of trails to hike and/or ski. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the rustic ambiance

of the lodge overlooking Lake Ligon. This replaces the December general membership meeting. Denny Crispell (517)624-5038.

12/5 HVG (Sat) Hidden Lake Gardens Hike. We'll take a leisurely 3 mile hike and tour of the conservatory, then enjoy the Christmas bazaar and luminaries at the beautiful MSU botanical gardens near Tecumseh. Meet at the Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot at 2:00 p.m. to carpool. Call Ron Killebrew at (734)429-0671.

12/6 SEMG (Sun) Winter Wonderland Nature Hike. We will enjoy Matthaei Botanical Gardens on a 2 hour winter stroll, with short stops to identify trees & shrubs and look for creature tracks. Hot cider awaits at the end of the hike! Dress for the cold, cancel if there is pack ice. Meet at 1 p.m. in the parking lot behind "Oil Dispatch"—S.W. corner of Middlebelt and I-96 (Jeffries Fwy.) in Livonia, or 1:30 at Matthaei Gardens building entrance on Dixboro Rd, 0.25 mile South of Plymouth/Ann Arbor Rd. near Dixboro. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Max Nemazi (734)421-4397.

12/12 NG (Sat) Metamora-Hadley State Recreation Area Hike. 10 a.m. Located in Lapeer County between Metamora and Hadley. Take M-15 to Hill Rd. near Goodrich. East on Hill/Pratt Rd. 7 miles to Hurd Rd. South on Hurd 0.5 mile. Meet in camp store parking lot by bearing right after entering park. State Park Vehicle Permits required. Hike 4.5 miles around Lake Minnewanna. Lunch at White Horse Inn in Metamora. Cindy Engelmann (810)743-0335.

12/12 SEMG (Sat) Outings Scheduling Meeting. Open to everyone interested in doing or learning about outings. Join us in a fun filled evening. Bring a dish to pass for this casual holiday dinner at 6 p.m.; planning meeting at 7. You are on Square Lake Rd. at Rochester Rd. in Troy. Go East to 1st street on the left (Walker Dr.). Turn North, 1.5 blks. on the left, 6143 Walker Dr.—Mary Stoolmillers house. (248)879-6004.

12/12-13 CUP Pictured Rocks (Beaver Basin Rim) Wintercamping Ski/Snowshoe Tour. Two day loop tour (75% bushwacking) with bivouac on Saturday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 20°F experienced, intermediate level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

12/13 SEMG Waterloo Wanderings. You might think we are going in circles as I lead a series of loops from the Geology Center in Waterloo Recreation Area. With a 4" snow cover, we should see lots of animal tracks on this 6 mile hike. Wear lug sole boots for traction, restaurant stop after. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the lot behind 'Oil Dispatch', S.W. corner of Middlebelt and I-96 (Jeffries Fwy.) in Livonia, or 10:45 at the Geology Center. Leader: Philip Crookshank, (313)562-1873.

12/19 NG (Sat) Davison Lake Hike. 10 a.m. Ortonville Recreation Area. About 5 miles. Go 4.1 miles south of Hadley on Hadley Rd., left on Fox Lake Rd. 0.25 mile to trailhead on corner of Big Fish Lake Rd. Lunch at Cappuccino's in Hadley. Cindy Engelmann (810)743-0335.

12/20 SEMG Stoney Creek Stroll. Take a day off walking the malls and join us on the trails at Stoney Creek Metropark. We will be looking for winter birds near the Nature Center, and for deer prints along the trails. Meet at 12:30 p.m. at 16 Mile Rd. (Metro-Pkway) and Van Dyke (S.E. corner), in the SMART parking lot. Restaurant stop afterwards. Leader: Lee Becker (810)294-7789.

12/26 NG (Sat) Hadley Hills Hike - Lookout Mt., Ortonville Recreation Area. 10 a.m. Some say it's higher than Pinnacle Point. The view is definitely better. Take M-15 1 mile south of Goodrich to Green Road. East on Green Rd. 2 miles to Washburn Rd. South on Washburn less than 1 mile to Fox Lake Rd. East on Fox Lake about 0.5 mile. Trailhead on north across from "ranch." State Park Vehicle Permit required. Lunch at Cranberries Cafe. Cindy Engelmann (810)743-0335.

12/27 SEMG Ganatchio Trail. "Been there, done that!" Well, I know you've all been to Windsor, but have you hiked the Ganatchio Trail? Come and explore it from Windsor to Tecumseh, parallel to the Lake St. Clair shoreline. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Tourist Information Center on Rte. 3 (Huron Church Rd.) in Windsor, 0.75 mile from the bridge. Bring border crossing I.D. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Liz Allingham (313)581-7579.

12/28 CMG Festival of Light at Potter Park Zoo. Meet in the parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Dinner afterwards at a local restaurant..

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JANUARY

1/3 SEMG Sleepy Hollow State Park. Another Sierra First! This park N.E. of Lansing has variegated terrain, woods, open fields, and a lake for a pleasant 5-6 mile hike. This should make for a fairly level yet interesting hike; dress according to weather. Meet at 11 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph, just north of Square Lake Rd. Restaurant stop after. Leader: John Kalam (248)681-9160.

1/9-10 CUP Pictured Rocks (Spray Creek Area) Wintercamping Ski/Snowshoe Tour. 2-day loop tour (75% bushwacking) with bivouac on Saturday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 30°F experienced, intermediate level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

1/10 SEMG Addison Oaks X-Country Ski. Twelve miles of trails for beginners & intermediates. Ski rentals, snacks, and tables in large warming bldg. If no snow, we will hike nearby, and have lunch afterwards. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the west end of Meijers, Rochester Rd. at Auburn Rd. in Rochester Hills. Bring snack & drink for skiing. Leader: Mary Stoolmiller (248)879-6004.

1/15-18 CUP Agawa Canyon Area (Canada) Wintercamping Ski/Snowshoe Tour via Algoma Central Railway Bush Train. 4-day loop tour (50% bushwacking with lake travel) with bivouacs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 40°F experienced, advanced level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

1/16 TG Munising, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Cross Country Skiing. Meet at the Munising Ski Trail at 9:00 a.m.—it's located 3 miles east of Munising on H-58. The trail has 8 loops, 10.7 miles, novice to advanced. Come and make a weekend of it. There are several major motels in the area. There are also half a dozen other ski trails within 15 miles of Munising, so we could try another trail in the afternoon and then one on Sunday morning if anyone wanted to. For further information contact Mark Fowler,

(616)275-2389.

1/16 KVG (Sat) Cross-Country Ski at Kellogg Forest. Join us for a late morning adventure on the wooded hills of Kellogg Forest. The terrain ranges from gently rolling hills to really big ones for the more adventurous. If there's not enough snow for skiing, we will have a hike instead. Plan to meet at Kellogg Forest at 10:00 a.m. Bring water and a snack if you wish. For more info or directions, call trip leader Verne Mills at (616)344-4279.

1/17 SEMG Holly Recreation Area. Join us for a fast paced, energetic 5 mile hike through (hopefully) thin snow covered trails at Holly Rec. Area. Bring trail lunch and beverage, possible restaurant stop after. Meet at noon in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph, just north of Square Lake Rd. Leaders: Crystal Burnham (888)902-4211, Mary Solano (313)584-5351.

1/17 HVG (Sun) Everybody Skate and Hike. We'll skate if the ice is solid, otherwise hike. Be prepared for both. Meet at the Ann Arbor City Hall parking lot at 1:00 p.m. or the Silver Lake parking lot at 1:45 p.m. Contact Milton French at (313)295-6321.

1/23-2/1 CUP Maui, Hawaii Service Trail Building Project in Haleakala National Park. Backpack and work in the world's largest dormant volcano. Recreation days reserved for cabin camping on the tropical east coast, with day hikes to waterfalls, the Seven Sacred Pools, and a black sand beach. Steep trails, climate changes and high elevation make this an advanced outing. Fee: \$225 includes meals and cabins (does not include airfare). Send SASE to: Dave Bos, 337 E. Crescent, Marquette, MI 49855.

1/23 HVG (Sat) Historic Homes Hike. Come enjoy a leisurely paced hike observing historic homes in Ypsilanti. Bring your copy of "Footloose in Washtenaw County" if you have one. Meet at the Farmer's Market in Depot town at the north entrance at 1:00 p.m. Optional stop for a warm-up and snack at a Depot town restaurant afterward. Call Ruth Graves at (734)483-0058 or Kathy Guerreso (734)994-7183 for more information.

1/23 KGV (Sat) Cross-Country Ski at Yankee Springs Recreation Area. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the D Ave/US-131 ride share

lot for car pooling. Plan on skiing (or hiking if there's a shortage of snow) for 2-3 hours over varied terrain. If there is enough interest, we will stop at Sam's Joint (Gun Lake) for lunch afterward. Call trip leader Paul Haas at (616)664-5417 for more info.

1/24 SEMG 5 Mile Belle Isle Hike. Bundle up and let's see if we can "conquer" Belle Isle on a cold, windy January day! Call if weather is doubtful. Meet at 10 a.m. on the Island, follow the signs to the parking lot of the Belle Isle Casino. Restaurant stop after. Leader: June Cox (248)435-9522.

1/29-31 HVG MacMullan Conference Center Ski Weekend. Spend 2 nights at the conference center on Higgins Lake near Roscommon and ski the numerous trails in the area. Good food and accommodations in a beautiful setting. Trip limit of 12. Call Jeanne Grae at (734)665-2419 for reservations.

1/30-31 CUP McCormick Tract Wintercamping Ski/Snowshoe Tour. 2-day loop tour (80% bushwacking with lake travel) with bivouac on Saturday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 30°F experienced, intermediate level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

1/31 SEMG Indian Springs Ski/Hike. Come and enjoy the beautiful, wide, and fairly flat ski trails of Indian Springs Metropark. Trip goes rain, snow, or shine. Hope for snow! Meet at 12:30 p.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph, just north of Square Lake Rd. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Cindy Gunnip (248)557-7768.

FEBRUARY

2/4 HVG (Thurs) Indoor Rock Climbing. Rock climb inside at the REI store in Northville, 7-9 p.m. Beginners welcome, equipment provided, liability waiver required by REI. Please call Alan Richardson at (734)332-0207 for reservations, directions, and information.

2/7 SEMG Island Lake Hike. Join us for a fast paced 8 mile hike on the rivers edge, through the rolling hills and woods of beautiful Island Lake State Rec. area. Wear lug sole shoes, dress for the weather. Bring

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trail lunch and water. Meet at 11 a.m. in the parking lot behind "Oil Dispatch," Southwest corner of Middlebelt and I-96 (Jeffries Fwy.) in Livonia. Restaurant stop after? Leaders: Mary Solano (313)584-5351, Crystal Burnham (888)902-4211.

2/12-14 HVG Tawas Cross Country Ski Trip. Ski the scenic Corsair trails near Tawas City or on the high bluffs overlooking the AuSable River. Housekeeping cabins. Common commissary. All ages welcome! Call Ruth Graves at (734)483-0058 for more information.

2/12-15 CUP Lake Superior Provincial Park Area (Canada) Wintercamping Ski/Snowshoe Tour. 4-day loop tour (100% bushwacking with lake travel) with bivouacs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 40°F experienced, advanced level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

2/13 KVG (Sat) Social Gathering at Kraftbrau Brewery. Join your fellow Sierrans for a get-together and musical entertainment. Plan to meet at the brewery at 8:00 p.m. We'll all pitch in for pizza, conversation, and beer (or the non-hops beverage of your choice), and we'll enjoy the music, which starts at 9:00. For more info call Mike at (616)948-8840.

2/13 SEMG (Saturday) Maybury Moonlight Stroll. Wish for a clear sky and full moon to enjoy a night walk with your Sierra friends. We will walk the trails and listen for the resident owls. Meet at 7 p.m. at the Maybury State park horse stable parking lot (2 miles W. of Northville). Entrance sign is on Beck Rd., 0.25 mile south of 8 Mile Rd., then 0.25 mile in. Restaurant

stop after. Leader: Ed McArdle (313)388-6645.

2/21 SEMG Kensington Metropark Hike. End winter with a pleasant hike through Kensington's lovely hills. Wear boots and appropriate layers. Meet at 11 a.m. behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield, or 11:45 at Kensington Nature Center. Restaurant stop after. Leaders: Bev. & Marshall Fogelson (248)280-4975.

2/27-28 CUP Grand Island Wintercamping Ski Tour. 2-day circumnavigation tour (100% rim road with Lake Superior crossing) with bivouac on Saturday night. Suitable for fully equipped, physically fit, minus 30°F experienced, intermediate level wintercamper. Info: Michael Neiger (906)226-9620.

2/27 SEMG (Saturday) Pointe Pelee Ice Hike. Join the 8th annual Ice Hike in Canada. Let's hope that "La Niña" will provide the Winter Wonderland that "El Niño" failed to give us in '97. Dress warmly for those Lake Erie winds that push huge piles of snow and ice up on the point. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Tourist Center on Route 3 (Huron Church Rd.) in Windsor, 0.75 mile from the bridge. Bring border crossing I.D. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Liz Allingham (313)581-7579.

2/28 SEMG Highland Fling & Ski. Bundle up and we will ski or tromp across the moors west of Pontiac (OK, so they're really moraines!). Bring a snack, a smile, skis (for snow), or hiking boots (for not); moderate skiing ability needed. Meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Lydia Fischer (313)863-8392.

MARCH

3/7 SEMG Proud Lake Perimeter. Let's take the outside edge and explore the Marsh area, Moss Lake and woods for a 6 mile hike in the March mush. Meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Philip Crookshank (313)562-1873.

3/14 SEMG Independence Oaks Ski or Hike. Keep your fingers crossed that La Niña delivers the long, snowy winter as promised. We will cross country ski 2-3 hours through this North Oakland county park. Intermediate ability and equipment needed. No snow? We will hike! Wear layers for conditions, bring trail snack. Restaurant stop after. Meet at 10 a.m. behind the Marathon station at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Rd. (Tel-Twelve Mall) in Southfield. Leader: Joanne Spatz (248)932-5370.

3/21 SEMG Highland Rec. Area Hike. Join us for a moderately paced hike through the beautiful woods of this park with, perhaps, cold winter weather behind us. Dress in layers, bring trail snack, restaurant stop after. Meet at 11:30 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonald's on Telegraph just north of Square Lake Rd. Leader: Lee Becker, (248)294-7789.

3/28 SEMG Paint Creek Hike. This is a gentle, 6 mile hike following the old railroad from Rochester on the multi-use trail to Lake Orion. Bring water & snack, call if weather is doubtful. Meet at noon behind the Michigan Nat'l Bank on 14 Mile Rd. and I-75 (South edge of Oakland Mall) in Troy. Restaurant stop after. Leader: Mike Scanlon, (313)884-2214. *

MAJOR CHAPTER DATES FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER

November 10..... Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

November 14..... Chapter Conservation Committee Meeting, Lansing

December 8..... Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

January 9-10..... Chapter Executive Committee and Conservation Committee Meetings,
Nettie Bay Lodge, Hawks

PREMIERE OF "THE RANGE OF LIGHT"

"The Range of Light"—a work composed for symphonic concert band by B.B. Campbell, Associate Professor of Music at Michigan State University since 1985—will debut on Friday, December 11, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of MSU's Wharton Center. The work—which is based upon writings of John Muir, Scottish-American naturalist, mountaineer, and founder of the Sierra Club—will be performed by the Lansing Concert Band, a community group that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The band is conducted by Richard Suddendorf, Director of Bands Emeritus of Western Michigan University.

A special feature is the inclusion of a part for the highland bagpipe, which will be played by DJ Krogol, Adjunct Professor of Bagpipe at Hillsdale College. The bagpipe is not used as an exotic effect: rather, a 2/4 march, a jig, and a 3/4 retreat march are fully integrated into the composition. The piece seeks to portray the effects of light upon landscape as described so eloquently by Muir in Chapter 1 of his book, "The Yosemite." The rest of the program will consist of joyous and familiar Christmas music, and promises to be fun for young and old.

For more information, point your web browser to <http://www.msu.edu/~bruce/TROL.htm>. *



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