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Third Annual Banquet Was Wildly Successful

Our third annual banquet was a huge success thanks to all of you! The members of the banquet committee worked very hard this year and their efforts paid off with a fantastic evening!! As our guests arrived for the evening, we heard many wonderful comments while they milled about looking at the Chinese Auction items, the silent auction items, and the beautiful tables.

Once the social hour was over, Tom Amundsen welcomed everyone and dinner was served. After dinner, the fun really began. The 50/50 drawing was first and Rob Multari was the winner (He was quite surprised when Rick called to give him the news). Jen, as always, did a wonderful job presenting the State-of-the-River. She highlighted the many activities and accomplishments of SRW in the last year and spoke of what the group has planned for the immediate and distant future. Board member, Joyce Cuff presented a \$500 scholarship



Dr. Joyce Cuff presenting Lindsey Lewis with the Annual Scholarship Award.

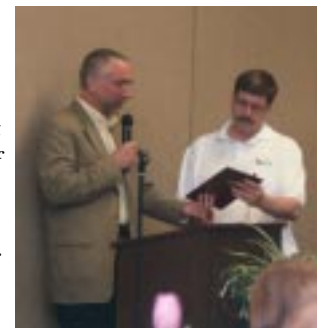
to Lindsey Lewis. SRW would like to increase the amount awarded to the 2006 scholarship winner. If you would be interested in helping us achieve that, please call the office. The SRW Business Friend of the River for 2005 was Surf 724. They have been behind us every "click" of the way by providing us with reasonable internet access and hosting our website. Jim Mondok was named the SRW Friend of the Year for his dependability and service to the group from its inception.

Once all the awards were presented, the winners were announced for the Rod Raffle, the Silent



Jennifer Barborak presenting Jim Mondok with the Friend-of-the-River Award

Auction, and the many Chinese Auction packages. The items donated for this year's event were of unprecedented quality and variety. The banquet committee would like to thank all who donated items, money, and/or their time to make the evening such a memorable event. Plans are already under way for next year, so mark April 15, 2006 on your calendar. We hope even more will be able to attend next year's event and partake in the fun.



Tom Amundsen presenting Rick Applegate of Surf 724 with the Business Friend-of-the-River Award

Listed on the following page are all the contributors for the 2005 banquet. Please support and thank those who have so generously supported us. Also, please take a look at the upcoming events to see other opportunities to help with fundraising events.

~Carol Budanka
Chair, Banquet Committee

Contributors to the SRW Third Annual Banquet

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 First National Bank
 The Framing Loft
 Frances Foust
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 Gibb's Flower Shoppe
 Cindy Glass
 Graham Stamping
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 Hickory V.F.W. Golf Course
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 Louisa's Soul Connection
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 Sky Bank
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 Sunset Bowling Lanes
 Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
 Thornton Hall Bowling Lanes
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 UPMC Horizon Community
 Health Foundation
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Many, many thanks to all the contributors. Your donations and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

This is a very busy time of year for the fundraising squad. On July 30th, SRW will be selling funnel cakes at the Sharon Car Show. August 5th – 7th SRW will be at the New Wilmington Arts Festival. As always, Buhl Day (known as Labor Day to the rest of the country) will find SRW turning out funnel cake after funnel cake. Of course, none of this is possible without our wonderful and greatly appreciated volunteers. If you are interested in helping with any or all of these events, please call the office at 724-342-5453 to let us know. Just leave your name and number and we will contact you as each event draws closer. If you can't help us, but will be attending any of these activities, please stop by and show your support for SRW! Thank you!

Recycle...

..Your Trash & Treasure

SRW will be having a **Fundraising Garage Sale** to be held in late summer. Please begin gathering any items you would like to donate to the sale. Details to follow in the next issue of the newsletter.

...Your Aluminum Cans

SRW continues to have the **Can Drop** container located just outside the SRW Office in the Sharon City Parking Garage. You can access the can drop 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

...Your Ink Cartridges

SRW is now taking your used ink cartridges. You can drop them off in the Can Drop (located by the SRW office in the parking garage) with your aluminum cans, **BUT** please put the cans and ink cartridges in **SEPARATE BAGS**. Thank you.



Muskies, Inc. Promoting Catch & Release

The Shenango River is one of, if not the best, fishery in the tri-state area. There are advisories on the river as to the types of fish that can and cannot be eaten. But that should not be an issue, for in this day and age, we should all be practicing Catch & Release anyway. Carp and Muskies cannot be eaten, as per the advisory, but who would want to even try. Trout, a tasty catch, are stocked in the Shenango River as well as other streams and rivers in our area. These trout are stocked from the fish hatcheries and stay in the upper area of the river where the PCB levels are nonexistent. Stripers, Bass, Northern Pike and Muskies all migrate from the lower areas of the Shenango River upstream and are stopped by the dam. With the presence of trout, these larger fish remain in this area in the spring where they spawn and feed on the fresh trout.

In 2005, there have been numerous reports of muskies up to 52 inches, northern pike up to 46 inches, and stripers up to 34 inches being caught in the Shenango River just below the dam in Sharpsville. Fortunately, some anglers are aware of the catch and release philosophy, and these precious commodities will be there, bigger the next time they are caught. In these days of digital cameras and picture phones, take a picture at the river with that prize catch, remove your hook carefully and release them back into the Shenango as quickly as possible.

So the next time you're fishing in the Shenango River and you catch that not-so-delectable fish, release it for the next time you want to tell a "big fish story", and then it will actually be true.

~Contributed by Jerry Fischer
President of the Penn-Ohio Muskies, Inc.



Attention Baseball Fans!

The Shenango River Watchers and the Mahoning Valley Scrappers are joining forces to bring to you a Shenango River Watchers Day At The Ball Park. The event is set for August 28th. The game begins at 2:05 p.m. at Eastwood Field in Niles. The price of each ticket is \$8.00 and includes a seat in the section set aside for SRW, 10% off any purchase at the Scrappers Souvenir Store, a chance to win Scrappers prizes in a sweepstakes exclusive to group members, and a Scrappers Dawg Dollar that can be used anywhere in the ball park.

Please send the order form below and your check made payable to Shenango River Watchers by August 21st to Shenango River Watchers; P.O. Box 986; Sharon, PA 16146.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Number of tickets x \$8.00 ea. = _____

Grand Total: _____

How Green Is Our Valley?

Over the last few years, Shenango Valley River Watchers has created and maintained several "green" spaces around the valley (canoe Launch, Flower boxes on the bridge, tree/shrub borders around our office, etc.). We (as a Board) have identified the greening of our valley as being congruent with our overall mission as an organization. We are committed not only to the river and watershed, but the surrounding areas as well.

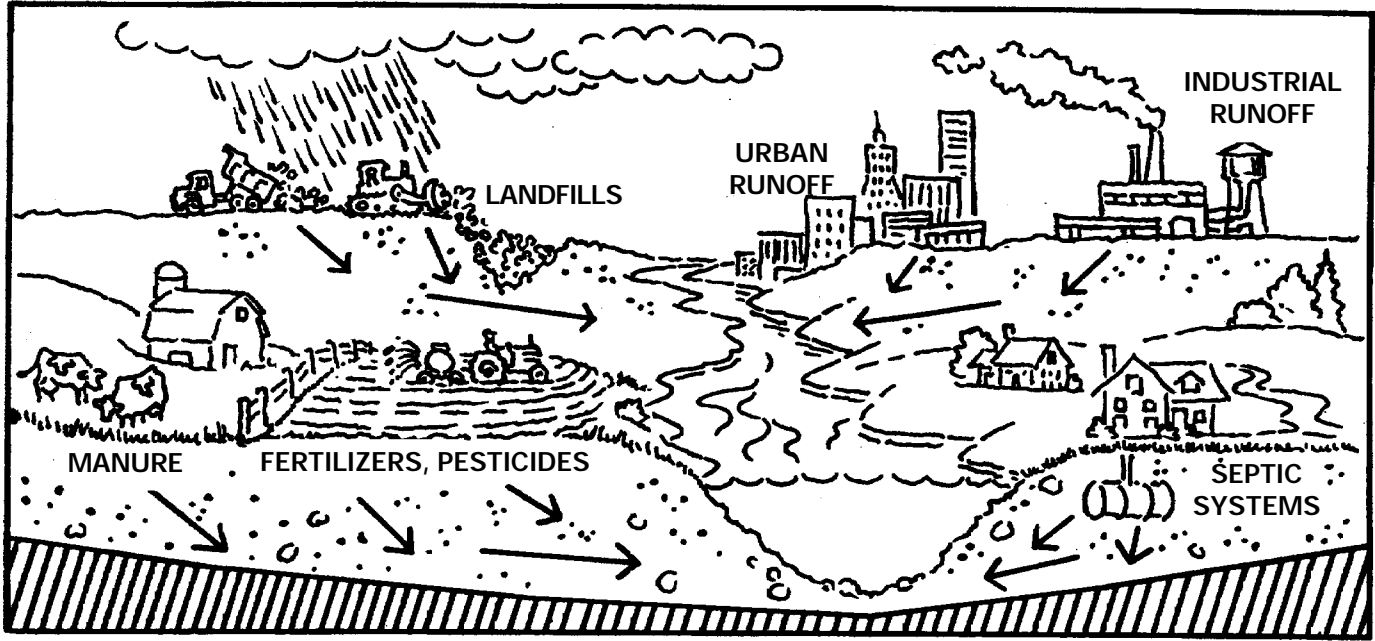
That being understood, we wondered if we should do more to beautify certain areas adjacent to the river as well as places that need some "life". Perhaps area businesses would be interested in partnering with us in this effort.

We are interested in hearing from our members with feedback, ideas, experience, and willingness to help, etc. Maybe gardening is your forte and you would want to be involved with us. So let's hear from you!

Call Becki at the SRW office (724-342-5453), or Babs Quincy (724-346-1123). Thanks!!

The Duckling Doodlers

Color the picture and when you are done, send this page back to us and we'll mail you a surprise!
Don't forget to write your name and address. Parents: Please return submissions to
Shenango River Watchers, P.O. Box 986, Sharon, PA 16146.



Name: _____

Address _____

Age: _____

Did you know our Storm Drains (that's the drains at the bottom of our streets) dump water directly into streams and our river????
How about this

.... A PLACEMAT CONTEST

Draw your idea of how to protect our Groundwater by decreasing the pollution going into our Storm Drains.

School-age students submit your drawing by July 30, 2005.
to Shenango River Watchers, P.O. Box 986, Sharon, PA 16146

P.S. Some Hints:

- Don't over fertilize!
- Don't dump anything into a storm drain.
- Keep pesticide use to a minimum.
- Don't wash your car on the pavement
(use a gravel surface or your lawn)

Try to remember . . . we don't want anything to go into our storm drains that we wouldn't want to swim in or drink because

WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM!!!

Memberships

New Members

Rod Alexander
 Heather Anderson
 Vere & Pat Bellian
 Julie Bowers
 Beth Brown
 Jimmy Cardmon
 Jessica Cimo
 William Clowes
 Michael Eddy
 Francis Fornelli
 Wayne Frederick
 Jim Fustos
 Bill Gerda
 Joanne Gerda
 Kathy Goodblood
 Art Hall
 Josh Harmer
 Sue Ann Herald
 Joan Johnson
 Maurice Keaveny
 Erin Kepple
 Bill Kerins
 Scott Killian Family
 Denis Lewis
 Mark Lewis
 Bob Liptak
 Ed Lloyd
 Jerri Manos
 Rosemary Mardersteck

Linda Myers
 T. Sue Paul
 Duane Piccirilli
 Rebecca Reiner
 Karl Rupert
 Eddy Scott
 Joe Scott
 Elaine Smith
 Roy Smith
 Alexandra Sobek
 Sobek Family
 Angelo Stamooolis
 Donna Stamooolis
 Jerry Stanley
 Michelle Stanander
 Kimberly Strange
 Kathy Walker
 Andrew Wilson
 Jay Yasgur

Membership Renewals

Angela M. Baldwin
 Cheryl Christy
 Kathy Davies
 Linda Enterline
 Darin Flower
 Frances Foust
 Sally Hayden
 Gerald Hurayt
 Gwen Maxfield

Brad McGonigle
 Pat & Pam McGonigle
 Kenneth Mild
 Judith Morocco
 Attorney Carl Moses
 Alec Moyer
 Emma Moyer
 Marcia Moyer
 Stewart Moyer
 Howard J. Nagle, Jr.
 Chris Outrakis
 Ron & Margie Petroski
 Dale Rogers
 Tilinda Rosales
 Linda Royal
 Ben Sauers
 Rosann Sauers
 Francis & Sondra Shafer
 Jan Smith
 James Tokar
 Gwen Turzak
 Elwood Walker
 Janet Wendy Warner
 Emily Williams
 John Williams
 Toni Williams
 Zak Williams

Business Renewals

Kurtanich Engineers & Associates
 Lewis & Ristvey, Attorneys at Law
 Mahoning River Consortium
 Red Oak Advertising
 Sharon Regional Health System
 Wallace & Pancher
 Winslow Engineering

New Business Memberships

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
 Jack Wormley Plumbing
 Sharon Custom Metal Forming

Continous Supporters

Copyland
 Duferco-Farrell Corp.
 Ann & Mike Kotyk
 Lenbil's
 MK Landscape Supply
 City of Sharon
 Surf724

Membership Form

Yes, I would like to support Shenango River Watchers!

I have enclosed my donation of:

- _____ \$10 Individual Membership
- _____ \$20 Individual Membership + T-shirt
(Please choose size)
- _____ \$25.00 Business Membership
- _____ \$35.00 Business Membership + T-shirt
(Please choose size)
- _____ Other

 Name

 Address

 Phone

 Email

I want to help with:

- Clean Up Days
- Watershed Research Committee
- Financial Planning
- Fundraising
- Newsletter
- Water Testing
- Food Preparation for Clean Up Days

_____ Yes, send me a t-shirt. I've enclosed a donation (\$20 Individual; \$35 Business) and have picked my size below!

Size selection:

__ Small __ Medium __ Large __ Extra Large

SRW EVENTS FOR 2005

Please volunteer your time this year to assist Shenango River Watchers, Inc. in their clean up efforts and to join them for the fun events, too. Last year was a successful year with a new canoe launch being built and successful clean-up and recycling days. If you didn't attend the get-togethers, you missed out on a lot of fun. So schedule these events into your calendar and be part of the success of SRW!!!!

July 9th - Macroinvertebrae Training at the Mercer County Conservation District in Mercer

*August 28th - Scrapper's game at Eastwood Field
(see the order form on pg. 3 for tickets)*

July 16th - Canoe Clean-Up

September 5th - Funnel Cake Booth at Buhl Day

July 30th - Funnel Cake Booth at Sharon Car Show

September 17th - 18th - Water Fowl Expo, Pymatuning

August 5th-7th - Booth at New Wilmington Arts Festival

October 1st - Clean -Up

August 13th - Member's Picnic

Details will follow for meeting locations and times for the events listed. You may also contact the Shenango River Watchers office at 724-342-5453 for further information or to sign up.

August 20th - Canoe Clean-Up

Our website: shenangoriverwatchers.org also has updated event information. Check it out!

REMINDER: The date of your membership expiration is listed on the mailing label. Please continue to support Shenango River Watchers - your contribution and interest are greatly appreciated.



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