



Appalachian Mountain Club

Delaware Valley Chapter

Annual Report for 2012

Overview

Welcome to AMC Delaware Valley Chapter members and friends. I am pleased to report another successful year for the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). Thanks to the outstanding team of volunteers across the chapter we can look back with pride on a year of accomplishment. These achievements are detailed in the reports that follow and I urge you to take the time to read and reflect on the activities carried out by our members who volunteer their time and skills to provide safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences.

I anticipate another successful year for the chapter in 2013. The chapter leadership team is experienced and motivated. Our activity leaders are trained and perform to high standards. We look forward to adding a program of outdoor activities for entire families to our existing program. In addition, we will undertake initiatives to enhance the public recognition of AMC as leader of safe and enjoyable outdoor activities as well as a source of timely and reliable information on conservation issues.

The AMC Directors have established a long term vision, called Vision-2020, to guide our directions for the future. In 2012 we welcomed John Judge as the new President of the AMC. You have probably seen his *View from the AMC* columns in AMC Outdoors magazine. If you have not read them, take time to read what he is doing, the challenges facing the protection of our natural resources, and his plans for the future. I am sure you will agree that AMC is on an impressive course.

— Allen Male, Chapter Chair

Backpacking

Completed a local section backpacking workshop and had one beginning backpack this year. Both were well received. Kathy Anderson, John Ulrich, and Kathy Kelly-Borowski, and Dawn Britton helped present at the workshop. Meetup helped to boost the numbers for participants to more than 15. Posting early to get into AMC Outdoors earlier also helped. Even though the group was small, having Cindy Crosser on the beginning backpack was a great help. Conducted several backpacking fitness hikes during the spring and early summer again this year. These created opportunities for participants to test their fitness level before the beginner backpack and go through pack adjustments and pack weights before making a back-country commitment. This was very helpful for at least a couple of the participants on the beginning backpack.

— Peter Fox, Backpacking Chair

2012 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Allen Male
Vice-Chair	Jeff Lippincott
Secretary	Allison Hudson
Treasurer	Rich Einstein
Membership	Joan Aichele
Backpacking	Peter Fox
Bicycling	George Gorman
Communications	Rich Wells
Conservation	Al Schwartz
Hiking	Rick Hudson
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Stephanie Wall
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	Morgan Masterson

Bicycling

The 2012 biking season has continued our trend of increased popularity of this activity within our chapter. As was the case in previous years, most of the rides were along rail-trails. So far this season, there have been 28 rides with 249 participants. This is an increase in both rides (16) and number of participants (128) from last year at this time.

Thanks to all of the leaders who organized and led these rides. Those leaders include Terry Berntsen, Tammy Brandon, Rich Einstein, Jeff Lippincott, Rhoda Eisman, Sue Bickford-Martin, Ian Kindle, Carl Ganong, Cindy Crosser, Ron Kanarr, Brian Wasson and George Gorman.

Of special note are the Memorial Day weekend trip along the C&O Canal in Maryland led by Terry Berntsen and the September week-long trip to Acadia National Park led by Terry and Sue Bickford-Martin.

As the number of trails in the Delaware Valley continues to increase (<http://connectthecircuit.org/>) we see more future opportunities for additional rides in our region. We encourage any interested members to consider becoming biking leaders and becoming advocates for trails planned in their areas.

— George Gorman, Bicycling Chair



Communications

Simply stated the Communications Committee's job is to inform chapter members about our numerous activities and programs. The Committee publishes a quarterly newsletter, a weekly e-mail message and serves as the chapter interface with AMC headquarters on issues involving the On-line Trip Listing system, the on-line portal for listing all chapter activities. The Committee also maintains a social media site to further disseminate the chapter message.

Communications is not a one-person operation. Many chapter volunteers are actively engaged in "spreading the message." Joan Aichele maintains the subscription base for the list server that contains the e-mail addresses used to send out the weekly messages and from time-to-time important supplemental alerts. Jim Catozzi and Bill Steinmetz manage and maintain the On-line Trip Listing system. Eric Pavlak edits and publishes the quarterly newsletter and Rich Einstein distributes the newsletter to those members who have requested a paper copy. Kevin Perry, our former webmaster, remains engaged by helping out with the chapter website. On behalf of the Executive Committee I thank all the dedicated volunteers who help us in "getting the word out."

A major task this year was a behind-the-scenes activity that involved installation and the turn up of a new leader membership verification feature. While trivial sounding both in its objective and in meeting a need, it was a clubwide initiative driven by the Risk Management Group and the Chapters' Committee. It involved the creation and installation of new tables that included all leaders, active and inactive, along with a list of all their committee assignments. The cutover occurred in August. The chapter only experienced a few problems which were quickly resolved.

Our social media presence continued to expand in 2012. Membership on our Meetup site has climbed to more than 2,100 members, making it one of the fastest growing sites in the Delaware Valley. Meetup allows us to present our chapter and activities to a larger audience and helps to keep people engaged in outdoor activities, an essential element in the AMC mission. Less than 20 percent of our trips are listed on Meetup and the expanded audience has encouraged many leaders to become more active by posting more trips than they might otherwise without that additional exposure.

The redesign of our website remains a goal. While the website is rich with extensive links to additional resources, it is not the most attractive site around. Many of the site resources, such as links to other area organizations, directions to parking areas and the various guides remain very popular, with many seeing several hundred visits each week. In 2013 there will be a stepped-up effort to recruit additional volunteers with technical skills to help us with the web redesign.

As always, we are looking for volunteers and look forward to 2012.

— Rich Wells, *Communications Chair*

Hiking

AMC Delaware Valley Chapter hiking activities were extremely busy in 2012 with so many diverse and successful

hiking and winter sports events. Weather in the winter was mild compared to the previous years and the summer was scorching hot but our leaders found time to get out there and support hikers with many, many fun trips.



As in previous years, our chapter continues to host many weekly hikes for the enjoyment of all ability level of hikers. As usual there are a number of ongoing weekly hikes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights and a weekly Wednesday day hike in the Philadelphia region. Thank you to the leaders who get out there and do these week after week. Turnouts have been outstanding on the Thursday hikes in Valley Forge National Park and the alternate hike across the river at the Lower Perkiomen Park.

In 2012, many of our more adventurous leaders took participants to the Catskills, White Mountains in New Hampshire, AT in Virginia, Chincoteague, and to that wonderful national park – Acadia. As we move toward 2013, we can only hope that they will all offer the same number or more of these out of area excursion. One additional continuation series this year was the PA AT Series led by John Rowen. At the time of this article, John and his group have moved all the way from the Delaware Water Gap to just outside of Harrisburg. We are looking forward to his next set of hikes along the AT and as we all can imagine completing PA in 2013. Weekends continue to be very busy with so many new destinations. We have been fortunate to have hikes scheduled in three to four different geographical destinations, thus allowing persons from our entire area to participate without driving too far to join in. Beach walks, rock scrambles, off trail bushwhacking, slow paced birder walks, geocache hikes and urban hikes in Philadelphia and New York City have all been successful over the years and 2012 was no exception. This year we saw a marked increase in the number of hikes set for the more adventurous and fit hikers. These popular hikes are in the Delaware Water Gap, the Pinnacle and Pulpit trails, the Pocono area state parks, and anywhere along the AT. The New Jersey Highland region has also gained in popularity.

As Hike Chair, I am always looking for ways to encourage and broaden our hike activities and in 2012; one such activity seems to have caught on with our longtime member and leader Mike Manes. He has led quite a few hikes and walks to inventory and promote the restoration of the American Chestnut tree. If you've ever hiked with Mike, you'll know that he keeps his eye on the trail and in the woods looking for these vanishing giants.

In conclusion, it is my hope that in 2013 we can broaden our hiking schedule in the South Jersey area, the Chester County

and Berks County area and perhaps find some “local” to continue the AT series north through New Jersey and into New York State. AMCDV is always open to suggestions so if you have anything you want to try, let’s talk.

— Rick Hudson, Hiking Chair

Leadership

The goals of the Leadership Committee are to conduct ongoing leadership and safety training, encourage the recruitment and mentoring of new leaders, manage the safety and liability aspect of AMC activities, and administer chapter leadership policies.

The DV Chapter’s annual Outdoor Leadership Training course took place on the weekend of April 13-15, 2012 at the Nockamixon State Park Environmental Education Center. The 19 participants in this year’s course were: Adam Ambrus, Sarah Berg, Kathy Corpora, Ann Marie Drosnock, Connie Farley, Sue Fatula, Cathy Frankenberg, Cindy Friel, John Garner, Donald Garrido, Judy Iden, Frances Liao, Brad Morith, John Nichols, Adrian Noble, Elan Ovall, Malcolm Preece, Susan Renton-Dice, and Matt Stopa. A number of the trainees had already completed their first co-lead before taking the course, and several others have completed co-leads since then.

The instructors for OLT 2012 included: Jeff Alpert, Aaron Gorban (AMC’s Director of Outdoor Leadership Train-



ing), George Gorman, Rick Hudson, Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Christina Krosche, Jeff Lippincott, Morgan Masterson, Donna Morgan, Ron Phelps, Phil Mulligan, and Bill & Lennie Steinmetz.

Jim Catozzi served as chef extraordinaire for the Saturday night dinner for trainees and instructors at Weisel Hostel. Several of AMC-DV’s most active leaders were also invited to attend the dinner and meet with the trainees, including Rich Pace, Susan Bickford-Martin, Ira Rubinstein, and Terry Berntsen.

The Leadership Committee sponsored a Leaders Social on Saturday, May 12 at Weisel Hostel near Quakertown. There were a hike, a bike trip and a trail work trip during the day, followed by a 5 PM happy hour and 6 PM barbecue dinner. A second Leaders Gathering was scheduled to take place on November 10 just before the chapter’s Annual Dinner, to provide leaders a chance to offer feedback on several new procedures recently

implemented by AMC.

DV Chapter members who could not attend the chapter’s Leadership Training course in April are once again being offered an opportunity to attend the Connecticut Chapter’s leader training course in November, thanks to a reciprocal arrangement with the Connecticut Chapter. DV Chapter members completing this course will be certified as trip leaders upon completion of two successful co-leads on DV Chapter trips. The course this year will be offered on the weekend of November 16-18 in Litchfield, CT.

— Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership Chair

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group has now completed its twentieth year of existence. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month (except December, July, and August) at the Friends Meeting House on Route 512 in Bethlehem. Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of travel destinations including the Canadian Rockies, the Galapagos Islands, Kenya, India, and Machu Picchu. Lehigh Valley Group Chair Phill Hunsberger has already booked a number of interesting programs for the coming year as well.

The LVG monthly meetings include a short discussion of upcoming outdoor activities, information on local conservation issues, a speaker, and a social time with refreshments. Meeting attendance ranges from 30 to 50 people, including longtime AMC members as well as potential members who have read about the meeting in local newspapers. The group looks forward to continuing these monthly get-togethers for a third decade.

— Lennie Steinmetz

Membership

The main purpose of our Membership Committee is to help recruit new members but more importantly to help retain current members. The AMC membership department helps us with the recruiting end of it. Their four top methods listed in descending order for acquiring new members and re-joining members are:

- Direct mailings sent out four times a year, February, May, August and November
- Electronically through the web, e-mails and online ads
- Reservations at AMC facilities
- Telemarketing to lapsed members

Our main focus is to provide opportunities so our new members convert to second year members and renewing members continue their memberships past the second year. We send out “Welcome” letters to all our new members and “Welcome Back” letters to the returning members (those members who had let their membership’s lapse). In these letters we encourage them to get out, get active and discover all of the AMC recreational and volunteer opportunities. Having numerous activities offered by our very active trip leaders, helps to give our members several choices for participation, whether it is biking, paddling, hiking, trail maintenance or staying at an AMC facility.

In 2012 our membership numbers continued to show a slow but steady increase. From a high of 4,926 members in 2008 we saw a significant decrease in 2009 to 4,669 members. Since then we have continued to see the numbers go up slightly and we are

now at 4,767 as of the end of September. Some of this increase may be due to the economy starting to come back but also our chapter Meetup site has helped with recruiting new members. Our Meetup trip leaders have done a wonderful job encouraging their participants to join AMC. Also our dedicated Mohican staff of Manager Quint Reiff and Asst. Manager, Matt Stopa have significantly increased the number of members they are signing up at the Mohican Outdoor Center over previous years.

We continued to schedule New Member hikes once a month at various parks within our region in an effort to meet new members and prospective members. We also held our annual New Members Social in March which was well attended.

Midori Wakabayashi, our Publicity Chair has been doing a wonderful job promoting AMC with outdoor retailers, representing our club at National Public Lands Days, National Trails Days and other such events. I personally “thank” Midori for all of her efforts to promote AMC.

In June I hosted a New Members Getaway at Mohican Outdoor Center which we combined with Lennie Steinmetz’s Hike, Paddle and Play Getaway. This proved to be a winning combination as we had a full house. For many of the attendees this was their first visit to an AMC facility. They were pleasantly surprised and planned to return for more volunteer led Getaways. A few of the participants even went to August Camp after learning about it during our slide presentation about AMC.

Going forward we want to focus on promoting the “branding” of AMC in our region. We want people to see the AMC logo and know exactly what it represents. This task will be much easier by having the new professionally produced AMC tri-fold display and table skirts provided by AMC. We will continue to offer monthly New Member hikes and encourage our Meetup members to join AMC.

— Joan Aichele, Membership Chair

Paddling

Trips: A dry winter was followed by a dry spring and moderately dry summer, which made for a terrible whitewater year. The spring was so dry we even had to cancel or relocate flatwater trips. We also lost two whitewater leaders due to moves, and effectively lost three due to inter-leader problems.

Flatwater trips remain popular, and are often filled to capacity. For three years, we have been running numerous flatwater trips using Meetup to successfully fill trips to capacity, and used it to boost training course registration.

Flatwater trips increased a bit, but we will have run trips on about 50 paddling days this year, down from 70 last year.

Training: We safely and successfully completed all training sessions scheduled for the year, including the basic and river canoeing, introduction to whitewater kayaking, solo open canoe, and swiftwater safety and rescue.

Donations: The Canoe Committee received a generous anonymous donation of some paddles, life jackets and other paddling gear, which was put to use. A solo canoe donated by the family of late paddling leader Fred Bauerle, which we did not need, was donated the Wildlands Conservancy, where it was put to use.

— Eric Pavlak, Paddling Chair



Social

The Social Committee sponsors three events annually. Below are summaries of the two that were held already and details of the one coming up.

Spring Social: The Delaware Valley Chapter Spring Activity Social was held on Saturday, March 24 at the Perkasio Fire Hall. More than 70 members and guests joined in the festivities which included hiking or biking followed by a social happy hour and a delicious buffet dinner. After everyone had their fill of hot roast beef, stuffed shells, fried chicken, cold cuts, etc the stewardship and hiking awards were given. A special thank you award was given to John Rowan for all of his help this past year. Thanks John. Dessert followed the awards and this segued into another social hour. What a great evening. Many thanks to our Social Committee which includes Stephanie Wall, Judy Iden and Midori Wakabayashi and to all those who showed up early or stayed late to set up and clean up. Next year we will have a salad and **more chocolate cake**. As always, the leftovers were donated to a Homeless Veterans Shelter in Bethlehem and they were thrilled with our kindness. The cost was held at \$10 to encourage more members to attend.

The one change that I made this year at the social was to hold the desserts until after the awards presentations. It encouraged people to stay longer and socialize, and they did.

Chapter Picnic: June 16 was a day full of sunshine and fun for the Annual Delaware Valley Chapter Picnic. We were lucky to have gotten the largest pavilion at Peace Valley Park and approximately 85 chapter members had a wonderful day. Some started with a bike ride or a hike before the cookout but everyone brought their appetites and chowed down on hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and the most wonderful assortment of salads and desserts you could imagine. The grills were expertly manned by Stephanie Wall (Social Committee member and past committee chair) and Chris Rapacki and additional Social Committee members, Judy Iden and Midori Wakabayashi did a bang up job of getting things set up and organized and kept everything running smoothly. Although it was hot, a number of adventurous members ventured out to the volleyball court and had a number of laughter filled games. What we lacked in talent we more than made up in fun. We also had a water balloon toss, quoits and many other games available. But most of all,

everyone just enjoyed each other's company and had a spectacular day. Many people stayed late to just sit and talk and the sun was starting to set as we wound up the day. Make sure you check the AMC website after the new year for next year's picnic date so you can add this to your 2013 calendar.

Annual Dinner: This year's annual dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 10 from 5-9 at the Upper Gwynned Fire Hall. We will have lots of hors d'oeuvres to start with our happy hour from 5-6. This will be followed by a hot buffet from 6-7 provided by Lindiger's and will have a vegetarian entree, meats, veggies, a salad, dinner rolls, etc. The chapter will provide iced tea and lemonade, hot tea and coffee. After a short business meeting to say goodbye to some executive committee members, welcome some new ones and present the Appie and Golden Appie Awards, we will be serving scrumptious desserts while we listen to one of our hiking leaders, Ed Loch, play guitar and sing to such artists as Jimmy Buffet, Creedance Clearwater Revival, etc. We hope to have a few lyrics available so everyone can sing-a-long. As always, there will be plenty of food and fun for everyone. This is a BYOB event and the last B doesn't mean backpack. The cost is \$25 which remains the same as last year. There will be a drawing for some small AMC prizes too.

Last year we had Outdoor Jeopardy which was a hit with some members and there were others who said that they did not want to try that again. The main reasons given were because one team leader never gave his team a chance to participate and another team had someone from the Bethlehem office who knew all the answers because he works for AMC. So we are trying something new.

— Linda Watsula, *Social Chair*

Trails

The Delaware Valley Chapter continues to work on trails in three significant areas of our jurisdiction.

The most significant event in 2012 was the award of the George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, Park Volunteer Award, to Valley Forge National Historical Park. AMC-DV's work on the Mt. Misery trails and other sites was part of the qualification for award and the chapter was represented at a luncheon in Washington. National Park Service Director Jonathin Jarvis knew of AMC and spoke well of us.

First, we are maintaining our segment of the Appalachian Trail in partnership with the National Park Service, Keystone Trails Association and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Mike Manes, Dan Schwartz, Bill Steinmetz and a host of others lead and perform work there. This year's Ridgerunner program, where we work with ATC to provide someone to patrol the AT during the Summer, and meet and greet the hikers, was a huge success. This entails patrolling for encroachments, unauthorized structures, and damage to the trail, both natural and man-made. Our volunteers are also assisting in defining the boundaries of the ATC corridor.

Also, we are continuing to maintain the trails on Mt. Misery at Valley Forge National Park. For National Public Lands Day in September we had a crew of 25 park visitors who worked on the drainage features. Thank you to Bill Lotz, Midori Wakabayashi and Jeff Schragger for helping to lead the park volunteers. This year we are continuing to keep the trails in their current state of

good repair.

We are continuing to keep the trails at Nockamixon State Park in good repair. Pete Jarrett leads the work there. We incorporated a brush-clearing job in our Leaders' meeting in Spring, 2012.

In addition AMC-DV members are volunteering at other parks in the area, under the leadership of other clubs.

At the Spring Activities Social, we honored our dedicated trail workers with t-shirts for their efforts.

We have enquiries from several parks for trailwork projects. We can use volunteer leaders to come forward to help lead projects there, and trail workers as well.

Interested members, please contact me.

— Phil Mulligan, *Trails Chair*

Young Members

The DV Chapter's Young Members group was able to offer various hiking and social activities ranging from Delaware Water Gap to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2012 was a year to focus on expanding the Young Members to not only 20 and 30-year-olds but also children. AMC-DV's Young Members group was able to offer children hiking opportunities as well as a field trip to the zoo. For the 18+ year-olds, various social activities included museum visits, speeches at various colleges, various festivals, walks and runs, and hikes with various levels of terrain. Currently, the Young Members group is reaching out to various Meetup groups to gain more interest in those aged 20-40 years. The group is looking to expand in the area and gain more Young Member Leaders.

— Morgan Masterson, *Young Members Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Overall Financial Assessment

The Delaware Valley Chapter has continued to improve its financial position primarily due to the substantial savings in using the internet for publication of Footnotes rather than printing and mailing. We also received additional income through grants from various organizations.

Financial Details

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Boston, MA. Chapter financial activities comply to rules established by the AMC, including the AMC fiscal year from January 1 through December 31. The chapter's books are maintained on a cash basis in a computerized accounting system and the chapter provides an annual financial report for AMC audit and review within a month after completing the fiscal year.

Chapter income comes primarily as an allocation of a portion of the AMC dues paid by members who reside in the Delaware Valley area. In the 12 months covered by this report, this dues allocation provided more than 80 percent of the chapter income, similar to previous years. Because this report occurs before the end of the official fiscal year, it follows the format from recent years and covers a 12-month accounting period from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. Comparisons are provided with the preceding 12-month period.

Operational Income vs. Expense for the 12 month period from 10/1/2010 thru 9/30/2011 compared to prior 12 month period

Income	Current Period	Prior Period
Allocation from AMC Dues	17,236.25	16,944.50
Membership Sales	1,690.00	1,220.00
Misc. Income	2,142.18	1,322.84
Net income from Activity Fees	1,446.39	29.73
Merchandise Sales		
Interest from Bank Accounts	13.31	10.65
Total Income	22,528.13	19,527.72
Expenses		
Communication	1151.75	192.36
Attendance at Club-wide AMC Meetings	2,007.74	2,394.70
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	7293.60	629.61
Recognition	2,012.70	1,306.50
Chapter Social Events	1,038.70	392.64
Committee Expenses	2,069.53	519.42
Membership Activities	840.04	625.52
AMC Program Support		-
Canoeing Program	1,354.07	755.84
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	986.02	1,331.00
Liability Insurance	160.00	-
Bank Fees		
Total Expenses	1,8914.15	8,147.59
Surplus - Income less Expenses	3,613.98	11,380.13

Note: The September 2011 invoice from AMC for the Ridge Runner payroll of \$6,899 was not paid until October 2011. If the invoice had been paid in September the surplus for 2012 would have been increased by that amount and the 2011 surplus would have decreased by that amount.

The Chapter has cash assets to meet near term needs.

Cash Assets on 9/30/2012 Compared to 9/30/2011

	9/30/2012	9/30/2011	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	5,626.31	2,692.73	2933.58
Money Market Account (Savings)	27,042.79	26,362.39	680.40
Undeposited Funds	-	210.00	(210.00)
Operating Cash Assets	32,669.10	29,265.12	3,403.98
AMC Investment Account*	26,028.74	24,073.35	1,955.39

** The AMC Investment Account is managed by AMC and is available to Chapters to provide long-term growth opportunities for funds not needed for current operations. Deposits and withdrawals of these funds are restricted to specific periods of each calendar quarter.*

Checking and money market funds are in FDIC-insured bank accounts.

Cash assets are divided among the three categories as:

Income	Current Period	Prior Period
Operating Funds	32,669.10	29,265.12
Reserve Funds	26,028.74	24,073.35
Henry Wu Scholarship Fund	802.72	802.72
Total	59,500.56	54,141.19

Operating Funds are the funds and reserves for day-to-day operation of the Chapter.

Reserve Funds are set aside for long-term growth.

The Henry Wu Scholarship Funds are allocated for financial support to youth and student programs in fields appropriate to AMC's mission of conservation, education and recreation.

Questions or comments on this report are welcome and can be addressed to the Treasurer at the Annual Dinner or by e-mail to: treasurer@amcdv.org - Richard Einstein, Treasurer.

Recognition of Past Service and Awards

Appie of the Year is awarded to a newer chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter. Past winners:

2011 Midori Wakabayashi	
2010 Rhoda Eisman	2001 Andrea Deaton
2009 Anne Murphy	2000 Paul Davis
2008 Joan Aichele	1999 Bill McCaughey
2007 Rich Wells	1998 Kevin Burkman
2006 Craig Smith	1997 Kevin Kramer
2005 Jim Catozzi	1996 Rajat Tandon
2004 Jennifer Decker	1995 Rich Kajander
2003 Kevin Perry	1994 Marty Seibert
2002 Chris Cayer	1993 Kathy Kelly-Borowski

Golden Appie of the Year is awarded to a chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter over many years. Past winners:

2011 Mark Kern	
2010 Allen Male	2004 Dan Schwartz, Lois Nichols
2009 Peter Jarrett	2003 Gary Leander
2008 Joseph Bell	2001 Bill Steinmetz
2007 Eric Pavlak	2000 Helmut Gude
2006 Lennie Steinmetz	1999 Malcolm White
2005 Walt Underhill	1998 Jane Shepard

(None for 2002)

Chapter Committee Recognitions. The Appalachian Mountain Club and the Delaware Valley Chapter gratefully acknowledge the volunteer hours and many contributions of all outgoing and continuing Chapter Executive Committee as well as the 2011 Nominating Committee members.

Past Chapter Chairs

Craig Smith, 2010-2011	George Heckler, 1985-86
Jim Catozzi, 2009	Kay Cox, 1982-84
Paul Davis, 2007-08	Jane Shepard, 1980-81
Andrea Deaton, 2005-06	Malcolm White, 1978-79
Chris Rapacki, 2003-04	Win Howe, 1976-77
Peter Jason, 2001-02	Fred Cox, 1973-75
Priscilla Estes, 2000	Gardner Dean, 1971-72
Lennie Steinmetz, 1997-99	Ruby Horwood, 1969-70
Bill Steinmetz 1994-96	Martin Davenport, 1967-68
Tom Stress, 1993	Ted Talbot, 1965-66
Alan Kahn, 1990-91	Dr. Robert Tyson 1962-64
Kent Johnson, 1987-89	

Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Linda Watsula, Social Chair
Rhoda Eisman, Treasurer

Many thanks to the members of the 2012 Nominating Committee: Jeff Lippincott (Chair), Pete Jarrett and John Rowen for completing this often difficult task.

Member Anniversary Recognitions

The Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to recognize the following for their many years of membership with AMC. We thank each of them for their commitment and continued support of AMC. If you have reached either the 25 or 50 year milestone and are not on this list, please contact the membership chair so you can be included at next year's annual dinner.

Fifty years: Elizabeth Arrison, Frank J. Arrison, Frank Cooper, Margery Cooper and Robert Cowen.

Twenty-five years: Frank C. Arrison, Keith Bance, Thomas Brightman, Monica Fread, David Gryga, Dorothy Kitchin, James Littrell, Mary Munn, Adrian Noble, Louis Skypala, Tara Tracy and Robert Wallis.

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