

Appalachian Mountain Club

Delaware Valley Chapter

Annual Report for 2022

A New Year and a New Normal

An Overview by the Chapter Chair

2022 ushered in a new sense of normal. With an increase in scheduled outdoor activities from 2021 and a loosening of COVID restrictions, the year was off to a great start.

The winter hiking season included the annual trip to the Catskills; sub-zero wind chills made everyone all but identifiable as participants bundled up from head to toe, reminiscent of young Randy from *A Christmas Story*. Although temperatures may have impacted the time on the trails, being back together was fun and familiar.

With many outdoors activities planned and progressing, precautions were still in place for indoor activities and Zoom meetings were not yet a thing of the past.

March brought the return of the AMC Social and Gear Swap. A new location allowed for the gear swap to be held outdoors, while restrictions remained in place for indoors. Participants seemed happy to be milling about in the chilly March temperatures searching for their next gear bargain. Once indoors, a familiar program took place, with recognition for 100-milers and activity leaders.

The activity calendar continued to fill up as regularly scheduled activities resumed: weekly hikes, backpacking training and trips, as well as paddling trips. Trail work resumed in many locations thanks to a strong trails crew.

After a three-year absence, spring brought the return of leadership training. While complications threatened to derail the training, Jeff and Barbara Fritzinger stepped up to take the helm and ensure that training would take place. Thanks to Jeff and Barbara, as well as numerous volunteers, Delaware Valley was able to welcome over 20 prospective leaders for a weekend of laughter and learning.

Summer also saw the return of many favorites including August Camp and the epic Ohiopyle weekend.

Fall brought Fall Fest, a regional celebration of outdoor activities designed to raise awareness of AMC. Delaware Valley celebrated at the Mohican Center with hikes, nature presentations and a BBQ lunch.

With Fall comes our Annual Meeting, 2023 Executive Committee nominations and planning for a new year.

Appie Awards for 2022

, Appies: Annette Sheldon and Stan de Riel

, Golden Appies: Jeff and Barbara Fritzinger

2023 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Karla Geissler
Vice Chair	George Cagle*
Secretary	Susan Weida**
Treasurer	Marty Mersky*
Backpacking	Steven Campanelli
Bicycling	Terry Berntsen*
Communication	Eric Pavlak
Conservation	Adrian Noble
Family Activities	Annette Sheldon
Hiking	Joe Nanfara**
DEI	Marcia Telthorster
Leadership	Ron Phelps
Membership	Lisa Chou
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Annette Sheldon
Trails	Greg Bernet Anne
20s & 30s	Anne Lise Almira*

* new to the Executive Committee

** new to this position

Reaching this new normal would not have been possible without the support and ongoing work of the many volunteers who emerged from their COVID cocoons willing to lead and support the Delaware Valley Chapter. Volunteers are essential to keeping the Delaware Valley Chapter alive. Be sure to thank them!

I look forward to 2023 and the continued growth of our Chapter.

— Karla Geissler, Chapter Chair



Backpacking

AMC-DV had a steady offering of backpacking trips in 2022.

We had a total of 15 trips with a combined distance of 250 miles. To help balance the selection AMC-DV held a comprehensive backpacking workshop for beginners and novices, three winter trips, three beginner trips, and one AT section hike. In doing so, the Delaware Valley backpacking group visited multiple states: New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

AMC-DV currently has seven Leaders in Training; a special shout out to Margaret McDonald for becoming a BP Leader!

Several fall outings and winter backpacking trips are on the schedule now. We expect 2023 to be an active year with an increase in the number of trips including several beginner backpacking workshops. Stay tuned for more backcountry adventures at a trail near you!

— *Steven Campanelli, Backpacking Chair*

Bicycling

Since there was no bicycling chair in 2022, there is no report. Based on trip reports filed, there were 27 cycling trips run in 2022. Theresa Berntsen will be the bicycling chair beginning in November.

— *Eric Pavlak*

Communication

Weekly Bulletin: We now have 1,265 subscribers, up from 1,215 last year at this time and 750 when I took over in May 2017. I handle the weekly bulletin myself.

Activity management: John Rowen has done an excellent job in keeping the trip reporting system, the activities calendar and other electronic functions working and up to date. He added an automatic file compression routine to the trip reporting code.

As new smart phones get cameras with ever increasing image size, the file size of the sign in sheet images were growing so large that they were filling up our server's storage space and causing problems. The automatic file compression reduces the size of all files to one megabyte or less without sacrificing readability.



When a leader files a trip report, the image of the sign in sheet is not only stored on our server, it is electronically transmitted to AMC headquarters in Boston. This eliminates the need for the activity chairs to mail or fax the sheets. We are the only chapter with this capability.

Website: Raun Kercher has been webmaster for two years now, and does an admirable job in maintaining our site.

Leader line: Our leader hotline is hosted by Simplelists. It is set up as an open moderated email service for our 150 plus leaders that subscribe to it. Any leader can send a message, and it will go out to all, once approved by one of our moderators (Susan Weida and myself). The moderators do not censor or restrict messages. They eliminate needless chatter, such as replies that should go only to the sender. For example, a leader asks for help on a trip, and someone replies, "I can't go."

Technical: Our website, the activities calendar, the trip reporting system and the weekly bulletin are hosted on a private server at Bluehost. We have our own physical hardware and our own IP address. This provides us with added security, improved performance and the ability to transmit trip sign in images as described above. I manage the server.

— *Eric Pavlak, Communication Chair*

Conservation

With the decline of the pandemic in-person activities started to increase in 2022, but are still not back to pre-pandemic levels.

Throughout the year we had a series of events in conjunction with Natural Lands to remove invasive species at their preserves, including Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary and Saunders Woods Preserve.

Two Earth Day events were held, our annual clean up at Nockamixon State Park and a clean-up in conjunction with the Friends of the Delaware Canal.

Online we publicized several initiatives, including the Green Amendment to the NJ Constitution, the Transportation and Climate Initiative, and the Alliance for the Upper Delaware River Watershed.

We are starting an initiative to increase member use of iNaturalist to catalog plants along the AT corridor and some events will be planned to promote that. We are hoping to continue to increase in-person events next year.

— *Adrian Noble, Conservation Chair*

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

This committee focus is to ensure that membership and activities of the chapter align with the DEI goals as outlined by AMC headquarters. Our focus is to identify and reduce barriers that limit membership and participation in activities, and to expand the diversity of the Chapter's outreach within the community. The following were the goals of the committee for 2022:

Conduct two to four diversity hikes during 2022. A Black History Month hike was led by Midori Wakabayashi in February and a Pride Hike was led by Lisa Kleiman in August. Both hikes were well attended (8-11 hikers) and provided very interesting information related to the histories in Philadelphia.

Executive Committee Education: Invited the Executive Committee to complete the DEI Training modules provided by AMC headquarters.

Committee Members: Midori Wakabayashi, Jin Xu and Marcia Telthorster.

— Marcia Telthorster, DEI Chair

Family Activities

There were seven family targeted events in the past year, as follows:

September 24: Fall Fest at Mohican, Children's crafts and botany presentations tables, nature walk led, Ringing Rocks Xylophone set up

July 8-10: Family Campout at Mohican : four Families attended in all (11 attendees); included hikes and water activities, cooking, nature study

June 17-19: Family Adventure Weekend at Mohican: six Families attended in all (17 attendees); included hikes, crafts, bread making, campfire, cooking, nature study

May 30: Witherspoon Woods Family Hike (nine attendees)

April 16: Witherspoon Woods and Community Park North Family Hike (11 attendees)

February 20 Curlis Lake Woods/Mercer Meadows Family Hike (11 attendees)

January 23: Dry Run Creek Out-and-Back Family Hike (10 attendees)

— Annette Sheldon, Family Activities Chair

Hiking

Perhaps 2022 is the transition year out of COVID, which should lead us to an increased participation in outdoor activities.

To make this happen, AMC-DV is fortunate to have a group of dedicated and experienced hike leaders who skillfully provide our members the opportunities to **Be Outdoors!**

Along with COVID booster shots, I would argue what a doctor should prescribe is to **Be Outdoors!** Our group of 100+ hike leaders provide us with a variety of hikes to match your fitness level and comfort zone.

Hiking opportunities abound throughout the four seasons to satisfy or exhilarate our bodies and inspire, amaze and fascinate our minds. Whether it's a snow covered mountain winter hike or dipping your toes in a lake or stream during a midsummer hike, both surely will leave you feeling a refreshing sense of enjoyment while experiencing breathtaking beauty.

Spring hiking brings us nature exploding with excitement, **be outdoors** and see the rebirth of nature and marvel at the flowers, butterflies and your fellow hikers smiles.

Fall hiking gives a relief of summer heat and entertains



with brilliant autumn colors of reds, browns, oranges, oh my! Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is in flower," wrote Albert Camus.

Urban hikes provide the opportunities to enjoy the sites, sounds and smells of our nearby cities. We have so many creative hike leaders who have led groups as part of hikes to plays, music events, museums, sculptures, historical sites, popular food places such as Isgro Pastries in Philadelphia for an out of this world cannoli and so many more!

Also more of the weekly hikes are coming back as COVID becomes better controlled.

As is customary in the Hiking Chair's Annual Report regarding data of the number of hikes during this past period compared to the previous period, I'll simply say the numbers are down. We had a lull.

As John Rogers, a previous hiking chair wrote, "My optimism sees a better future that is as inevitable as the changing seasons." That future I believe is possibly now.

Be on the lookout to **Be Outdoors** for the many opportunities that are made available by our talented DV hike leaders.

Check-out amcdv.org/activities and plan your next hike. Be on the lookout and don't miss out.

— Joe Nanfara, Hiking Chair

Leadership

AMC-DV in-person outdoor leadership training (OLT) was held Friday evening May 6 through Sunday afternoon May 8 at Nockamixon State Park Environmental Education Center. Ten members of the leadership committee facilitated. Fourteen candidates attended. As of July 31, three have completed all requirements and are leaders, three more have started their processes,

but eight have not started. Some of those new leaders have added activities since completing their first.

Also, two leaders-in-training who took OLT in the past completed their processes and are now leaders, making five total for 2022.

AMC-DV in-person OLT will be held Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Nockamixon State Park Environmental Education Center. Eleven members of the Leadership Committee will facilitate. Assignments are being chosen at this time.

— Ron Phelps, *Leadership Chair*

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group, now in its thirtieth year of existence, had another less-than-typical year this year thanks to COVID. After holding all meetings via Zoom in 2021, we decided to return to in-person meetings as of April 2022. Not wanting to lose the larger audience from a variety of locations as far away as New Hampshire and Florida that we had developed on Zoom, we decided to try to run meetings both in person and via Zoom.

While this presented some technical challenges, we were fortunate to have the assistance of AMC staff members Mark Zakutansky and Danielle Guttman from the Bethlehem office, and the technical support of AMC members Bill Steinmetz, Dan Schwartz, John Rogers, and Susan Weida, so we were able to transition to this new system quite effectively.

We were also pleased to find that many of our local members were happy to go back to in-person meetings and enjoyed having the opportunity to connect with AMC friends in person once again.

Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of topics including: *A Walk in France* by John Rogers, *The River of No Return: Rafting Idaho's Salmon River* by Mark Zakutansky, *Yellowstone National Park in Winter* by Holly Adams, *Bike and Barge — Amsterdam to Bruges* by Bill & Lennie Steinmetz, *Northern Ethiopia* by David Stein, *Exploring the Wales Coast Path* by Adrian Noble, *Hiking and Backpacking at 79 Degrees North Latitude* by Margaret McDonald, and *Trekking Jordan* by Paula Uhrin.

Special thanks to AMC-DV Communications Chair Eric Pavlak and Webmaster Raun Kercher, who have been extremely helpful in getting the word out about our programs and in posting



the Zoom recordings on the DV website after each presentation so that they could be viewed at a later date.

We are delighted to be celebrating our 30th year of existence and to have been able to return to gathering in person again in 2022!

— Phill Hunsberger, *Lehigh Valley Group Chair*

— Lennie Steinmetz, *Lehigh Valley Group Co-Chair*

Membership

As the world gradually reopened in 2022 and gathered again, so did our AMC members! Our Activity Social and Gear Swap & Sale that was held on March 20 was absolutely packed- so much so that we had to borrow extra chairs from the hallways of the community center in order to seat everyone. Hundred miler awards and leader awards were graciously awarded to those who have contributed so much to our amazing chapter.

Throughout the hiking season, membership ran a series of geocaching hikes that were well attended and sparked participants' interest. The last of this series occurred just before our Annual Meeting and Dinner on November 5, which included our 25-50 year membership recognition, election of new officers, and a presentation on Delaware Canal history and views.

— Lisa Chou, *Membership Chair*

Paddling

The 2022 paddling season featured 25 trips, slightly below pre-COVID levels. Rich Pace, Jerry Taylor and Mike Ahern were the top leaders.

For the first time since 2019, we held a swiftwater safety training class, a requirement for paddling leadership. We had just five students including three whitewater paddlers.

I am the DV chapter's representative in the Interchapter Paddling Committee. Among other things, we are charged with administering the AMC's Waters and Rivers Protection Fund. Most chapters have donated to this based on their excess reserves, DV gave \$5,000 this year. It provides funding of up to \$5,000 to local community projects for conservation and community access to our waterways.

I worked with the Schuylkill Canal Association, an all-volunteer nonprofit, and secured a grant of \$5,000 for the installation of a new floating dock just below lock 60. This replaced an old, battered dock, and provides access to the canal at that end, and allows the canal to be used as the upstream leg of a canal-river loop. Montgomery County paid for the dock, and the AMC



grant plus local funds paid for the installation of the dock, a new concrete wall and an all weather ramp.

Of the more than a dozen projects AMC has funded, this one was the first not in New England.

— Eric Pavlak, *Paddling Chair*

Leroy Smith Shelter

The Leroy Smith Shelter was constructed in 1983 by AMC Delaware Valley volunteers. The shelter, adjacent latrine and 10 tent campsite sites are maintained by Shelter Committee volunteers. The standing Committee's Chairman recruits and schedules the volunteers — one for Spring, Summer, Fall week (May to October) and one every two weeks (November to April).

The volunteers drive to a parking lot north of Bath, and hike 3/4 of a mile on the Katellen trail to the shelter. The shelter watcher performs the tasks defined on the shelter watcher's Job Description: checking the physical conditions of the shelter, composting privy, adjacent camping site, and the three lower springs, and reporting findings in brief on a postage-paid card addressed to the shelter chair. Or contacts the chair with immediacy when conditions may require.

The 2021-22 shelter watches were covered by 18 watchers (May to October) and 10 watchers (November to April). a total 28 watchers. While there were a total of 34 watches, several watchers routinely cover more than one watch.

A watcher covers the tasks defined on the watcher's job description, and any changes defined on the 1/2-page reminder mailed to the watcher ten days before the scheduled watch. About 70 percent of the watchers in 2021-22 were second or more times watchers. Before this year, this figure was about 80 percent. Retirees account for the most of the decrease.

The shelter watchers are exceptional, accepting and carrying out their schedules, communicating with the shelter chair and fellow watchers with accuracy, advice and a sense of humor. If you know persons who would enjoy shelter watching, I welcome your references and will contact them.

— Patricia Sacks, *Shelter Chair*

Social

There were three social events in the past year, as follows:

September 10: Leaders' Campout at Tohickon: Hike Saturday (13), dinner Saturday (17), camp overnight (9), breakfast Sunday (9)



June 11: AMC-DV Annual Picnic Peace Valley Park: estimate 50 attendees; included a pre-picnic hike (10 attendees, including one child)

March 20: DV Leader Recognition Mileage Dinner, Doylestown. Central Bucks Senior Center: approximately 100 attendees

— Annette Sheldon, *Social Chair*

Trails

This year saw trail work getting back to pre-COVID levels more like 2019 with the exception of work in Valley Forge National Historic Park, where volunteers have yet to be allowed to work. I have been in touch with the staff at AMC Boston, asking for their help in reinstating our crew there.

The work on the Appalachian Trail (AT) is back to normal and then some. We had regular maintenance trips this spring led by Dan Schwartz (and one I led). I also led a small group to clean out the privy at Leroy Smith Shelter, and we met with folks from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) to scout a possible relocation of the trail around Blue Mountain Ski Area near Little Gap. Our 2022 Ridgerunner, Maggie Gardner, joined us on some of the work trips and Dan and Bill Steinmetz shuttled her around during the season. The Leroy Smith shelter and privy are also regularly maintained by volunteers throughout the year.

Erik Kunz and I installed steps on the AT leading down to Broadway in Wind Gap, PA, to alleviate erosion and a potentially dangerous situation of a steep hill leading right down to a busy road.

In addition to taking care of our regular section of the AT, I volunteered our club to take over, at least temporarily, the section formerly maintained by the Wilmington Trail Club who gave it up. This section runs from the village of Delaware Water Gap to Fox Gap and includes the Kirkridge Shelter and privy, as well as the AT corridor. Dan Schwartz and I toured the section with reps from ATC, and Dan, Bill Steinmetz, and I cleaned out the privy in July, which was overflowing and getting lots of complaints from hikers. There is a problem with the design and the privy is old, and probably should be replaced. I will be looking into this. I also led a maintenance trip there and a chain sawing trip, sawing stumps that were left after someone had



Treasurer

Overall Financial Assessment

The activities of the Delaware Valley Chapter resulted in a surplus for the 12 months ending on September 30, 2022 and 2021.

Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic affected some of the comparative activities of the Chapter during the period reported, specifically Program and Workshop Income and Participant Expenses.

Financial Details

The Chapter's books are maintained on a cash basis in a computerized accounting system.

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Boston Massachusetts. Chapter financial activities comply with rules established by the AMC, including the AMC fiscal year from January 1 through December 31. The Chapter provides an annual financial report, within one month after

completing the fiscal year, for the AMC audit and inclusion in the annual club wide financial report.

Because this report occurs before the end of the official fiscal year, it follows the format from recent prior years and covers a 12-month accounting period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

— Margaret McDonald, Treasurer

Financial statement follows on the next two pages

cut down trees to improve the view at Lunch Rocks. Bob Sickley, from ATC, had asked me to do this, which I did with Dan Loughner.

The work on building the new trail at Nockamixon State Park continues with the PA Highlands Trail Stewards. We had 10 trips in the spring and three trips in the fall as of this writing (10/2). I toured the potential trail with Cait Handlin, the new Mid Atlantic Trail Coordinator for AMC and Ian Kindle of DCNR.

Cait and I along with Adrian Noble also toured the Bridgeton Township property near Ringing Rocks County Park with officials from the Tinicum Conservancy and concerned landowners. We intend to start work on a new trail there in 2023.

Dan Loughner and I did chain sawing maintenance in West Jersey at Jenny Jump State Forest and on The Highlands Trail, although our regular N.J. Highlands Trail Crew has not worked yet this year. We plan to do so later in the fall.

I arranged for a trail work workshop led by Kristin English of the ATC, and we got some new recruits, and I was also able to get some new volunteers for the PA Highlands Trail Stewards on National Trails Day, June 4, and National Public Lands Day, September 24.

Another bright spot has been the addition of a new Trails Leader, Jay Gross. Jay did two co-leads with me at Nockamixon, and now he has started his own crew, doing maintenance at French Creek State Park.

And finally, at the AMC Summit in January, I was awarded the Warren Hart Award for the second time (for a minimum of 224 hours of trail work) and in 2022 I became the Vice Chair of the AMC Interchapter Trails Committee.

— Greg Bernet Trails Chair



	Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club			
	Comparative Statement of Operational Income and Expenses			
	For 12 Months Ended September 30			
		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	<u>Income</u>			
	Unrestricted Contributions/Gifts	\$ 525.00	\$	22.80
	New Membership Sales	1,550.00		920.00
	Program and Workshop Income	23,585.48		5,240.00
	Interest from Bank Accounts	12.16		7.42
	Allocation from AMC Dues	<u>14,895.50</u>		<u>15,331.75</u>
	Total Income	<u>40,568.14</u>		<u>21,521.97</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>			
	Dues and Subscriptions	450.00		600.00
	AMC Meetings and Conferences	189.79		14.71
	Volunteer Committee Expense	55.87		281.00
	Internet Service	802.87		1,179.60
	Software	1,923.73		1,223.41
	Postage and Shipping	23.20		102.95
	Promotion and Advertising	315.86		407.64
	Participant Costs	23,844.31		14,226.32
	Supplies and Equipment	189.76		275.84
	Outside Grants and Donations	1,064.00		350.00
	Liability Insurance	250.00		254.00
	Paypal Fees	<u>175.46</u>		<u>44.74</u>
	Total Expenses	29,284.85		18,960.21
	Income over Expense	<u>\$ 11,283.29</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,561.76</u>

	Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club			
	Comparative Statement of Cash			
	At September 30			
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	Increase (Decrease)
	Checking Account	\$ 779.47	\$ 1,416.15	\$ (636.68)
	PayPal	\$ 468.48	\$ -	
	Money Market Account (Savings)	<u>55,919.93</u>	<u>44,468.45</u>	<u>\$ 11,451.48</u>
	Operating Cash	<u>\$ 57,167.88</u>	<u>\$ 45,884.60</u>	<u>\$ 10,814.80</u>
	AMC Investment Account	<u>\$ 70,634.00</u>	<u>\$ 67,906.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,728.00</u>
	* 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 operation. Deposits and withdrawals of these funds are restricted for specific periods of each calendar quarter.			
	Checking and money market funds are FDIC insured bank accounts.			
	Cash Assets are divided between two categories as follows:			
			<u>2022</u>	
	Operating funds		\$ 57,167.89	
	Reserves in Boston (held in cash)		32,755.00	
	Excess Reserves (invested)		<u>37,879.00</u>	
			<u>\$ 127,801.89</u>	
	Operating Funds are the funds and reserves for day-to-day operation of the Chapter.			
	Reserves held by Boston are set aside for Chapter needs.			
	Excess Reserves are invested for long-term growth.			
	Questions or comments on this report are welcome and can be addressed to the Treasurer at the Annual Dinner or by email to treasurer@amcdv.org			
	Submitted by: Margaret McDonald, Treasurer, AMCDV.			

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:

2021 Lisa Kleiman	
2020 Lary Priori	2006 Craig Smith
2019 Kathy Kindness	2005 Jim Catozzi
2018 Jay Gross	2004 Jennifer Decker
2017 John Rogers	2003 Kevin Perry
2016 Greg Bernet	2002 Chris Cayer
2015 Denis McCartan	2001 Andrea Deaton
2014 Sue Bickford-Martin	2000 Paul Davis
2013 Terry Berntsen	1999 Bill McCaughey
2012 Rich Pace	1998 Kevin Burkman
2011 Midori Wakabayashi	1997 Kevin Kramer
2010 Rhoda Eisman	1996 Rajat Tandon
2009 Anne Murphy	1995 Rich Kajander
2008 Joan Aichele	1994 Marty Seibert
2007 Rich Wells	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:

2021 Susan Weida	2009 Peter Jarrett
2020 Joe Nanfara	2008 Joseph Bell
2019 Mike Manes	2007 Eric Pavlak
2018 Phill Hunsberger	2006 Lennie Steinmetz
2017 Jim Catozzi	2005 Walt Underhill
2016 Pat and Ken Sacks	2004 Dan Schwartz, Lois Nichols
2015 Rich Wells	2003 Gary Leander
2014 Esther Underhill	(None for 2002)
2013 Nancy & Cliff Hence	2001 Bill Steinmetz
2012 John Rowen	2000 Helmut Gude
2011 Mark Kern	1999 Malcolm White
2010 Allen Male	1998 Jane Shepard

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 members as well as the Nominating Committee members.

Past Chapter Chairs

Bill De Stefano 2021	Tom Stress, 1993
Susan Weida 2019-20	Alan Kahn, 1990-91
Lois Rothenberger 2017-18	Kent Johnson, 1987-89
Joan Aichele 2014-16	George Heckler, 1985-86
Allen Male, 2012-13	Kay Cox, 1982-84
Craig Smith, 2010-11	Jane Shepard, 1980-81
Jim Catozzi, 2009	Malcolm White, 1978-79
Paul Davis, 2007-08	Win Howe, 1976-77
Andrea Deaton, 2005-06	Fred Cox, 1973-75
Chris Rapacki, 2003-04	Gardner Dean, 1971-72
Peter Jason, 2001-02	Ruby Horwood, 1969-70
Priscilla Estes, 2000	Martin Davenport, 1967-68
Lennie Steinmetz, 1997-99	Ted Talbot, 1965-66
Bill Steinmetz 1994-96	Dr. Robert Tyson 1962-64

Outgoing Executive Committee Members: Kathy Kelly Borowski, vice chir; Midori Wakabayashi, secratary; Margaret McDonald, treasurer; Katie Barok, 20s and 30s.

Many thanks to the members of the 2023 Nominating Committee, Adrian Noble, chair; plus Susan Weida and Lois Rothenberger. The Nominating Committee members are active chapter members, of which no more than one may be a voting member of the current Executive Committee.

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: These members joined AMC in 1972 and have faithfully continued membership for the past 50 years:

Linwood Armstrong
Francesca Benson
George Benson
Jeffrey Lewis
Edward Regan
Mary Ann Rossi
John Taggart

Twenty-five years: These members joined AMC in 1997 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

David Alexander	David Hynoski
Rita Bracken	Lisa Hynoski
Monica Brickell	Robin Kershaw
Jon Christensen	Arthur Ketterer
Carol Christensen	Ben Kupstas
Micheline Cote	Robert Leiblein
Andrea Deaton Christensen	William Lotz
Neil Desnoyers	Mary Sue Price
Christopher Doran	Earl Pursell
John Fasciocco	Cindy Radich
Robert Gallagher	Brenda Rice
Bruce Gould	Daryl Rice
Phillip Hunsberger	Janet Smith
	Carl Thune