

Appalachian Mountain Club

Delaware Valley Chapter

Annual Report for 2023

As my two-year term as chapter chair comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank the many volunteers who continue to support and help grow the Delaware Valley Chapter. These volunteers are out in front and behind the scenes, supporting events, building and maintaining trails, leading activities, mentoring the newest class of leaders-in-training (LIT), supporting the executive committee... the list goes on.

In keeping with the DV Chapter's strong training and mentoring program, an education committee is being formed to better support the existing training programs: outdoor leadership training, wilderness first aid and backpacking, as well as expand our educational outreach and promote educational activities for chapter members.

Extending our education outreach beyond outdoor leadership training, DV Chapter members Jeff and Barbara Fritzinger organized and led a weekend training program at Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) aimed at introducing others to the outdoors. By forming a relationship with a like-minded organization, activities such as these can help others learn about AMC as well as advance stewardship of the outdoors.

Educational outreach continued with our backpacking committee which held five comprehensive workshops.

Recently, the EC voted to adopt another section of the Appalachian Trail, running from Fox Gap north to Delaware Water Gap, which includes responsibility for the Kirkridge Shelter and privy. Our industrious trail crew promptly got to work performing maintenance and re-blazing the trail, as well as grading a site for a new privy.

DV's annual gear swap and social was well-attended, with many attendees adding items to their gear closets that they probably didn't need but were too great a deal to pass up! And despite the rather wet weather, many came out to enjoy good food and company at the annual picnic. The rain was no match for the cooking crew, huddled under a tarp grilling up a feast.

DV again supported FallFest at the Mohican Outdoor Center and saw an increase in attendance from last year. Activities included hikes, paddling, nature walks, first aid quizzes with prizes, plus a nature and ecology display.

My tenure as chapter chair was not without challenges; however, with challenges comes growth. I look forward to continuing to support the growth of the Delaware Valley Chapter in my new role as past chapter chair.

— Karla Geissler, Chapter Chair

Awards for 2023

, Appie: Jerry Taylor

, Golden Appie: Adrian Noble

, Trailworker of the year: Jane Richter

2024 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	George Cagle**
Vice Chair	Peni MacMeekin*
Secretary	Lisa Lombardo*
Treasurer	Marty Mersky
Backpacking	Steven Campanelli
Bicycling	Terry Berntsen
Communication	Eric Pavlak
Conservation	Adrian Noble
Education	Karla Geissler**
Family Activities	Annette Sheldon
Hiking	Joe Nanfara
DEI	Marcia Telthorster
Leadership	Mary Toomey*
Membership	Lisa Chou
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Annette Sheldon
Trails	Greg Bernet
20s & 30s	OPEN

* new to the Executive Committee

** new to this position

Backpacking

We had a steady offering of backpacking trips in 2023. We had a total of 19 trips on our calendar; a few were canceled due to inclement weather. Several were canceled because of AMC's changing COVID-19 policy for group activities. This policy change had a profoundly negative effect on the number of our trips, while simultaneously losing several experienced and competent leaders.





On a positive note, several trips that the DV Chapter managed to complete were filled to capacity: one winter trip, five spring trips, three fall trips and several beginner-novice trips. In doing so, the Delaware Valley backpacking group visited multiple states, including New York, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

To help balance the selection of trips, AMC-DV held five comprehensive backpacking workshops. This is by far the most workshops held in one year!

AMC-DV welcomes three new backpack leaders. A special shout out goes to Rich Armington, Julie Watson and Larry Priori for making the effort to get your co-leads and earn BP leader status! We currently have two leaders in training.

Several fall outings and winter backpacking trips are in the planning stages. We expect 2024 to be an exciting year with a good selection of trips including our well attended beginner backpacking workshops. Stay tuned for more backcountry adventures at a trail near you!

— *Steven Campanelli, Backpacking Chair*

Bicycling

We had a slight increase in bike rides from last year. Our 2023 total is 27 rides with two additional rides scheduled later in the month.

Thanks to all the leaders that led rides: Tammy and Roger Brown, Susan Weida, Peni MacMeekin, Jeff Lippincott, Bob Liston, Jerry Taylor, Sue Bickford, Jennifer Percival, Joanie Schultz, Adrian Noble and yours truly.

We welcomed two new bike leaders: Joanie Schultz and Peni MacMeekin. Kathy Gill has completed one co-lead and looking forward to her attaining bike leadership.

Most of the rides were on rail-trails and multi-use paths; however, several road trips were led as well. There is great interest in multi-day bike trips. We had one highly participated multi-day trip to Maryland biking the C&D Canal.

We encourage leaders to lead more multi-day bike trips. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any information or guidance on putting together a multi-day trip. I would be delighted to help!

— *Terry Berntsen, Bicycling Chair*

Communication

Weekly Bulletin: We now have 1,320 subscribers, up from 1,262 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. We are the only chapter with this capability. We have offered the code to any other chapter that wants it, and to AMC headquarters, but so far not takers. For years we have had 100 percent of chapter trips reported electronically.

Website: Raun Kercher has been webmaster for three 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. The server hardware was upgraded by the hosting company and the software was upgraded by me, both at no cost to our club. This provides us with added security, improved performance and the ability to transmit trip sign-in sheet images as described above. I manage the server.

— *Eric Pavlak, Communication Chair*

Conservation

In-person activities are increasing in 2023, 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, and we are working with trail work leaders to incorporate invasive species removal into trail maintenance work to a greater extent. Examples are removal of Japanese Barberry along the AT corridor and removal of Japanese Wisteria from trees in Nockamixon State Park.

AMC Members also assisted Natural Lands with tree plantings.



Only one Earth Day event was held this year, a clean-up in conjunction with the Friends of the Delaware Canal. Our usual annual event at Nockamixon State Park was cancelled due to weather.

We have an ongoing initiative to work with leaders who lead on the AT (or nearby) to promote a Citizen Science project using iNaturalist to add observations of plant flowering times to AMC's project *Flowers and Fauna along the Appalachian Trail Corridor*. This data is used by scientists to study the effect of climate change on plant flowering times (phenology). Observations are sparse on the part of the AT covered by AMC-DV and we are publicizing the initiative on Facebook and the website, presenting at club meetings and working with individual leaders to increase participation.



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 hoping to continue to increase in-person events next year.

— Adrian Noble, Conservation Chair

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

This committee's 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 2023:

Conduct 2-4 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 (15-20 hikers each) and provided very interesting information related to histories in Philadelphia.

Executive committee education - Invited the executive committee to complete the DEI Training modules provided by AMC Headquarters.

Attended AMC diversity committee meetings on behalf of the chapter.

Goals for 2024: Conduct 2-4 diversity hikes; test a Walking Book Club focused on DEI reading material; attend AMC diversity meetings

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

— Marcia Telthorster, DEI Chair

Family Activities

During this year there were six family-listed hikes offered, and one campout and recreation event. A Family Adventure Weekend at Mohican was listed but did not fill, and was therefore cancelled.

New Years Day Hike and Play, Hopewell NJ, hike two miles, 10 Adults, nine children attended

Family Hike, January 15. Plainsboro Preserve, Plainsboro NJ, three miles, 10 adults, eight children

Family Hike. April 29 Autumn Hill Preserve, Princeton, NJ, three miles, three adults, no children

Family Hike Baldpate Mountain (Ted Stiles) Preserve, May 29, Titusville, NJ, four miles, 10 adults, 10 children

Family Hike September 16, Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ, two miles, six adults, four children

Campout and Recreation, September 16-17, Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ five families with nine adults and seven children

Family Hike October 14, Plainsboro Preserve, Plainsboro, NJ, six miles, two adults only (rainy weather!)

In addition, FallFest at Mohican offered a Nature and Activity Table for children, and a self-guided Nature Discovery trail.

— Annette Sheldon, Family Activities Chair

Hiking

For the first eight months of 2023, there were 57 hike leaders who led an average of 45 hikes per month.

These hikes represent the efforts of dedicated and talented volunteers who spend their time to plan, organize and lead our members on hikes in varying locations from New Hampshire to Virginia/.

The offerings of hikes range from easy to strenuous and they took place in all seasons. There was something for everyone!

In our DV Chapter area the weekly hikes continue with the long standing Wednesday hike along the Delaware River led by a rotation of DV Leaders. Farther west there is the *Monday Evening Hike* in Phoenixville led by Jay Gross, and the regularly scheduled more aggressive *French Creek Sunday Morning Hike* also led by Jay Gross.

In the Valley Forge National Historical Park, you'll find hike leaders Larry Priori, Pat Grannan and David Kenosian providing the opportunity to enjoy the many trails.

The commitment by these hike leaders helps to increase awareness of outdoor activities in the local communities and hiking as an exercise option.

Interesting and frequently offered hikes at varying locations ranging from the inner city to the Jersey Shore were offered by Lisa Kleiman. All exciting and fun but you need to sign up quickly, you snooze you lose!

Think of Pennypack, Peace Valley, Tyler, and you think our DV

Leader Dave Hoke. Consistently offering moderate but thoughtfully led hikes in these areas plus others in nearby locations. Dave is a great AMC-DV Ambassador to enjoy the outdoors!

Also many thanks to the DV leaders who provide our members opportunities for multi-day seasonal trips to leaf peeping, peak-bagging and so many other hiking adventures.

There are so many DV leaders who despite their busy schedules contribute in sharing their talents and time to bring our members on hikes throughout our area. Your efforts help bring our DV hiking community closer together.

Our leader in training program this year has already graduated eight new hike leaders who successfully completed the required two co-leads. Also, four trainees from previous LIT years have completed their co-leads. Congrats to the new Hike Leaders, we look forward to joining with you on the trails!

Our DV hike leaders have a well-deserved reputation for competent leadership. Hikers know our leaders keep the group together. We stop when necessary and we stay safe together.

There are programs to improve hiking skills, safety skills, leadership skills, first aid training and many more. Our DV Chapter is committed to provide you with a safe and rewarding experience. See you on the trails!

— Joe Nanfara, Hiking Chair

Leadership

Our in-person Outdoor Leadership Training for 2023 was held Friday evening March 24 through Sunday afternoon March 26 at Nockamixon State Park Environmental Education Center. Eleven members of leadership committee facilitated the training.

Twenty-five candidates attended. As of now, 13 have completed all requirements and are leaders of at least one activity.

Twelve candidates have not completed all leadership requirements, although three have started.

Three leaders who took OLT in the past completed the requirements to lead a second activity.

— Ron Phelps, Leadership Chair

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group, now in its 31st year of existence, has continued to hold meetings on the third Wednesday of the month both in-person and via Zoom in 2023. Thanks to the assistance of AMC staff members Mark Zakutansky and Danielle Guttman from the Bethlehem office and the technical support of AMC member Bill Steinmetz, we have been able to enjoy the opportunity to connect with AMC friends in person as well as online.

The monthly programs, which are shared via link on the chapter website, have attracted good audiences on the meeting night and even larger audiences in the weeks following the meeting.

Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of topics including: *Northampton County Parks – Present and Future* by Bryan Cope, Supt. of Parks and Recreation for Northampton County; *Trekking Patagonia* by Sam Jamke,



AMC-Potomac Chapter member; *Tour Du Mont Blanc* by Justin Fried, AMC-DV Chapter member; *Overnight Canoe Camping in the Adirondack Wilderness* by Mark Zakutansky, AMC staff member; *The D & L Trail—Good Things Coming* by Brit Kondravy, D & L Heritage Corridor Conservation Coordinator; *Everest Base Camp* by Phill Hunsberger, AMC-DV Chapter member; *Triglav National Park—Slovenia* by Jim Bloom, AMC-DV Chapter member; *The Grassroots Story of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center* by Chad Schwartz, LGNC Director; and *Costa Rica's Biodiversity* by Susan Weida, AMC-DV Chapter member.

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 31st year of existence and to have had such an interesting group of guest speakers sharing their presentations with us this year!

— Phill Hunsberger, Lehigh Valley Group Chair

— Lennie Steinmetz, Lehigh Valley Group Co-Chair

Membership

2023 has been a great year for our chapter, filled with so many leaders and volunteers who donate their time because they believe wholeheartedly in the AMC mission. The Activity Social and Gear Swap/Sale was well-attended and featured amazing, handmade pies by our social events committee. 100 miler awards with custom mugs and leader awards were presented at the event. How many of us will be able to receive the 2023 mug this spring?

Hikes, backpacks, and family outings were well-attended by members and non-members through the summer. Membership has now run two out of three fall new member events at John Heinz Wildlife Refuge to welcome those who love the outdoors like ourselves. We hope to see some of them at the Annual Meeting and Dinner scheduled for October 29 in Doylestown, PA to recognize 25 and 50 year members, elect new and returning officers, and hear from AMC CEO Nicole Zussman.

— Lisa Chou, Membership Chair

Paddling

The 2023 paddling season featured 19 trips. Rich Pace, Jerry Taylor and Mike Ahern were the top leaders.

The swiftwater safety class scheduled for July 22 was canceled due to high water. We originally had the absolute minimum of participants needed to run the course, and could not get enough for any on the possible backup dates.

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 \$2,000 this year and \$5,000 last year. It provides funding of up to \$5,000 to local community projects for conservation and community access to our waterways. With an increase in funding from some of the larger chapters with deeper pockets there is no need for our chapter to contribute next year.

— Eric Pavlak, Paddling Chair

Social

There were five events run by the Social Committee in this period:

Work-and-Play Weekend at Mohican, November 18, 2022, 11 attendees

Spring Social and Gear Swap, May 19 – 30 registered for meal, untallied number attended gear swap/sale only

Work-and-Play Weekend at Mohican Outdoor Center, May 19-21. 10 attendees

Annual Chapter Picnic at Peace Valley Park, Doylestown, PA, July 9. Approximately 50 attendees, despite heavy rain.

Annual Dinner and Meeting at Bucks County Senior Center, Doylestown, PA

In addition, a courtesy co-listing of Guided History Delaware and Lehigh Canal Walks on October 22, October 29, and November 13, 2022 drew five and two AMC members respectively.

— Annette Sheldon, Social Chair

Trails

Trails had several significant developments this year. After three years of inactivity, we resumed doing trail work in Valley Forge National Historic Park (VAFO). It was not just a return to maintenance, but a rebirth of the entire system, including leadership training to train new trail leaders for the park to help our previous leader, Jose Ibarra.

Seven new trail leaders were trained by the National Park Service-VAFO, AMC staff and myself. Five of the seven also completed AMC-DV leader training. They started out just leading activities among themselves to really get some good practice and get to know the trails in the park. They are now expanding to open up opportunities for new trail volunteers. The program has proven so far to be very successful, and I anticipate that it will grow.

The second significant development was that our club formally took on responsibility for another section of the Appalachian Trail from the Wilmington Trail Club, who had resigned from doing AT maintenance. This section runs from Fox Gap, PA north to Delaware Water Gap, PA, and includes the Kirkridge Shelter and privy.



Bill Steinmetz agreed to supervise the shelter watchers both here and at our previously maintained shelter, Leroy Smith, at Katellan. We recruited many new shelter watch volunteers and we are now pretty well staffed, though we can always use more.

Under the leadership of Dan Schwartz and myself, our club performed maintenance on the new section and completely re-blazed it. We have also graded the site for a new privy at Kirkridge which will be built in the coming months.

I scheduled a workshop for Essentials of Trail Maintenance with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy on September 24, which was unfortunately rained out. We have re-scheduled it for November 4. I have also been active in recruiting new corridor monitors for our new section, and held a training session for them on October 7.

In other areas, the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Stewards have almost completed the new trail at Lake Nockamixon State Park in Bucks County. We are in the process of blazing the trail now, and it should be completed soon. We have been working on this trail for more than two and a half years.

Our crew at French Creek State Park in Elverson, PA, under leader Jay Gross, has also been active during this year. Our New Jersey Highlands Trail crew has not been active so far this year.

I am proud to report that our trail activity has grown significantly under my trails chair tenure. The following is a tally of the number of work trips for the individual areas from January 1 to October 8, 2023. There will also be more work trips happening before the end of the year.

Valley Forge — 18 work trips

Appalachian Trail — 18 work trips

French Creek — 22 work trips

PA Highlands Trail — 25 work trips

This is a total of 83 work trips! And this does not include a few scouting and trail inspection trips, as well as numerous hours spent in meetings related to trail work.

One more note: I have been serving as vice chair for the AMC Interchapter Trails Committee, and I will take on the role of Chair in 2024.

— *Greg Bernet Trails Chair*

20s & 30s Annual Report

For 20s & 30s, the year was mired in some uncertainty with a new chair, who was new to the area at the time, and is currently moving out of the area.

There was one signature inter-chapter weekend trip, where members of the Potomac and Delaware Valley chapters camped near Michaux State Forest in Pine Grove Furnace State Park in Pennsylvania, just past the border of Maryland.

Del-Val also had representation at the 20s & 30s Summit, held at Corman Harriman Outdoor Center in NY, joined by leaders from Narragansett, Worcester, and New York/No. NJ. There was valuable discussion around bolstering 20s & 30s leader engagement, while promising to focus on fostering an inclusive, equal, and diverse community of young hikers in the AMC.

— *Anne Lise Almira, 20s & 30s Chair*

Treasurer

Overall Financial Assessment: The activities of the Delaware Valley Chapter resulted in a net increase in operating funds of \$11,275.53 for the 12 months ending on September 30, 2023. However, the cash reserve funds held by AMC headquarters in Boston dropped in value by \$18,348. This drop occurred as a result of both unrealized investment losses as well as our chapter's donation of funds to outside organizations per AMC-approved funding opportunities.

Financial Overview: The Chapter's books are maintained on a cash basis in the QuickBooks online accounting system.

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit organization with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Chapter Financial activities comply with rules established by the AMC, including AMC fiscal year from January 1 to December 31. The chapter provides an annual financial report, within one month of the end of the fiscal year. This report is included in the AMC annual audit and in the AMC chapter-wide annual financial report.

Chapter income comes from chapter member dues, chapter sponsored activities and trips and from donations from outside organizations and individuals.

— *Martin Mersky, Treasurer*

Financial statement follows on the next two pages



Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club
Comparative Statement of Operational Income and Expenses
For 12 Months Ended September 30

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Unrestricted Contributions/Gifts	1,316.00	525.00
Program and Workshop Income	22,681.00	23,585.48
Interest from Bank Accounts	2186.98	12.16
Allocation from AMC Dues	15,540.50	16,445.50
Chapter Excess Reserves Fund Transfer *	2,625.00	---
* to cover non-budgeted operation expenses		
Total Income	44,349.48	40,568.14
<u>Expenses</u>		
Dues and Subscriptions	400.00	450.00
AMC Meetings and Conferences	846.00	189.79
Volunteer Committee Expense	---	55.87
Internet Service	831.88	802.87
Software	1,921.43	1,923.73
Postage and Shipping	43.26	23.20
Promotion and Advertising	264.65	315.86
Participant Costs	25,432.55	23,844.31
Supplies and Equipment	2,040.52	189.76
Outside Grants and Donations	650.00	1,064.00
Liability Insurance	250.00	250.00
Paypal Fees	181.46	175.46
Bank Fees	75.00	---
Total Expenses	\$32,936.75	29,284.85
Income over Expense	<u>\$ 11,412.73</u>	<u>\$ 11,283.29</u>

Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club
Comparative Statement of Cash
At September 30

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Checking Account	\$ 4,729.99	\$ 779.47
PayPal	\$ -	\$ 468.48
Money Market Account (Savings)	\$ 63,713.42	55,919.93
Operating Cash	<u>\$ 68,443.41</u>	<u>\$ 57,167.88</u>
AMC Investment Account	<u>\$ 52,286.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,634.00</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 categories are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating funds	\$ 68,443.41	\$ 57,167.89
Reserves in Boston (held in cash)	\$ 32,755.00	32,755.00
Excess Reserves (invested)	\$ 19,531.00	37,879.00
	<u>\$ 122,752.41</u>	<u>\$ 127,801.89</u>

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

Reserves are for both Chapter needs and Donations to Outside Organizations

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: Martin Mersky, 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:

2022 Annette Sheldon and Stanton de Reil	
2021 Lisa Kleiman	
2020 Larry 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:

2022 Jeff and Barbara Fritzinger	
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 Hince	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

Karla Geissler 2022-23	
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: Susan Weida, secretary; Anne Lise Almira, 20s and 30s; Ron Phelps, leadership

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 1973 and have faithfully continued membership for the past 50 years:

Constance Beattie
David Beattie
Rita Farrell
Esther Underhill
Walter Underhill

Twenty-five years: These members joined AMC in 1998 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

Carol Aronoff	Mark Lunden
Judith Arrison	Chester Luszc
Lee Bergen	Greg Manning
Catherine Bergen	Priscilla Meyers
Burt Blackburn	Peter Mitchell
Peter Buchsbaum	Dora Mitchell
John Bulger	Charles Morris
Penny Chong	Anne Murphy
Thomas Coons	George Preoteasa
Jerry Diamond	Jeanne Rapley
Ray Douglas	Mark Schlawin
Ilene Dube	Tom Sherwood
George Dudzek	Donald Slick
Joseph Farkas	Jan Summers
James Geiger	Kathy Thompson
Elizabeth Gemmill	James Thompson
Michael Harris	John Urick
Fred Kirchhoff	Jennifer Van Anda