



“Fish Tales” of the



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Chris & I, Wish You & Yours
A Very Merry Christmas &
A Happy & Healthy New Year



The Election Results for the Officers of the LEC-FFI 2019-2020

President	Al Kerner
1st Vice President	William Trowman
2nd Vice	John Stefko
Recording Secretary	Rich Siminski
Corresponding Secretary	David Rosner
Treasurer	Mike Fabian
Sergeant at Arms	Jim Parks
Financial Development	Larry Kochalski
Program Chairman	Ron Ziarnowski
Membership	Mike Fabian
ECFS Delegates	Nancy Schill Rich Siminski Brian Barrey
ECFS Alternate Delegate	David Rosner

“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

I was on the election committee along with Ron Ziarnowski and John Stefko. It was a very, very close race. I think I am correct in saying that Joan & Nancy were disappointed with their losses. Both are outstanding members, with their heart's in the right place. Joan has done a lot for this club. Much of what she has done was not part of the Presidents responsibilities. She did it (I feel) because she believes in its members and the mission statement of this club. My hope is that she will continue with that energy and pride to work with the rest of the membership to constantly improve this club. Nancy & I represent LEC at the ECFS meetings. She puts me to shame in her efforts and dedication to our club in this capacity. I hope she continues to move up in our club thru the years.

Rich



**December 20th
at the Legion
Post at 6:00
PM. Come
hungry, the
food is always
great**

Members Breakfast 12/05

It will be at 9 AM at Alton's on Walden. I am asking all for info on a **new location!!**



Erie County Federation Of Sportsmen
Joe Jemiolo Jr. Memorial Youth Lifetime License Program
 Applicant must be UNDER 16 by March 31, 2019 and reside in Erie County
 ENTER AT: ericyfsc.org

Dates to Remember in December
No Fly Tying at Burchfield this month

- 12/05 Members Breakfast
- 12/06 St. Nicholas Day
- 12/07 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/12 National Ding-a-Ling Day
- 12/16 Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- 12/20 ECSF Meeting
- 12/20 LEC Meeting and Christmas Party
- 12/21 Winter Solstice-shortest day of the year.
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/31 New Years Day

That's all for this year folks

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TAPS

NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE
 BUT SOME ARE
 IRREPLACEABLE

Matthew L. Kochalski
 May 30, 1983 - April 13, 2008

Thomas Waterman
 2014

Ray (Marks) Markiewicz
 February 4, 2015

Jonathan M. Fabian
 October 26, 1973 - May 2, 2016

William (Bill) Swartz
 July 2, 2017

James M. Keech
 August 5, 2018



Those of you who are placing Christmas lights/decorations in your yards, can you please avoid anything that has Red or Blue flashing lights together? Every time I come around the corner, I think it's the police and I have a panic attack. I have to brake hard, toss my vodka, fasten my seat belt, throw my phone on the floor, turn my radio down, and push the gun under the seat. All while trying to put my clothes back on. It's just too much drama, even for Christmas. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. 🌲

This newsletter, named "Fish Tales", is my idea and creation. It is published monthly for the benefit and enjoyment of the members of the LEC of FFI. Any errors in spelling, grammar or usage of words, may or may not be intentional. The subjects and content of such, are as accurate and complete as needed to get the subject matter across. Any corrections, complaints, additions or submissions are welcomed at any time, as long as they are sent to me. I hope you enjoy our "Fish Tales". Sincerely, Rich Siminski

LEC Dates and Deadlines

December Meeting - is at the American Legion post on the 20th. It will host our annual members Family Christmas party, with a short meeting and the induction of our 2019-2020, officers.

Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club - December's meeting is on the 20th. It will be at the Bison City Rod & Gun Club, located at 511 Ohio St, Buffalo. All members are invited to attend. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, it's usually over by 9:00 PM.

Burchfield Fly Tying will not be held in December. It will resume on January 4th at 6:30.

LEC News and Upcoming Events

Fund Raising reminders [Larry Kochalski](#) has arranged to have 1 pound Battisoni Pepperoni sticks for sale at upcoming meetings as a fund raiser. With the holidays coming, I am sure they will sell well at \$10.00 each.

[John Stefko](#) is running the 2018-2019 Rod Raffle. He is in the process of mailing 3 tickets to sell or buy, to those that have not received them at meetings. The rod is a Helios 3, 8 wt. Please do your best to sell tickets. With Bon-Ton closing this is our main fund raiser. [Call John at 462-9058](#).

[Dave Rosner](#) has set up an account with Amazon called Amazon Smiles. He sent an e-mail to all members with the needed info. I had a hard time getting in. Dave helped me thru the process, we found out sometimes you have to put the following into your search bar to get in and sign up instead of just hitting the link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0479067> . We will receive .05% of every dollar spent. That comes to \$5.00 for every \$1000 spent. It may not seem like a lot. But it will add up if we tell everyone we know that uses Amazon to go to our link using Amazon Smiles instead of just Amazon. As of now, there is not an ending time. I know people that buy just about everything thru Amazon, you may also. Call [Dave at 913-0962](#) if you have any questions.

[Rex Olrogg's wife Sherry](#) has sent an e-mail with info to all members in regards to Schwan's food payback program. It is supposed to start on November 1st and run for 45 days with our club getting 20% of all sales during those days.

Greater Niagara Fishing & Outdoor Expo January 18, 19, 20, 2019. Call [Rick Widman at 984-5774](#) to sign up. It is filling fast, don't miss your chance to get in this show for free and help man our booth.

Fly Fishing Show in Edison, NJ is on January 25, 26 & 27 2019. This is the largest Fly Fishing show this side of the Mississippi River. Al Kerner and I are planning to go, weather permitting.

Go to - flyfishingshow.com - for all info including hotels.

Kerner's Korner

So much going on this time a year. Sometimes you need to take time out just to reflect what went on. Fishing was awesome for me this year, trips to the Delaware, Salmon River, and my place up North were fantastic. Hanging out with the folks from the Chapter is always the best. I've learned much from members especially Bill Trowman and Gary Bacon. Make sure you make the fly tying nights Jan-Mar this coming year, you'll find a ton of knowledge with those who want to help you out. Plus the stories are great. A lot of rain and wet snow has hampered the Steelhead fishing but it's a long winter and fish will be around. This years fly tying ventures I will be working on dry flies. So I'm starting my gathering of material and research. I borrowed a book from our library *The Metz Book of Hackle* by Eric Leiser. The book was informative and gave me a better understanding on how to purchase the proper necks. Looking forward to getting back to the bench. A new year is just around the corner and trip planning is already underway. So gear up and get ready!!!! Happy Holidays and see you all soon -Al

President's Message

First, I'd like to wish you and your family a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year." Old saying, but meant from the heart.

Looking forward to our December meeting where we will be able to enjoy good food and fellowship. It would be greatly appreciated if those attending would bring some Christmas cookies/dessert (last year we had a great variety and they were delicious!)

A special shout out to Sherry Ologg and John Stefko for helping Larry Kochalski in our fund raising efforts. The Schwan's grocery selection has over 300 meal-ready frozen foods which can be delivered to your home. The better percentage of the profit that we receive expires December 15, 2018. Here is the site to go to: <https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/43172>

And contact John Stefko for tickets for our Helios 3 rod raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. What a great deal and gift idea - purchase some tickets and give the raffle tickets to someone for Christmas! Pepperoni is here in time for the holidays. \$10.00 for a large stick. Please place your orders with Larry at nonamelarry@hotmail.com

We are already getting requests for next year!

I was contacted by a scout troop leader who would like us to come to one of their meetings and demonstrate how to tie flies and have the scouts give it a try. Rick Widman has volunteered to follow up on this. Thanks Rick. And the Clarence Rotary would like for us to come out to one of their meetings in May! Info to follow.

The Erie County Federation of Sportsmen Clubs is offering scholarships. There will be five, one-time \$200 scholarships for college students majoring in the conservation fields or law enforcement. You may go to their web site at www.ecfsc.org for further information.

As administrator of the William "Bill" Swartz Memorial Scholarship Fund, I have been receiving scholarship requests, which I will be forwarding to the committee for their decision. The caliber of the applicants is outstanding! At this time, I am going to share with you some of the writings of the applicants and their references.

"This student possesses a seriousness of purpose in their study of fisheries and aquatic sciences through the College's Environmental Biology program."

"This student is a serious, responsible and hard-working undergraduate, with a passion for fisheries science."

"I plan to pursue Ichthyology, the zoology of fishes, to help to conserve our native fish populations as well as help others to gain an appreciation for them."

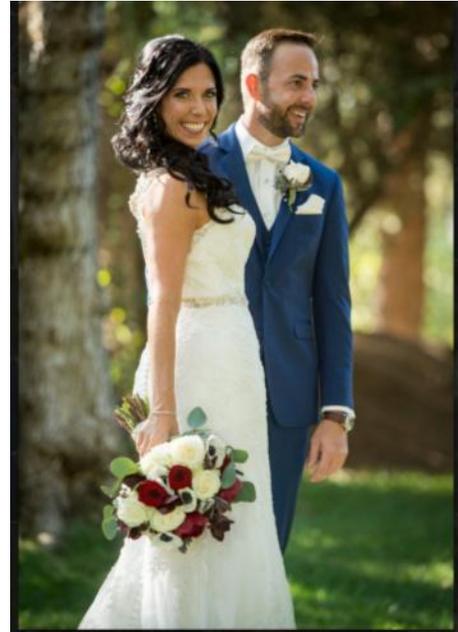
"When I was around twelve, I attended the Federation of Fly Fisher's youth fishing camp and was immediately hooked on fly fishing. We learned to tie flies, how to cast and how to identify insects."

"I found it peaceful, the rhythmic motion of casting while standing waist deep in the gentle current of a creek."

The committee will surely have some difficult decisions to make.

Joan B. Rosner, President

I am proud to share my Son's wedding. On Wednesday October 10th my son David and Kelly Green were married in the late afternoon, at the beautiful out door setting of Lake Oak Meadows in Temecula California wine country. The following day, the wedding party and family were treated to a open air trolley ride thru wine country. We visited a couple of very beautiful wineries, ending at a craft brewery were we all relaxed, ending the festivities. The next day the couple left for a 10 day honeymoon in Greece.



On a beautiful day in October, 4 club members and I went to Oak Orchard. The fishing was a little slow but a few were hooked. With the help of John doing the netting, Larry landed a giant Brown. Jose landed a few beyond my range to photo. John hooked the biggest Brown I have ever seen. He was into his backing, the fish swam past me like a Torpedo. Holding my Rod in one hand and a net in the other hand, I was unable to get a picture. It was about 4 feet to my left, came to the surface to let me see how big it was then broke off. It was big and beautiful. Bill and I hooked each hook one, but not long enough to keep it or see it. Like always, a great time was had by all. Rich

