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“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

On December 19th LEC member, fellow fisherman, camper and friend, Ronald Gister passed away. Ron was a quiet person, always a gentleman. Ron enjoyed helping teach children fly tying. I did not have the pleasure of fishing with Ron, but we often talked about our travels, camping and comparing my camper to his motor home. You will be missed.

Enjoy fishing with the Fisherman. *Rich*



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

Ronald Gister

January 25, 1939 - December 19, 2019

Dates to Remember in May

- 12/2 Instructors meeting
- 12/2 Fly Tying Social
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/19 LEC Christmas Party
- 12/19 ECFS Meeting
- 12/22 -12/30 Hanukkah
- 12/24 National Chocolate Day
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/27 National Fruitcake Day
- 12/31 New Years Eve

This newsletter, named “Fish Tales”. 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

Adult Education Class: There will be a meeting Monday Dec. 2nd, @ 6:30, @ the Birchfield Center on Union Rd. W. Seneca (where we do fly tying Thursdays') for members who are interested in helping out with the adult fly fishing and fly tying class. The classes are scheduled to start Jan.27th thru Mar. 23th. from 6:30-8:30. The first 4 weeks will be basic fly fishing and the last 4 weeks basic fly tying. Any questions you can contact Larry Kochalski @nonamelarry@hotmail.com Or 982-9468.

Fly Tying Social is on December 5th. It starts at 6:30 at the Burchfield building. Bring your vice, tools and materials. Guests are welcome to tie or just socialize.

LEC-FFI Christmas Party - at the American Legion post on the 19th. At 6PM. No Fly Tying or general business. Just good food, good company, great conversations and fish stories.

Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club – meeting is on December 19th, at the Bison City Rod and Gun Club. Located at 511 Ohio St. Buffalo 14204. Meeting starts at 7:00 it's usually over by 9:00PM. It is on the same day as LEC Christmas party.

LEC News and Upcoming Events

Fund Raising From the desk of Larry Kochalski and John Stefko

Pepperoni Sales My fellow FFI - LEC sisters & brothers, Pepperoni stick sales are still going on. It's \$10.00/stick. I am ordering another case and will have them before the Christmas Party. So if you need a stick prior to the party contact me and we will work out a way to get it to you. I will also have them at the Christmas Party. These are a quick and easy snack for those holiday get togethers and a great way to support the club. You can contact me @nonamelarry@hotmail.com or 982-9468.

Ham Sales are still going on. Orders have to be in to Joan Rosner by Dec. 10th. These a SHALENS' Boneless Ham @ \$5.99/lb. They are quality ham. You can order a half or a whole ham.

ORVIS HELIOS-3 RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE: If you need more raffle tickets, see me at a meeting, event, or fly tying social or contact me at johnstefko@gmail.com or (716) 462-9058. I'll be happy to provide them when I see you, or send them to you along with a stamped return envelope. Take them to work, give them as gifts to your fishing buddies, buy some for the grandkids, or just buy them yourself to improve your odds. (Hey... We can't let the president win two years in a row!)

Thanks, John Stefko

Greater Niagara Fishing & Outdoor Expo January 17,18, 19, 2020. Call [Rick Widman at 984-5774](tel:984-5774) to sign up. Don't miss your chance to get in this show for free and help man our booth. Rick & Al have been working to have a larger portion of the show be about fly fishing.

Fly Fishing Show in Edison, NJ is on January 24, 25 & 26 2020. This is the largest Fly Fishing show this side of the Mississippi River.

Presidents Message for December

The Holidays are upon us. Like it or not here it comes. Amid all the hustle and bustle I do take time out to reflect on what went on over the year. This certainly is one busy Chapter, looking back we were engaged in some sort of Club function each and every month. One blessing of all this has been members who have become my very best friends. My biggest blessing is my wife, without her support I wouldn't be able to pursue my passion for the outdoors, my involvement with the Chapter, and life in general. I'm looking forward to the New Year, and another fresh start filled with new ideas from members. We will look back and try to take a softer approach to some of the things we've done in the past. Wishing you a happy and safe holidays. -Al



January 24, 25, 26—2020



Due to unexpected plans, I will not be able to partake in this great adventure. So at this time there is 1 opening. Please contact John if you are interested in joining this trip. *Rich*

LAST CALL FOR THE FLY FISHING SHOW

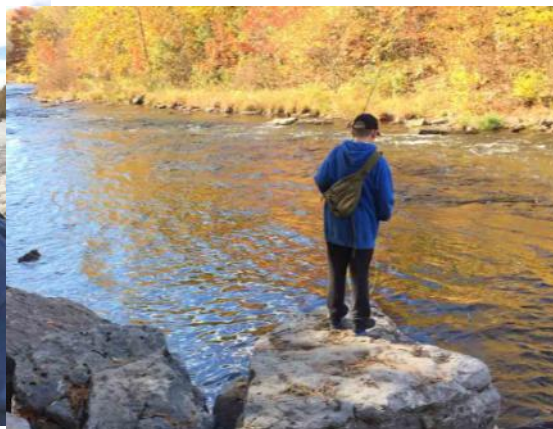
As most of you are probably aware, the bus trip plan for the Fly Fishing Show in Edison NJ was cancelled due to lack of interest. The bus is out. However, eight members intent on going (myself included) have gotten together and are attempting to salvage the trip. I've reserved a van and am attempting to secure 4 rooms at a nearby hotel. Looks good so far. So.... in order to afford all members one last chance to attend the Fly Fishing Show, I'm starting a standby list. If you wish to attend, contact me. If the standby list has enough participants I could rent another van and attempt to secure some hotel rooms. Given past performance, I'll admit chances of this happening are slim, but if enough of my fellow members want to attend, I'm willing to attempt to make arrangements. Prices will be close to those originally quoted in the bus trip ad (hopefully a little cheaper). Call me at 716-462-9058 or email at johnstefko@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Thanks, John Stefko

From the desk of Craig & Cole Alexander

It started off as a very slow season for Cole. Many trips without a single fish. We spent a wonderful weekend at the Salmon River (the weekend after Columbus day weekend). It was a great trip with a couple fish hooked, but nothing landed. The common theme on the Salmon River seemed to be that it was the season that never happened up there. Attached are a couple pictures from the upper fly zone (first one is Cole fighting a fish and the second is just a beautiful day on a beautiful river).



Above is a last minute submission worth squeezing in. 1 big fish and a smile to go along with it.



Member Gary Bacon arranged a fly tying class at North Collins Library. 8 people attended with good interest. We have been asked to return after the new year. Members that helped were Gary Bacon, Al Kerner, John Stefko, Bob Fishlock, and Rich Siminski.





December 19th
at the Legion
Post at 6:00
PM. Come
hungry, have
fun, stay late.



This year we have a few additions to make this years **Christmas** Party special. First, our newest LEC member, Harry Joe, who lives in Dallas Texas, is sending a **Greenberg Smoked Turkey** to be added to our meal. Harry say's it's a traditional Texas treat during the holidays. Next is the new and improved **50-50**. Renamed by our Finical Development Officer, Larry Kochalski, **The Mega Holiday Raffle**. A few members have made items for prizes. Larry has also put a lot of time into getting donations from local and far businesses. Below is Larry's article to expand on this. Lastly is a **Gift Exchange**. This is a voluntary event. If you bring a wrapped gift [a suggestion was brown paper wrapping] valued at \$5 to \$10.00, you get a ticket. Then some time during the party, a drawing of those tickets will start. Each person that brought a gift, will be a winner. Try not to pick the wrapped gift you brought. Merry **Christmas** from your elected officers and all the committee heads that work so hard on all our club events. *Rich*

Mega Holiday Raffle My fellow FFI - LEC sisters & brothers, At the Christmas Party we will be having a mega holiday raffle. There will be many prizes to choose from. Including the 50/50 split, gift certificates from JS Stockard, a beautiful hand crafted fly tying desk, hand crafted fly box filled with hand tied flies, flat screen tv, paintings, just to name a few. If anyone would like to donate a prize please contact either Joan Rosner or myself. Tickets for the mega raffle will be \$5.00/one ticket, \$10.00/3 tickets, \$15.00/7 tickets.

*Chris & I Wish All Our Fellow LEC
 Members & Your Families*

A Very Merry Christmas

