

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 6/9/99 @ 7:00 pm, Macoskey Center - Harmony House. Pizza 'n pop will be provided!!! Prior Meeting (5/12/99) attendees: Tim Danehy, Margaret Dunn, Fred Brenner, Janice Belgredan, Steve Smith, Charlie Cooper, Valentine Kefeli

SLIPPERY ROCK/GROVE CITY EAGLE COVERS COALITION GET-TOGETHER!!

Suzan Szakelyhidi, Staff Writer for the Eagle was generous enough to spend her time talking to Coalition participants amidst the hustle and hub-bub of the 2nd annual Get-Together. The very well written article from the 4/16/1999 edition of the "Slippery Rock/Grove City Eagle", Vol. 5, No. 22 has been included. Many thanks go out to Suzan for attending our event and putting together such an excellent and coherent article from a mish-mosh of information spewed out by often over enthusiastic Coalition participants!!!!

SECOND ANNUAL SRWC COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER A ROUSING SUCCESS!!!

The downstairs meeting hall at the Epiphany Catholic Church in Boyers, PA was once again the perfect setting for the SRWC Community Get-Together!! On Wednesday April 14th over fifty people from the watershed and western PA filled the church basement for lively conversation and of course, GOOD FOOD! Posters and videos depicting installed treatment systems and volunteer efforts gave an easy to understand explanation of Coalition activities. The relaxed atmosphere allowed participants from the Coalition to talk openly to local residents and interested individuals about the activities involved in working to restore the headwaters of Slippery Rock Creek. A good time was had by all!!

A special Thanks goes out to:

The Aloe, Beran, and Gillen children and ALLTHE KIDS for helping pick names for the door prizes!!!

Gloria DeMatteis and Cathy Harvey (Epiphany Catholic Church) for making us feel right at home!

Joe Aloe and Family and Jeff Ankrom (Quality Aggregates Inc.) for the buffet

Fred Cardillo (SENEX Explosives) for the Pirate tickets (greatly appreciated by kids both young & young-at-heart)

Dale Hockenberry (PA Game Commission) for the Humming Bird Feeders

Janice Belgredan and Steve Smith for being the perfect hosts

Roger Bowman and Tim Gillen and Family (PA DEP, Knox District Mining Operations)

Mike Enright and Dr. Fred Brenner (Grove City College)

Dr. Dean DeNicola (Slippery Rock University)

Kitty and Darcy Peart, and Charles Cooper for posters and presentation support!!

Camelot Restaurant for the delicious home-style cookin'

Tony Liguori and Valentine Kefeli (Harmony House MS3 program SRU) for posters support!

Tim Danehy and Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration Inc.) for lifting heavy things and event organization, respectively

A big **THANK-YOU** is extended to all those who helped our event to be a success and expressed support for the Coalition!! We look forward to seeing you again next year at our annual "indoor picnic"!

SRWC CHOSEN AS FINALIST FOR THREE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

The Coalition has once again been selected as one of three finalists for the category Community: Environmental Organizations. This year will be the third year since 1996 that the SRWC has been a finalist. 20 participants are planning to attend the awards dinner on 6/1/1999 at the Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers. Wish us Luck!!!

PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST STATE-WIDE WATERSHED CONFERENCE ON ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE & ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION

As mentioned by Robert Dolence, Deputy Secretary for Mineral Resources Management, PA DEP, who has been an essential source of support and direction for the SRWC, a wonderful opportunity has been created with this "brand-new" conference being held **June 18 and 19, 1999 at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College, PA.** Coalition participant Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration Inc.) has been asked to speak about building partnerships with state agencies, mining companies, and other parties involved in AML programs. Coalition participant and supporter, John Stilley (Amerikohl Mining, Inc.) has been asked to speak about the mining industries perspective on re-mining, pollution prevention and remediation. Long time SRWC participant, Mark Killar (Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation) will be presenting with his Eastern counterpart about AMD & AML Across PA: Contrasts in the Coalfields. (These are just a few of the interesting and worthwhile topics to be covered.) We are looking forward to sharing with and learning from others interested in making progress in solving these severe and far reaching problems. For more information on this conference contact: PA Environmental Council at 570-408-4997 or 412-481-9400 (up-to-date info. on conference events and speakers will be available at www.alleghenywatershed.org)

NEW HELP FOR THE SRWC AND STREAM RESTORATION IS ON HIS WAY!

Will Taylor, a part-time staff member at Jennings Environmental Education Center will be spending his summer sojourn assisting Margaret and Tim at Stream Restoration Inc. with the myriad of tasks in need of completion for the SRWC. (1999 SRWC Symposium highlights to be included in next months issue)