

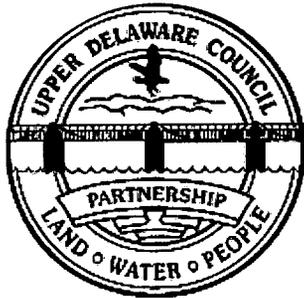
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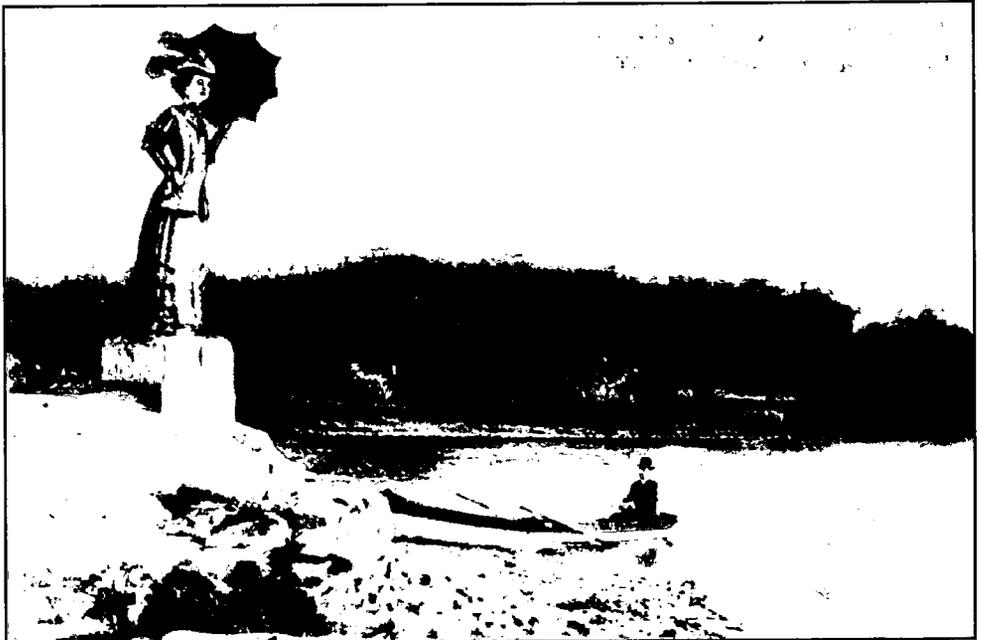
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**TRI-STATES ROCK:** Along the Delaware River author Richard C. Albert was intrigued enough by this postcard image of an elegantly-dressed woman standing atop Tri-States Rock to later compose a short story about her. Albert's muse, and her similarly natty companion in the rowing skiff, found this still existing monument marking the boundary of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, in Port Jervis, NY. (Postcard courtesy of Richard C. Albert)

## Delaware River History Revealed in Postcards

Richard C. Albert once read somewhere that the landscape of the last century is buried under the current century.

Digging beneath the surface reveals what has changed over the years...and just how much hasn't.

Albert compiled 220 historical postcards featuring the Delaware River into a new book that even surprised him upon its April 2002 release.

"First, I was kind of astounded at how many postcards existed of the Delaware River from 100 years ago," says Albert.

"Also, I've always been interested in what it would have been like to canoe down this river in the early 19th century," the West Trenton, NJ resident adds.

"The way it turned out, this book has a lot of value in that respect. I've met people who have told me that they've taken the

book with them on a river trip to compare the scenes along the way," Albert says.

*Postcard History Series: Along the Delaware River* (Arcadia Publishing) is a collaboration between Albert, former Basin Planner for the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and current Restoration Director and Scientist for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, and his 24-year-old daughter, Carrie E. Albert, a graduate student at the University of Delaware who holds a Master's Degree in History with a certification in Museum Studies.

Their book offers a north-to-south pictorial representation of the 331-mile Delaware River in four chapters: Headwaters to Port Jervis, NY; Milford, PA to the Delaware Water Gap; Delaware Water Gap to Trenton, NJ; and Trenton to the Atlantic Ocean;

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## Upper Delaware Profile: William J. Rudge

Having spent most of his professional life working in the great outdoors, William J. Rudge has moved primarily indoors since his 2001 promotion by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to Natural Resources Supervisor for Region 3.

He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I really love my job. Everyone that I work with has been wonderful and I feel that what we do here influences the stewardship of our region," Rudge says.

As Natural Resources Supervisor, Rudge coordinates eight programs - Forestry, Wildlife, Inland Fisheries, Hudson River Fisheries, Habitat Protection, Minerals, Hudson River Estuarine Research Reserve, and Real Property - and supervises the work of some 60 DEC employees.

He says his "highest goal" is to promote cooperation, both internally within the programs he manages and externally in working with organizations and agencies also dedicated to environmental protection.

In one of his personal liaison roles, Rudge is the State of New York's representative to the Upper Delaware Council.

He offers a report at each monthly meeting, responds to requests for information pertaining to issues within the DEC's jurisdiction, and communicates back to the DEC about how its policies and actions could affect the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

"I'm very impressed with how the Council works with landowners, municipalities, and agencies in protecting the river corridor and all of its values," Rudge says.

"It's a different kind of model that develops consensus on a voluntary basis through local management, rather than through a top-down approach," he adds.

### Natural Background

Rudge is a New York State native, having grown up in the Mohawk Valley town of Clinton.

"I was actively involved in scouting as a youth and am an Eagle Scout. My father, who worked as an engineer for General Electric, always encouraged my love of the outdoors," he says.

In fact, the Rudge family of six regularly enjoyed camping, hiking, and skiing.

Rudge obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Management from Colorado State University in 1982, and began working for the DEC as a seasonal ranger in the Adirondack High Peaks. During winters, he worked for the Olympic Regional Development Authority at Mt. Van Hovenberg in Lake Placid.

For a year, he served as Facilities Manager for the Adirondack Mountain Club before rejoining the DEC as a permanent



William J. Rudge, NYS DEC

employee in 1985.

Rudge started out as a Forest Technician working in Catskill, NY. Other forestry positions followed in the DEC's New Paltz and Albany offices before he was tapped as Natural Resources Supervisor. Rudge succeeded Bruce MacMillan, the state's charter UDC Representative, who had retired in July 2000.

### Family Time

While his current administrative duties require a lot of desk-bound and meeting time, the 43-year-old Rudge says, "I try to get out in the field a couple times a month, then there are always the weekends to get outside."

He and his wife, Patti, a DEC forest ranger who works in the Catskills, live with their children, Caleb, 8, and Sarah, 4, in the Town of Shandaken (Ulster County).

Enthusiastic boaters, Bill and Caleb have participated in the Delaware River Sojourn for the last two years, and intend to team up for it again this June. Rudge built the kayak that Caleb uses from a kit.

Kayaking, in fact, is somewhat of a family legacy. Rudge's brother-in-law, Chris Duff, is a world-renowned adventure kayaker who has written books chronicling his circumnavigations of Ireland and the south island of New Zealand. Duff's summer 2003 solo kayaking experience will take him to Iceland.

The Rudges also enjoy cross-country skiing, while Bill likes to hunt and fish.

Rudge is a member of the Society of American Foresters, Adirondack Mountain Club, and the New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic Division.

He's a past president of his local volunteer fire department and is active with the Catholic Church in Phoenicia. ❖

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**2003 MEMBERSHIP:** The Upper Delaware Council reorganized for the new year at its annual meeting held January 9, 2003. Representatives and alternates in attendance included, seated from left, Vice-Chairperson Nadia Rajszyk (Town of Lumberland), Chairperson Bruce Selneck (Shohola Township), and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Wieland (Town of Tusten). Standing, from left to right, are Executive Director William E. Douglass, New York State Representative William J. Rudge, Delaware River Basin Commission Representative Carol R. Collier, Westfall Township Representative Alan Bowers, National Park Service Alternate David C. Forney, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Representative Marian Hrubovcak, Town of Delaware Representative Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Town of Cochection Representative Larry H. Richardson, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Alternate David J. Lamereaux, Town of Highland Representative Lewis J. Schmalzle, Town of Hancock Representative F. Gerald Mackin, Town of Fremont Representative John B. Niflot, Town of Deerpark Alternate Melvin Decker, Town of Deerpark Representative Philip D. Chase, and Lackawaxen Township Representative John S. McKay. (Photos above and below by David B. Soete)



## Officers Elected

Shohola Township, PA Representative Bruce Selneck was sworn in as 2003 chairperson of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) at the Jan. 9th Annual Meeting.

Lewis J. Schmalzle, 2002 chair from the Town of Highland, administered the oaths of office to Selneck and his fellow officers, Vice-Chairperson Nadia Rajszyk, Town of Lumberland, and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Wieland, Town of Tusten.

UDC members are the 11 out of 15 eligible NY towns and PA townships that border on the Upper Delaware River, as well as the State of New York, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Delaware River Basin Commission. Each member appoints representatives and alternates to serve on the board.

Recent appointees include F. Gerald Mackin as representative for Town of Hancock; Jim Serio as alternate for Town of Hancock; George R. Jerus as alternate for Westfall Township; and Nelia Wall as 2nd alternate for Shohola Township. ❖



**PASS THE GAVEL:** Outgoing UDC Chairperson Lew Schmalzle, left, congratulates 2003 Chairperson Bruce Selneck after administering his oath of office. Selneck helped draft the River Management Plan and was Shohola Township's first appointed delegate to the UDC in 1988. After serving one year, the PA Dept. of Transportation welder returned to the board in 1998.



Richard C. Albert

with meticulously researched captions to identify each postcard.

Dick Albert has had three prior books published on diverse historical subjects, including 1987's *Damming the Delaware: The Rise and Fall of Tocks Island Dam*, which presents a definitive study of 200 years of water resources management in the Delaware River Basin.

*Along the Delaware River* came about when Albert decided one day to count up the number of postcards he had amassed.

"I found that I had a fairly balanced collection. I began collecting postcards about six years ago based on my interest in fluvial geomorphology, to see how the river has changed over the years, and as a reminder of places that I've been throughout my work in the Delaware River Basin since 1975," Albert says.

He acquired about 80 percent of his even larger postcard collection from the eBay auction web site.

After Arcadia Publishing - which specializes in regional and local history books - accepted Albert's proposal, he and Carrie had just two months to complete their man-



The Erie Railroad ran Walker Lake Falls, an 80-foot waterfall, into a pipe in order to deliver water to the railroad in Parker's Glen, Pennsylvania. The hydraulic head from the fall of the water created this spectacular fountain. John F. Kilgour, the "Bluestone King," founded Parker's Glen in 1875 as a mining community for the Parker-Kilgour Stone Mills. Bluestone, a type of flagstone, was quarried in the upper Delaware for sidewalks and curbing. Today, Parker's Glen is one of several towns on the upper Delaware River that has disappeared. (Excerpted from *Along the Delaware River*)

uscript for the 128-page, soft-cover book.

Carrie handled most of the layout and the Delaware Estuary research during her winter college break, while Dick relied on his accumulated knowledge, historical book collection, the resources of the local and DRBC libraries, the Internet, and some field visits to compose the text.

"The Delaware, when you study it, is something to appreciate. A different river appeared as I worked on this," reflects Albert, who has more books in his future.

Feedback from readers has been encouraging. Albert says that when strangers seek him out to comment on the book, "that's the big reward."

*Along the Delaware River* is available at many outlets in the river basin, including the Minisink Valley Historical Society (845-856-2375) and local bookstores, or may be ordered on-line through book retailers.

For a catalog of other titles in Arcadia's "Images of America" local history series, including books by Upper Delaware Valley residents Matthew Osterberg, Brian Lewis, and Peter Osborne, call 1-888-313-2665 or visit [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com).



Camping in the late 19th and early 20th centuries was not a "go light" affair. Most of the equipment used was designed for other purposes. This group of happy-go-lucky campers in Callicoon, New York has heavy canvas tents, a table, cast-iron cookware, a rifle, and strong backs to carry it all. (Excerpted from *Along the Delaware River*)

## Novel Features Delaware River

If fiction is more to your liking, a new book by Sullivan County, NY resident Joseph Freda offers an Upper Delaware River setting that will be intimately familiar to local residents and visitors. "The Patience of Rivers" (Norton & Company, published February 2003) tells the story of Nick Lauria, employed at his parents' campground on the Delaware River during the summer of 1969. It is Lauria's last summer home before college or war, and he is learning to deal with the travails of first love, the loss of his best friend, and escalating family troubles. All the while, rumors are building about a big music festival that's supposed to happen nearby.

# News Briefs From Around the Region

## Hinchey Funding

U.S. Representatives Maurice Hinchey (NY-22) and Jim Walsh (NY-25) secured \$550,000 in the omnibus spending bill approved by the House on Feb. 14, 2003 to improve the Upper Delaware River's aquatic health.

Based on the recommendations of fisheries experts, Hinchey secured two earmarks: \$250,000 for additional stream flow modeling through the Delaware River Basin Commission's OASIS flow model; and \$300,000 for Upper Delaware River tributary restoration.

Low releases from the three New York City Delaware Basin reservoirs during the recent drought have caused thermal and habitat stress to the trout fishery worth an estimated \$30 million to Delaware County.

"Drought conditions have put a big dent in that industry and have done damage to the river's ecosystem," Hinchey said.

The \$250,000 earmark will be used for data collection, analysis, and computer modeling to enable the OASIS model to fully evaluate the effects of various flow management regimes on the river, including impacts on water temperatures and the location of the lower Delaware salt front.

The \$300,000 earmark will be used for stream restoration work on the tributaries of the West Branch and the East Branch of the Delaware River, and the Beaverkill, with the goals of restoring aquatic habitat, improving water quality, and improving flood hazard mitigation in small tributaries that provide thermal refuge and spawning habitat for trout and other fish species.

## Water Snapshot

"Water Snapshot 2003," a water quality monitoring campaign observed throughout the Delaware River Basin, will be observed April 22 through May 4.

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) first organized Water Snapshot in 1995 to promote citizen water quality monitoring and celebrate the spirit of Earth Day.

Individual volunteers, school groups, and environmental organizations are encouraged to test the health of their local watershed using common data sheets.

A limited number of free monitoring kits are available by contacting DRBC's Clarke Rupert at (609) 883-9500, ext. 260. Those without access to testing equipment may complete the visual assessment survey.

The DRBC will compile the data into a report that will offer an informal "snapshot" of the overall basin's water quality.

As a co-sponsor of Water Snapshot 2003, the UDC will distribute and collect the data sheets locally, and has some test kits. Stop by the office at 211 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg, NY, call (845) 252-3022, or e-mail [udcramie@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcramie@ezaccess.net).

For more information on this event, please visit [www.nj.gov/drbc/snapshot](http://www.nj.gov/drbc/snapshot).

## Earth Day Festival

The Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center.

It will also serve as an open house for the center and its laboratory, located off Route 6 by the dam, next to Wallenpaupack High School in Hawley, Pa.

Enjoy free environmental activities and exhibits, music, food, games, live animal presentations, and nature walks.

Rich Pawling and Not Forgotten will perform "A Salute to John Denver."

The festival is sponsored by the Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, Lacawac Sanctuary, Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District, Northeast PA Audubon Society, PPL Corp., Pike

County Conservation District, Pocono Greens, Wallenpaupack Area School District, and Wallenpaupack Historical Society. For information, call (570) 689-9494 or visit [www.pikewayneearthday.org](http://www.pikewayneearthday.org).

## Roebling Bridge Work

Paving of the National Park Service's historic Roebling Bridge between Minisink Ford, NY and Lackawaxen, PA has been delayed until September 2003.

The bridge will close for up to 40 days starting Sept. 2. A detour will redirect traffic along Routes 590 and 434.

"By performing this work between Labor Day and the fall foliage season, we will minimize the impact on the local communities and summer vacationers," said Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent Dave Forney.

## Delaware River Sojourn

Registration is being accepted for the Delaware River Sojourn paddling and educational event, taking place June 13-21.

This year's theme is: "The Delaware: More Than Just a River!" For details, visit [www.state.nj.us/drbc/sojourn](http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/sojourn).



**WISE TALK:** Bill Streeter, executive director of The Delaware Valley Raptor Center (DVRC) in Milford, Pa., shows J.J. to the capacity crowd gathered at the 2nd Annual EagleFest held January 18, 2003 in Narrowsburg, NY. The barred owl is approximately 19 years old and became a teaching bird at DVRC after he had been shot in the wing and suffered the amputation of several toes, rendering him unable to gather food in the wild. DVRC (phone 570-296-6025) is dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of birds of prey. EagleFest was sponsored by the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce and Fleet Bank. The day also featured bald eagle panel discussions, movies, games, art displays, ice and wood carving demonstrations, and a poster auction held at locations throughout the hamlet. At the opening ceremony, State Senator John J. Bonacic designated Narrowsburg as "The Eagle Capital of New York" and Lenape Indians performed a ceremonial dance. (Photo by David B. Soete)

# UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

Upper Delaware Council activity highlights from mid-December 2002 to mid-March 2003 include:

## GIS PROJECT

The UDC received notification that the University of Maryland, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and Woods Hole Research Center will conduct a pilot project utilizing a satellite Geographic Information Systems (GIS) model to measure growth and development in the Upper and Middle Delaware River Valley based on an application submitted by the National Park Service. Baseline photography is expected to begin this spring. Projections produced from this rural application will offer a tool for river valley planners to accurately estimate future growth.

## SCENIC BYWAY

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee, which meets every fourth Monday at 7 p.m. at the UDC office in Narrowsburg, adopted a mission statement at its Feb. 24 meeting:

"Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc.'s purpose is to implement the goals and objectives of the Byway Enhancement Concept including byway appearance, safety and relationship to the Delaware River; promotion, preservation and marketing of the Byway's history, recreational and cultural resources and unique communities; and development of interpretive materials and visitor facilities. These purposes will be achieved through equal cooperative participation by all byway communities. The Corporation is organized exclusively for not-for-profit educational and charitable purposes as such term is used within section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954."

A seasonal, color brochure "rack card" was produced as the first component of an overall marketing plan. The incorporation process is moving forward.

The committee has appealed to the NYS Scenic Byways Advisory

Board to allow the installation of temporary logo markers on existing Route 97 signs while awaiting the delayed release of state-wide scenic byway signage criteria.

## COMMENT LETTERS

Letters were issued on the following topics in the last quarter:

-To U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta supporting Shohola Township's call for a federal law change that would require railroad operators to immediately notify local emergency authorities about any train accidents or incidents that occur in their jurisdictions;

-To the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding work at the NYS DEC's Narrowsburg Boat Launch in Sullivan County and a proposed streambank stabilization project on Basket Creek in Delaware County;

-To PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding PPL's request for Federal Water Pollution Control Act Section 401 Certification of its Lake Wallenpaupack Hydroelectric Project, and a proposal in Lackawaxen, Pa. to build two stone retaining walls in the river floodway;

-To NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 4 for two separate proposals in the Town of Hancock for expansion of the wastewater treatment plant at Camp French Woods, and the modification of the state Pollution Discharge Elimination permit at The Family School;

-To NYS Department of Transportation Region 9, regarding a shoulder-widening project for bicyclists from Mongaup (Town of Lumberland) to Minisink Ford (Town of Highland) and the paving of two parking areas on Route 97;

-To NYS DEC, stressing the importance of New York State's continued representation at meetings of the Delaware River



**PAYING TRIBUTE:** Town of Highland Councilman Joe McDonald spent approximately 16 hours creating this memorial painting to the "Columbia 7" who lost their lives when the Columbia Space Shuttle exploded on February 1, 2003, 16 minutes before its scheduled landing. The painting is now displayed in the Town of Highland's Sullivan Renaissance park across from the Town Hall in Eldred, NY. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Basin Commission and its committees in order to protect flows for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, in recognition of state budget cuts leading to travel restrictions;

-To Wayne Conservation District, supporting its PA Growing Greener grant application for cost-sharing of portable timber bridges to be used for water quality protection during timber harvesting throughout multiple watersheds in northeast PA.

## NPS MEETINGS

UDC staff participated in two special meetings convened by the National Park Service. An Inventory & Monitoring Program meeting took place Dec. 11 to organize compilation and analysis of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's significant natural resources to aid in park unit management, planning, and protection. On Feb. 13, the feasibility of pursuing a Vegetative Mapping Program for the Upper Delaware River Corridor was discussed.

## FUNDING

As grants administrator, the UDC approved and filed applications on Jan. 23 with Empire State Development Corporation on behalf of its eight New York State townships for three Senate Initiative grants valued at \$75,000. The funding was secured by Senator John J. Bonacic. At press time, the UDC awaited return of contracts to authorize improvement projects in the Towns of Hancock, Fremont, Delaware, Cochection, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland, and Deerpark to begin.

The NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River has also submitted a formal, competitive request to increase its appropriation by \$100,000 to benefit specific Upper Delaware Council programs during the FY 2005 funding cycle. ❖

In January, chairpersons of the UDC's three standing committees were elected, as follows: Water Use/Resource Management Committee, Charles Wieland, Town of Tusten, NY; Operations Committee, Bruce Selneck, Shohola Township, PA; and Project Review Committee, Harold G. Roeder, Jr., Town of Delaware, NY.

# Rails in the River Valley Symposium Set May 3rd

The Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance will sponsor "Rails in the River Valley: A Railroading Symposium on Two Tracks" on Saturday, May 3, at the Lackawaxen Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall in Lackawaxen, Pa.

One particularly exciting highlight is the chance to ride a train to and from the symposium. The UDHA has worked with the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce to arrange transportation aboard the Stourbridge Line Rail Excursion, based in Honesdale, Pa.

This "Track #1" option offers guests the round-trip train ride, admission to a full day of interesting audio-visual presentations by renowned historians, a buffet lunch, snack breaks, and exhibits, all for \$30 per person.

A "Track #2" option is offered to those who would rather head straight to the Lackawaxen Fire Hall, for \$25 per person.

Advance reservations are required. Add a \$5 late fee for reservations made after April 19, to be accepted as available.

Track #1 participants will check in at the train platform behind Honesdale's Main Street starting at 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. Stourbridge Line departure. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The fire hall will open at 8:30 a.m. for Track #2 participants to register, enjoy



refreshments, and browse the exhibits.

UDHA President Edward M. Boyer will open the symposium at 9:45 a.m. Five plenary programs will tell the story of the Erie Railroad in the Upper Delaware River Valley, from its origins to the community impacts, and from its engineering to first-hand observations by railroad workers.

Speakers include Pike County Historian George J. Fluhr, National Canal Museum Archivist Lance E. Metz, Erie-Lackawanna Historical Society Archivist Larry DeYoung, author and historian Robert E. Mohowski, and a Railroaders Reunion Roundtable.

Train passengers will board at 3:30 pm. for the 90-minute return trip to Honesdale.

For reservations, please send payment to UDHA Symposium, P.O. Box 156, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 or call Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022 with questions. ❖

## UDC Annual Report Available

The Annual Report of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) for Fiscal Year 2002 is now available. The report covers the federal fiscal year period of October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002.

Included in it are:

- ❖ UDC Activity Highlights from FY 2002
- ❖ Objectives for Fiscal Year 2003
- ❖ The View from the Chair, a column written by 2002 UDC Chairperson and Town of Highland Representative Lewis J.

Schmalzle

❖ FY 2002 Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances

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To request a free copy of the tri-fold format report, please call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail [udcramie@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcramie@ezaccess.net). ❖

## In Memoriam ... K. Jean McCoach

K. Jean McCoach, former Town of Cochection supervisor and a contributor to the development of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Management Plan, died on January 21, 2003 in Orlando, FL at the age of 78.

Mrs. McCoach was the first female to be elected as a town supervisor in the history of Sullivan County, NY. She served Cochection for 12 years.

Jean was a key player in the formation of the Conference of Upper Delaware Townships (COUP) in the late 1970s, the local organization which predated the establishment of the Upper Delaware Council, Inc.

After one attempt to draft a River Management Plan had failed, Jean represented the Town of Cochection on the Plan Revision Committee which produced an acceptable version finalized in 1986.

Jean was born on Nov. 17, 1924 in Johnson City, NY to Walter and Amanda (Bauernfeind) Stewart.

She was a beautician, teacher, caregiver, and Sunday School leader who remained active with the Fosterdale United Methodist Church and president of the Cochection Democratic Club at the time of her death.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Thomas McCoach; brother, Howard Stewart; and sister, Lucille Engert. She is survived by one daughter, Kathy Fuller of Syracuse, NY; two sons, Timothy McCoach of Orlando, FL and David McCoach of Lagrangeville, NY; two sisters, Mae Poley and Wilda Priebe, both of North Branch, NY; four grandsons; one great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Fosterdale United Methodist Church, c/o Cindy Halloran, Mueller Road, Cochection, NY 12726.

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# UDC to Hold 15th Annual Awards Banquet April 27

Former Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary David E. Hess will deliver the keynote address at the Upper Delaware Council's 15th Annual Awards Banquet on April 27.

Hess served as DEP Secretary under the administration of Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker. He is now Director of the Office of Policy Development and Research in the Pennsylvania Senate.

Taking a "hands-on" approach, Hess visited every one of Pennsylvania's 67 counties at least twice during his 20 months as DEP Secretary to spotlight watershed groups, farmers, businesses, local government, teachers, and students taking positive actions to protect and restore the Commonwealth's environment.

He also worked tirelessly alongside Gov. Schweiker to help guide the successful rescue of the nine miners trapped in the Quecreek Mine flooding disaster last July 24-28 in Somerset County.

Gov. Ridge nominated Hess, then DEP's Executive Deputy for Policy and Communications, in April 2001 to replace James M. Seif as Secretary.

Hess was credited for being a primary architect of PA's \$650 million Growing Greener environmental investment.

During his eight-year tenure with DEP, Pennsylvania won more national and international awards for excellence and innovation than any other state environmental agency in history.

Hess had worked in a variety of positions with PA's Department of Environmental Resources over a 12-year period, including



**Keynote Speaker David E. Hess**

in the Secretary's Office of Policy; as deputy director for Regulatory Analysis; and as a legislative liaison for the agency.

Prior to that, he was executive director of the Pennsylvania Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for six years.

Hess holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Shippensburg University. He and his wife, Mary, live with their three chil-

dren in Swatara Township.

In addition to the many awards garnered by DEP, Hess has received personal honors from organizations including the Rivers Network (2002 National River Hero Award), Water Resources Association, PA Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies, PA Alliance for Environmental Education, PA Resources Council, and PA Environmental Council.

Hess currently serves as a volunteer member of the National Advisory Board to the Council of State Governments' Center for Environmental Innovation.

#### **Banquet Details**

The Upper Delaware Council's April 27th Awards Banquet will be held at the Central House Family Resort, located just off Route 652 in Beach Lake, Pa.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvres reception and cash bar.

A buffet dinner featuring prime rib, country ham, baked salmon, and all the trimmings will be served at 4 p.m., followed by Mr. Hess's keynote address, and the awards ceremony.

Awards will be presented in 10 categories to those individuals, organizations, communities, businesses, and agencies that have enhanced the quality of life or protected the resources of the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Tickets are \$22 and all are welcome. Advance reservations are required.

To find out more information or make reservations, please contact UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022 or [udcramie@ezaccess.net](mailto:udcramie@ezaccess.net).

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