

**QUARTERLY REPORT TEMPLATE** (Please follow this format when submitting your report)

**Quarterly Report for** (date) 6/20/17

**Chapter Name & No.** Oil Creek Chapter #424

**Website** [www.oilcreektu.org](http://www.oilcreektu.org)

**Organizational/ Leadership Activities**

Leadership changes since last report (*include phone & email contact info*):

One of Oil Creek Chapter's long-time members, Linda Wilson, passed away on June 5. Linda was a former treasurer and current board member of the Oil Creek chapter of Trout Unlimited; a member of the Rainbow Bowmen Archery Club; and The Friends of Drake Well. She also volunteered for the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad. Linda's husband Don is the vice president of Oil Creek TU. She was very active in the Oil Creek TU chapter and did a lot of work for our annual fund-raising banquet. She will be greatly missed.

Other organizational & administrative activities:

We received a thank you letter from Franklin YMCA for our recent donation. We also received a thank you note from a family for supporting their YMCA membership.

OCTU contributed to the Freshwater Conservation Scholarship at Clarion University again this year, along with two other chapters.

On 5/25/17 we conducted our annual budget meeting to plan for the next fiscal year. Again, this year we owe a special thanks to our treasurer, Dan Rockwell, for all his work and planning.

We will be sponsoring two students from Cranberry High School to the Conservation Leadership Academy. They were invited to give a presentation on completion of their attendance.

**Fundraising Activities** (*banquets & other fundraising events*):

Our 34th annual banquet was again a huge success, with a sold-out crowd for the fifth year in a row. The food was great and the Liberty Street Ale House could not have treated us better. We cleared more profits than last year. We have already set the date for next year for Saturday, April 7th. Tom Young has offered to be banquet chairman again next year and always does an excellent job.

**Conservation Activities**

Stream restoration projects:

For several years, we have had survey sheets in boxes on Little Sandy Creek. These are for fishermen to make comments and suggestions on their fishing experience. This year many respondents were impressed with the improvements we have done on Little Sandy. There were some very good comments.

Other conservation-related activities:

**Educational Activities**

Trout in the Classroom projects:

Simoan Ray's Trout In The Classroom students from Cochranon high school had their trout release day on May 24 at Camp Chick-A-Saw on Little Sugar Creek. Members Gary Ross and Vaughn MacGregor taught fly tying to approximately 40 students and John Terejko taught fly casting.

We donated a rod outfit to the Trout In The Classroom students at Cochranon High School, in tribute to our late founding member Ron DeWoody. A picture of the student who is awarded the outfit is to be published in the local newspapers.

Other fly tying and fishing instruction activities:

Gary Ross and Vaughn MacGregor represented OCTU at the Polk Center Earth Day events on April 19th. Gary did fly tying demonstration and Vaughn managed the picture display boards.

Venango County Youth Field Day was held on June 17th. OCTU made a cash contribution and provided fly fishing equipment. Unfortunately, we were not able to provide a fly tying instruction station again this year.

**Women's & Diversity Initiative** (*activities specifically tailored to women participants*):

**Grant Opportunities** (*any grants recently applied for or anticipated for next quarter*):

**Program Speakers** (*recommended speakers with program and contact info*):

**Issues to report to State Council** (*any local issues requiring state council assistance*):

**Events to post on the [www.patROUT.org](http://www.patROUT.org) Chapters Calendar for next quarter** (*meetings, banquets, educational events, stream projects, etc.*):

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
Chapter Membership Meeting	9/20/17	King's Restaurant – Franklin, PA (6:30 PM)
Chapter Membership Meeting	10/18/17	King's Restaurant – Franklin, PA (6:30 PM)
Chapter Membership Meeting	11/15/17	King's Restaurant – Franklin, PA (6:30 PM)
Annual Fund-Raising Banquet	4/07/18	Quality Inn at Franklin – Franklin, PA ( <i>Tentative</i> )