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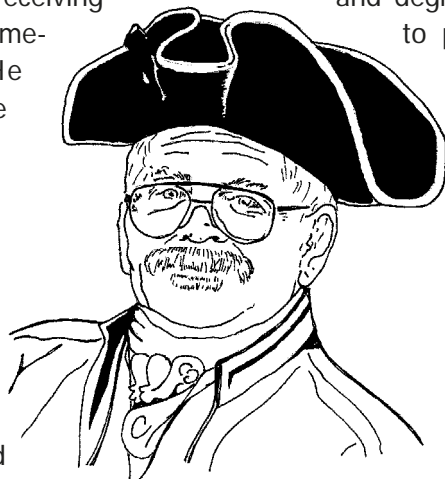
Rain Gardens and Restoration

Dusinberre Award Goes to VFTU Board Member Rich Bauer

When Rich Bauer first learned that he would be receiving the "Doozy", he was somewhat surprised. He shouldn't be—because when Rich takes charge of a project, good things happen.

Rich has come on the scene to join VFTU's army of dedicated conservationists. He has marshaled his troops to build rain gardens and fight stormwater flows.

Rich has a passion for Crabby Creek. He



Rich Bauer

has studied its variations, aggradations and degradations all in an effort to protect and restore this urban stream. Rich has become our resident expert on restoration at his own expense. He has traveled far and wide observing rivers and streams, speaking to those who have rebuilt the broken waterways.

Rich is neither selfish

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NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Wow, what a Spring. All of a sudden it is green. The flowers came on all at once and I still haven't been out to see if anything is hatching. All the cool temperatures and wet weather should be good for the streams.

The Trout Show was another successful show thanks to all the hard work of our many members who collect prizes, man tables and sell tickets and do all the other stuff necessary to pull off a great show. We netted nearly \$5,000 for our work to preserve, protect and restore the cold water fisheries of Chester County. Ed Engle was a great featured speaker and a real gentleman. We managed to speed up the processing of the raffles and end the evening a little more quickly than in past years. Thank you all

who came to the show, for without your support and ticket purchases we could not have a successful show.

The PA Fly Fishing Show held in the convention center in Valley Forge at the beginning of March was also a good event for us. It gave us good visibility and advertising for both the Trout Show and our Fly Fishing School. According to all the participants that I spoke with it was a success and everyone was looking forward to the show coming again next year. Due to several circumstances beyond our control, next year's show is moving to an exceptional venue in Lancaster, PA. Mark your calendars for March 16 – 18, 2012. The chapter is

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Points of interest:

- æ *Summer officially starts with our meeting at the pond on June 9th.*
- æ *An interview with new Fish Commissioner Glade Squires.*
- æ *Is doing the "right thing" always the right thing to do?*
- æ *Congratulations to Rich Bauer—our newest Dusinberre Award recipient.*
- æ *A walk down main street...*



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PREZ NOTES

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planning a presence at the show.

A Family Affair

Our annual Fly Fishing School was, as usual, a fun filled educational experience for all of us—students and instructors alike. It's a long day but it's also a great day. We had a full class this year with a great mix of students which included children ranging in age from ten up with mom and dad. And folks came from New Jersey and Allentown to attend and chow down on the great meals that Paradise Farm Camp provides for us. Although the weather forecast was dire and I worried all night as rain pelted my windows, Sunday was a tolerable weather day and we stayed dry most of the day. I would say the class was a success as several new students caught their first trout on a fly during the guided fishing portion of the day. For me, the Fly Fishing School is the most enjoyable of all the events we do. Thank you to everyone who made the day a great experience, and a special thanks to organizer John Detrey – great job John.

We have a new redesigned website. It is still at the same address but it has a new look. Take a peek at www.ValleyForgeTU.org. Please give us your feedback on what you like and what you don't. The website is much easier to update and maintain so our hope is that we can keep it current and fresh and full of information of value to you.

Orvis Days

The Chapter set up a display at Orvis, Downingtown in support of the store's Orvis Days on April 16. Beginning in May and for two Sundays per month ending in July we will be assisting in casting instruction for Orvis 101 Fly Fishing. We are in need of help to fill some of the days so if you have a spare couple of hours on a Sunday give Jim Ferrier a call at 610-436-4232. You don't have to be a great caster to help out. All you

A REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

In conjunction with our new, updated website we are trying to upgrade our service and communication with you our members. If you received an email notice about our June Picnic that means we have your address and no action is required of you. But if you did not receive the picnic notice via the information highway then you should send Pete Goodman an email. Send it to Peteg@bee.net.

need is the desire to help out. There are quite a few students signed up for these courses so please consider giving Jim a call.

Spreading the Message

The Chapter through various members have done presentations and performed outreach to a fairly wide audience. Spring is always a good time to do this with the improved weather and Earth Day events occurring. Some of the places we have presented are the Enviro Club of Phoenixville Middle School in conjunction with Green Valleys Association, Earth Day Awareness Event on the Vanguard Campus in conjunction with the Tredyffrin Township Environmental Advisory Council and Stream Health program at East Pikeland Elementary School.

While at the Vanguard Earth Day event I noticed a landscaper's banner that read "Enhancing the American Landscape Since 19__". I couldn't help but think that we, VFTU, have been protecting, preserving and restoring streams and dreams in Chester County since 1976. This is a huge accomplishment. We were green when green was only a color, not an entire movement.

There are five trout streams within twenty minutes of my house, one of them is wild. Think about it. It is amazing to me.

Help!

Please volunteer. We need you to become active. We need your skills. Each of you brings something unique that we need to be a better, stronger more viable organization. Volunteer on your schedule and make an impact. Use the contact form under the contact tab in our website (www.ValleyForgeTU.org).

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ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Projects, Progress and Happenings in the Valley Creek Watershed

The Chester County Conservation District is selling Rain Barrels. Hurry, there is a limited supply left! To reserve your rain barrel, or for more information please call Tammy at (610) 925-4920 x 100.

April 20, 2011 was Earth Day at Vanguard. Kathie Jackson from Tredyffrin Township's EAC and Pete Goodman manned a table and spoke to folks about rain barrels and other stormwater controls for individual home owners.

Valley Creek Stream Cleanup

Plastic, lots of plastic, bags and bottles. Our original cleanup date of April 23 was rained out. It was postponed until Sunday, May 1. We had a total of 22 participants who collected and estimated 550 pound of trash over 6 plus miles of Valley Creek and its tributaries. Three groups participated, Valley Forge Trout Unlimited (organizer), AmeriCorps volunteers from Valley Forge National Historical Park and Boy Scout Troop 76 Frazer. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 76 and the AmeriCorps volunteers for a job well done. Thank you too, to the townships, East Whiteland and Tredyffrin, who appropriately disposed of the collected trash.

Valley, Crabby and Felt Soles

In response to the notice I sent out regarding the stream cleanup a chapter member responded by saying it was a good idea but wouldn't it also be a good idea to ban felt soled waders in Valley Creek. I had to admit that the idea has merit and that we should all be considerate of spreading any sort of non-native organisms into the waters we fish. Even though I wish sometimes I could

regulate (if everyone would just do it my way it would be so much easier) I/we cannot. We can suggest to the PA Fish & Boat Commission that they consider the idea and we will.

There has been some activity on Crabby Creek. Several members have walked the creek recently for differing reasons. We

walked it with the new design team to determine the breadth of the project they would recommend. More recently it was walked with Restoration Manager from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and later with the Executive Director, Victoria Laubach of Green Valleys Association who has obtained a grant for trees which are to be planted in the Crabby Restoration area.

A meeting with Steve Norcini, Tredyffrin Township's Director of Public Works, was held to determine the impacts on Crabby Creek due to sanitary sewer repairs or reconstruction which will be designed in the near future. Their contract for the engineering firm to do this work is to be approved at the May 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting in Tredyffrin. We will have a representative present.

Slip Ramp Update

Regarding the PA turnpike's widening project from the Route 29 Slip Ramps (construction has started on the Slip Ramp Project), to the Valley Forge Interchange, the Turnpike finally addressed some technical questions that we had proposed last summer in a one-on-one meeting with the Valley Creek Coalition on April 1. At that meeting it was disclosed that the Turnpike would be submitting their application for a stormwater permit in August (we hear now that is September) to DEP. We provided a position statement to the PA Turnpike Design Roundtable stating that we felt that the current plan did not meet the anti-degradation requirements of the PA Code and that we recommended the roadway be built with a reduced median of 16 feet wide (which was originally being considered) in lieu of their current proposed 26 foot wide median.

Marcellus Watch

Lastly, Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction - This is the

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Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

The Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and restoring trout habitat throughout Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Its 750 members and affiliates are engaged in the fight to preserve our precious coldwater resources. All similarly inclined persons are invited to join. Refer to the membership application form found in the back of this issue of **BANKNOTES**.

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LIVING WATERS

A Comedy of Ethics

Joe Armstrong once said, "There is a right and a wrong way to do things, and if you do it wrong you are never going to get it right!" Since we started the Frac Action Coalition of South Eastern Pennsylvania to keep streams clean and safe, I've been struggling with the difference between doing things right by seeking to get natural gas drilling effectively regulated, and feeling I'm right and others are wrong. When Irene and I were traveling in Costa Rica, one night at a bat research center I learned how important it is to keep a sense of humor and avoid the temptation to self-righteousness.

Bats of Costa Rica

It was a dark night in Sarapiquí, noted center of tropical rainforest study. A young researcher explained how they caught bats in mist nets, calmed them, took vital statistics, and then released them—except for a few they kept for a little while to show to visitors like us.

Our little group of travelers were led inside and settled down in a conference room, where our researcher and educator introduced us to the bats of Costa Rica. We learned about bats that ate fruit, insects, and even blood—a world of night life I had known little about. A European couple in the back of the room who had joined our group for the presentation

seemed upset, interrupting the teacher several times. Our lecturer, a young woman, calmly responded to the objections, and then continued her presentation.

Then, one species of bat after another was carefully taken out of a small cloth bag by a second researcher, who held the bat so we could see teeth, faces, wings, and tiny feet. Lights flashed as several in our group took pictures. "No! No! No!" said the woman. Suddenly her partner abruptly rose and left the room. I could not make sense of why the couple was upset, and wondered if they were cattle ranchers who hated blood sucking bats.

Presentation over, we went outside to see the bats released. Immediately we heard animals screeching in the trees overhead! "It's kinkajous, fighting!" our guide exclaimed. Flashlights were directed into the trees as everyone tried to see what was going on.

Suddenly someone was shining a bright light right in my eyes. It was the woman who was so upset. "How do you like it?" she shouted at me. Now I have been an outdoorsman all my life, and nobody shines lights at me that mess up night vision. I was surprised, angry, and grabbed her flashlight. She pulled away, and the man from our group who had been a sports coach then tried to take the light from her. The woman's partner approached, ready for a fight. Tourists in their 70s in a fight? Absurd—so we backed off and everybody calmed down.

All at once a kinkajou hit the ground with a heavy thump, followed by the other. They raced away, one after the other. Each bat was then released from its little cloth bag, able to find its way to its home in the rainforest even though the tree was miles away.

A Comedy of Ethics

When I awoke the next morning and thought about what happened, I realized that the couple were probably ani-

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THE FLY
FISHING
Show

A big "THANK YOU" to Chuck Furimsky and all of the VFTU members who volunteered to work at our table. The PA Fly Fishing Show was a huge success!

PREZ NOTES

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A need that we have going forward is a color printing connection. We have lost our contact at one of our local corporations and no longer have access to free color printing. Previously this company printed 11x17 posters for raffles, playbills and posters for the Trout Show and the Fly Fishing School Handbook. In the future we will have to pay for these if we don't find another free or reduced cost printing source. This just diverts money to pay for printing that could be used for stream protection, habitat enhancement and other direct mission costs.

If your company or your place of business has a print shop or does a lot of printing, we would appreciate any help you can be to introduce us to the person in charge. Our editor Tom Prusak creates print-ready files—so it's just the printing we need help with. Contact me at 610-827-7619 or Tom Prusak at 610-593-2365.

An Interview with Glade Squires

On March 22nd I had lunch with Glade Squires, president of West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association and the region's new Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. The lunch afforded the opportunity to talk with Glade regarding his duties as commissioner and some other issues of interest.

Glade enlightened me as to the structure of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC). It has ten commissioners, eight are geographic fish commissioners and two are boating commissioners at large. Glade is the Southeastern regional commissioner covering a nine county area of Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Northampton, Lehigh, Berks and Schuylkill. These nine counties represents 1/8 of the geographic area of the state but a whopping 1/3 of the population.

Congratulations, Glade, on your appointment as the Southeast Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission commissioner. What do you see as your role as the PFBC commissioner from the Southeast? **"My role is clearly defined due to the Strategic Plan that was adopted and sponsored by Commission president Bill Worobec. Our job as commissioners is to set policy as recommended by PFBC staff."**

What are the biggest issues for the PFBC? **"The biggest issue is alternative funding outside of licenses and**

registrations. The PFBC has a number of high hazard dams that are in critical need of repair. One consideration is the leasing of PFBC land for mineral rights in the Marcellus Shale areas. The PFBC has +/- 32,000 acres of land, and leasing the gas rights without impact to the land surface is under consideration."

What does "Resource First" mean to you? **"It means whatever we do as an agency, the aquatic resource, the fish and the boating opportunities, must be protected, enhanced and conserved, first and foremost."**

Where do you see the funding stream coming from for the PFBC? **"The agency needs a fee to assure a constant funding stream, perhaps paying for water use."**

In your view what is the role of the following groups in aiding the PFBC in what they do?

Fishing and Sportsman Clubs (fishing, hunting, shooting, etc.). **"They are important because of their membership and they, the membership needs to talk to their elected representatives to support the PFBC. They are also very important in getting today's youth into the sport of fishing and into boating."**

Environmental Clubs and/or Organizations. **"They are the front line, grassroots to protect the resources, the streams, rivers and lakes."**

What do you see as West Valley Creek's biggest problem/s? **"There is too much water at the wrong time and too little water when it is needed."**

Is there a solution? **"Build deflectors, harness the power of excessive runoff flows and reduce bank erosion. Hot water is a problem in the summer."**

What do you think of making "no-kill" a permanent regulation on Valley Creek? **"I would let the PFBC staff look into it and make recommendations."**

How do you feel about special regulation trout waters? **"I think that they provide an enhanced experience and that they don't represent a large amount of the water available for fishing."**

What is the role of stocking in the overall strategy of the PFBC? **"It is a big part of what we do. In 2009, 4.2 million trout were stocked. Of the 4.2 million trout**

Owen Owens

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mal rights activists, maybe from Germany or France. They felt we were not treating the bats the way we'd like to be treated. I thought to myself, "They were probably right—nobody likes to have light shined in their eyes."

Yet they were so sure they were right. Does being right license disrespect? Here were Costa Rican scientists trying to protect bats by studying them and protecting their habitats. Was it right to interrupt a young educator as she tries to effectively communicate to a group of Ameri-

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stocked, 161 cooperative nurseries across the state, like West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association and the Brandywine Trout Club, stocked 1.1million trout. In addition 48 million warm water species such as large and smallmouth bass, walleye, American shad, hickory shad and musky were also stocked."

Are you a boater? **"Not currently but I have had boats in the past."**

What is the role of the PFBC in the Marcellus Shale activity? **"Primarily it is to protect the resource. Also in conjunction with this is our role to investigate accidents and provide law enforcement as required. The PFBC is not doing well site inspections. The PFBC must review every permit application made for Marcellus Shale wells but has no means for charging a fee for this work. Right now we have college students supporting the commission's effort to assess "wild trout" streams in the state and to map streams that were previously un-mapped."**

Where do you stand on impacts to game lands and forest fragmentation as a result of the Marcellus Shale drilling? **"Well you know about the under five acre exclusion that exempts the drillers from strict erosion and sedimentation controls. We won't know the impact for several years."**

What is WCFG&W's role in the Valley Creek Coalition? **"Historically we have been and remain an advocate for Valley Creek and a strong member of the Coalition. John Johnson handles most of those interactions for us based on his history and passion for Valley Creek."**



Thanks, Glade. It was good to spend time with you.

Pete Goodman

can tourists in English, her second language? Was it right not to honor your elders—even when you feel they are a bit misguided?

The event was amusing. Imagine well to do American tourists having lights shined in their eyes (I learned later the woman had done it to my wife and another lady in the group, which I did not notice because I was looking up at the kinkajous). Imagine seniors in their upper 70s almost getting in a fist fight with ethical activists from another country! Imagine going to a presentation to learn about bats in the rainforest, and being so offended by how the little creatures are treated you find yourself doing something you never thought you would!

"People speaking three different languages, from different cultures," I reflected. "Had we been able to listen to each other, we could have learned and even become friends. I remembered Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," but this was a comedy of ethics—each feeling in the right, and never getting to know each other.

CONCLUSION

When you seek to get natural gas drilling effectively regulated in Pennsylvania, and feel small and powerless, you are tempted to say, "There's a right and wrong way to do everything. I'm in the right and, therefore, you are wrong!" I learned again from our comedy of ethics in Costa Rica, however, that no cause, no matter how righteous, justifies disrespect. As Carl Dusbierre taught us, a little humor now and then keeps us humble—and a little easier to live with!



Owen Owens

VFTU GENERAL MEETINGS

Fairfield Inn—Lionville

Just north of Exton on Rt. 100
General meetings are held the
second Thursday of each month

7:30 PM

September through May

EDITORS JOURNAL

Sporting Gentleman

A great fly shop is just around the corner on Main Street, USA

This past weekend I took a ride to Media, PA to visit with our good friends at the Sporting Gentleman. I parked my car on busy West State Street and as I headed across the street it struck me that their establishment is becoming a last of its kind. Situated in the middle of a small town on the outskirts of a large city—



it's a place where you can stop in to talk fishing, find out what's hatching, and pick out a new fly line or a few of the "must have" ties before heading across the street to deposit a check and making a quick run to the corner store. I like small towns, and especially the entrepreneurs that work so hard to keep their small businesses thriving in the shadows of strip malls and big box stores.

I am selling a few of my dad's cane rods that I finally decided I will never fish, and hoping they will land in the hands of some fisherman or fisherwoman who enjoy the feel of a lively trout on six strips of bamboo. Christine and Barry at the Sporting Gentleman sell hundreds of fly rods each year—in addition to everything else you need to hit the streams—including many of the classic cane variety. So it was a clear choice for me as to who would sell my rods.

The Sporting Gentleman has been in business for almost forty years, and for as long as I can remember the shop has supported VFTU with prizes and gift certificates for our fundraising events. Our TU chapter is very fortunate to have Christine and Barry's ongoing support. And remember to thank them when you stop in to buy that new rod or reel.



Tom Prusak

2011
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For more information contact:

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Duz Award

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with his time nor his vast knowledge, whether the topic is fishing, restoring or monitoring our waters. He has done presentations for membership meetings of fishing adventures in Alaska and the Rocky Mountain West. He has presented lessons learned from Crabby Creek at the Schuylkill Watershed Congress. Rich has devoted countless hours to furthering the mission of Valley Forge TU.

General Bauer—George Washington and Carl Dusinger thank you for your work, as do all of the members of Valley Forge Trout Unlimited. Welcome to the honor roll of Dusinger Award recipients.

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Environmental Update

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most serious environmental problem facing Pennsylvanians today. It seems that not a week goes by that there is not a report of another incident, accident, spill or explosion. Headwater trout streams cannot withstand the onslaught of industrial activity, stormwater and erosion impacts even if done correctly. A report I saw not too long ago stated that it took only and impact of 3% impervious cover to destroy a wild brook trout population – 3%! Many of the streams I fish or have fished are at risk. The record of the last two years tells us that we neither have strong enough regulations nor do we have adequate inspection and policing of the drilling activities. Let your elected officials know where you stand on the issues related to Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction. We need the energy but we need our natural spaces too. The natural places and their attraction will be around long after the gas is gone if we protected them.

Pete Goodman

ON THE STREAM

Summer 2011

Watch the water temperature—when temperatures break 70 degrees catching and playing a fish can be deadly.

Summertime is terrestrial time. Be sure to have a good supply of ants, beetles, crickets, hoppers and weenies in several sizes—large and small.

If you only have a few hours to fish—get on the stream at first light. The cooler water temps and low light conditions will help bring more fish to the net.

If trout fishing is slow, try the lower stretches of your favorite streams. Bass and panfish are fun to catch and they take many of the flies you carry for trout.

Youth Education

Five TU members from three different chapters in the southeastern region of the state, including VFTU's own David Macaleer, teamed up on Friday, April 15th to teach fly casting to a group of 24 students at Boyertown Area Senior High School in Boyertown, PA. The instruction was part of a new course within the school's Fitness and Wellness Department (formerly Health and Physical Education) and was designed by fitness instructor Adam Lieb, a five year veteran of the faculty.

In addition to Macaleer, the other participants were Bob Ballantyne, who is retired from teaching biology and physiology at the high school, and TU members Scott Lechki, Ken Tietjens, and Ron Weidner. Lechki and Weidner are members of the Tulpehocken Chapter and Tietjens belongs to the Perkiomen Valley Chapter.

Three days prior to the session Ballantyne spoke to the class using a Power Point program titled "The How and Why of Fly Tying." Using a Joe's Hopper as an example, a series of slides were presented illustrating the tying of that fly. Following that another series of pictures were used to take the students on a pictorial excursion into fly fishing in Yellowstone National Park.

The school had received a grant from the Highmark Healthy High 5 Foundation to obtain some materials and equipment for the course. Ten fly rods were included in the purchase. The session was held indoors in one of the school's gymnasiums because of wind conditions. The class was divided into five groups of 4 to 5 students each and each group was coached by a volunteer, several of whom added to the equipment by bringing a fly rod of their own. The flies that were used had their hooks removed for safety purposes.

According to Lieb, such courses are part of what he called, "The future of physical education." Lieb holds a teaching degree from East Stroudsburg University and a master's degree in exercise physiology from West Chester University. His student teacher and a school administrator who are experienced fly anglers also assisted in the instruction.

The volunteers all enjoyed the roles they played, perhaps summed up by Tietjens' comment: "I got as much out of this as the kids did. It was really fun."

Bob Ballantyne

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Valley Creek Workdays

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When?

Saturdays following our general meetings

Where?

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Why?

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Enclosed is my employer's matching contribution gift form. This is in addition to my membership application and payment.

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Please select membership category:

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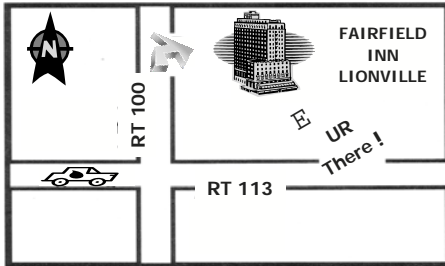
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