

newsletter was **FLAWED**, so the election must now (sadly) be **REPEATED**. Group members should please clip and return the ballot below, by Feb 28, to: Sierra Club Group Ballot, 2400 Hudson Terrace #5D, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

GROUP BALLOT for North Jersey Group Executive Committee:

Vote for four candidates maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual" members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both columns. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Betsy Kohn at 201-461-4534.)

Hugh Carola
 Michael Herson
 Monica Maye
 Tom Thompson
 Write in: _____
 Write in: _____

Your membership # _____
(found on the address label of this newsletter or your SIERRA magazine)

Hudson Meadowlands Group

(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

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Publicity: Open position!
Political Chair: Open position!
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NEWS: Keep up with Group happenings at warp speed! Please send your e-mail address to Steve Lanset (slanset@hotmail.com) and you will be added to our distribution list. We are especially trying to network members who share similar environmental interests and to call meetings on shorter (two or three weeks) notice than usual. We are currently working on the Bergen Arches, Liberty State Park, and green transportation issues. Members are invited to help with these or other local issues. For those interested in our open volunteer positions, please contact Steve Lanset, at 201-860-9870, or at slanset@hotmail.com.

GROUP BALLOT 2003

Hudson-Meadowlands Group: Candidates for Group Executive Committee:

Vote for five maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual" members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both columns. Please clip out and mail ballot to H-M Sierra Group, PO Box 347, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Place your name and return address on outside of envelope to establish eligibility to vote. Deadline for submitting this ballot: Jan. 31, 2002.

Bob Honsinger
 Don Koczynski
 Steve Lanset
 Tina Munson
 Louise Taylor
 Write in: _____
 Write in: _____

Essex County Group

(Essex County)

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ACTIVITIES: Working to preserve wetlands in the Passaic River Basin and remaining forested areas in Essex County. Continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way. Addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues.

****OPENINGS**** The Group has openings for those interested in our Environmental Justice Campaign, our Wetlands Campaign, and for those who interested in recycling and consumption issues! For those interested in helping please contact Rich at 973-716-0297, or at risaax@aol.com for details!! Thanks!!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Held at 7pm the first week of the month. Please contact Rich at risaax@aol.com or 973-716-0297 for the location and day of the week, which may vary.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 pm on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month at the Verona Park Boathouse, corner of Lakeside and Bloomfield Ave., Verona (unless otherwise specified). For directions, please call Sue, 973-564-9589.

Jan, 2003: No meeting scheduled

Feb: No meeting scheduled

Mar 13: Can't remember the last time NJ had a white Christmas, or when you could keep your windows open during the summer months without getting heat stroke? Join Marc Brammer, founder of New York Climate Rescue (NYCR), for a slide show presentation on the science behind global warming and a discussion on how you can help make a change for the better. NYCR is a citizen-based action group, which is focused on climate change initiatives and concrete actions to make the metropolitan New York area "climate neutral".

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties)

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The Loantaka Group welcomes the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves at one of our general meetings. We have some interesting programs coming up. Please see the meeting schedule which follows and join us!

Members are encouraged to attend an Executive Committee meeting. Currently, there are open positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested in becoming more active, please contact Paul Sanderson.

To join our mailing list, send a blank email to: Loantaka-Group-Announcements-subscribe@topica.com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Meetings are held on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams. We invite you to join us.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Meetings are held on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm in the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St. (Route 124), Chatham. Everyone is welcome! Library phone: 973-635-0603

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Jan 8, 2003: Emily Ferry, who is the Mid-Atlantic Field Organizer of the Alaska Coalition, is the scheduled speaker.

Feb 12: To be announced. Please refer to the website.

Mar 12: Penny Jones Recycling Education Specialist with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, is our scheduled speaker.

Apr 9: To be announced. Please refer to our website.

May 14: Bonnie Tillery, NJ Sierra Club Chair on Population Issues, will speak.

Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County, parts of Somerset and Middlesex)

WEBSITES:

- www.sierraactivist.org
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GENERAL MEETINGS:

We hold our meetings at the Mary Jacobs Library in Rocky Hill the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month from September to June. We meet in the community room on the second floor at 7:30pm. We welcome everyone at our meetings and hope you can participate in some way. We are involved in many conservation issues at the local, state and national level.

Driving Directions: North on Rte 206 to just beyond Princeton Airport. Turn right (or east) at traffic light on Rte 518. Travel east on Rte 518 which becomes Washington Street as you go into Rocky Hill. Library will be on left (setback from road). Park in lot and come to second floor community room. South on Rte 206 past Montgomery Cinema and Shopping Center on left. At next intersection, get in left lane (WaWa on corner) and turn left on Rte 518. Travel east on Rte 518 which becomes Washington Street as you go into Rocky Hill. Library will be on left (setback from road). Park in lot and come to second floor community room.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Jan 8, 2003: Dr. Thomas Darlington, former cranberry grower and owner of Whitesbog Village will offer a glimpse into the history of the cranberry and blueberry industry in the Pinelands. Whitesbog was the location where blueberries were first grown commercially. Join us for a slide program and discussion.

Feb 12: Linda Barth, the author of the recently published Arcadia book, The Delaware and Raritan Canal, will present a slide talk about the canal. A director of

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