



*Founded 1983, we are an award-winning chapter of Trout Unlimited:
1989 Gold Trout Award, Best TU Chapter in the World;
1990 Silver Trout Award, Best TU Chapter in the Northeast U.S.,
Best Chapter in Pennsylvania and Best National Membership Increase;
1992 and 2005 Sam Slaymaker Award, .The Gusher. newsletter
recognized as the Best Chapter Newsletter in Pennsylvania*

THE OIL CREEK GUSHER

The newsletter of the Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited #424 www.oilcreektu.org Spring 2012

Dear Member's

Enclosed are the raffle tickets to be sold for the 2012 Spring Banquet. We appreciate your efforts and support in making this raffle and banquet a continued success. If you need additional tickets, please contact:

Ticket Chairman - Walter Zinno 724 544 6331 – waltzinno@yahoo.com

Note: If you do not plan to attend the banquet, please make arrangements for delivery of the proceeds and ticket stubs. You can mail your check and stubs to OCTU, P O Box 366, Franklin, Pa 16323.

Some examples of our recent activities include:

- Aquarium set-ups for local schools that are now included in the T.U. National "Trout in the Classroom" program. We now support seven local programs, with the addition of Meadville School District.
- Continuation of our commitment to provide scholarships to area students who are studying in the environmental field at Clarion University.
- The installation of numerous in-stream devices to combat bank erosion and provide trout habitat on Little Sandy Creek in Venango County, and the new Ross Run Children's Area in Forest County. Our most recent work can be seen on our website.
- Participation in the Venango County Youth Field Day by introducing children to fly-fishing and fly-tying.
- We send successful applicants to youth environmental and conservation camps.
- We provide trout for supplemental stocking in area waters.
- We provide Trout Unlimited National memberships to fourteen local high school and middle school libraries, along with five public libraries.
- We conduct classes that introduce both youth and adults to the art of fly-tying.
- We provide support to the Venango County Conservation District.



*You Are Invited To Attend Our
29th Annual Conservation*

Banquet

March 31, 2012

*Quality Inn & Conference Center
Liberty St., Franklin, PA
Social Time 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Adults : \$35
Children 12 & Under : \$15*

**Ticket Order
Deadline for
Early Bird
Drawing:
March 21, 2012**

Door Prizes, Raffles, Auctions, Fun for All!

Proceeds benefit the Oil Creek TU Chapter's local work to provide better trout fishing recreation for families and improve the quality of our area's coldwater resources.

*Please accept my reservation for the March 31, 2012 banquet
RAFFLE*

of the Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

SEATING

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of adults _____ @ \$35/ea. = \$ _____

Number of children _____ @ \$15/ea. = \$ _____

Total enclosed (check or M.O. payable to OCTU) = \$ _____

Mail coupon to: OCTU, P.O. Box 366, Franklin, PA 16323

Orders postmarked before 3/21/12 qualify for the Early Bird Drawing!

**PURCHASE A TABLE
OF 8 OR MORE; YOU
RECEIVE \$100 IN
TICKETS.....FREE!!**

LIMITED

**IS AVAILABLE, SO
BUY YOUR TICKETS**

EARLY!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHAPTER BANQUET, EITHER FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BANQUET AND TICKETS, I CAN BE CONTACTED AT 814-437-5550 OR E-MAIL @ tandeyoung@verizon.net --Tom Young, OCTU Banquet Chairman.