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**Cover Photo**  
Pennsylvania Winter

Photo by Bruce Lacy

## Chair's Corner

Mary Ann Fajvan, Allegheny SAF Chair

When I became Allegheny SAF Chair in 2010 I became the 69<sup>th</sup> person to assume this role over the last 88 years. I was so honored to join the historical ranks of our Founding Foresters, including our first Chair, Gifford Pinchot (1922-23). When I pass the gavel to Rachel Billingham at the 2012 winter meeting (February 15-17) our historical records will indicate that we were the first two women to serve in the role of Allegheny SAF Chair. I have really enjoyed my service to SAF and I encourage all of you to consider volunteering to run for office or to serve on the various committees. Allegheny SAF is currently looking for a volunteer to serve as chair of the Education Committee. Please check our website for more information about the duties of this position and contact me if you are interested in considering this opportunity.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to congratulate the newly elected Allegheny SAF officers for 2012-13, and thank the Tellers Committee, Chaired by Gary Miller, for handling the election logistics. Our new Chair-Elect is Mike Kusko from the Keystone Chapter. Steve Resh from the Maryland-Delaware Division will begin his SECOND TERM as Treasurer. Kathryn Arano from the West Virginia Division will be joining the Executive Committee along with three returning members: Ned Karger from Northern Hardwood Chapter, Bob Webster from Maryland-Delaware Division and Cecile Stelter from the Plateau Chapter. I would like to express my thanks to all of the members who volunteered to have their names on the ballot and congratulate the membership for taking the time to vote. We actually had above average participation.

I also encourage everyone to attend the Allegheny SAF winter meeting, February 15-17, 2012 in Clinton NJ. The New Jersey Division has organized an excellent program on '21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges to our Forests and our Profession.' Attendance at our regional meetings is a great way to learn about forestry issues in a neighboring state and to catch up with colleagues. Please consider bringing an item for the silent auction and the Forbes art contest. Registration materials are included in this issue of the *Allegheny News*.



I would like to thank the Allegheny SAF for allowing me to serve as your chair for the past 2-years. I have learned many new skills about running meetings, negotiating issues and being patient! These skills were tested back in November when I chaired a bilingual meeting of the North American Forest Commission Silviculture Working Group. The meeting was held in San Felipe Bacalar, Mexico and included other conservation groups and landowner associations from the local area. Many of the issues we discussed were very similar to those we deal with in our region, except that the local groups' focus was on mahogany regeneration problems instead of oak. The photo shows me "hugging" a mahogany that was left as a seed tree.

GOOD LUCK TO THE NEW OFFICERS. ADIOS AMIGOS!

**Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, February 15-17, 2012  
'21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges to our Forests and our Profession'**

**Holiday Inn Select, 111 West Main Street, Clinton, NJ 08809 (908) 735-5111  
(8.0 SAF CFE Cat. 1 credits; 5.0 ASCA CEU's)**

The New Jersey Division, ANSAF cordially invites you to attend the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting at the Holiday Inn Select in Clinton, New Jersey February 15-17, 2012. Historic Clinton is situated in the beautiful 'Hunterdon Hills' of northern New Jersey, and is very conveniently located on Interstate Route 78 just 15 miles east of the Delaware River. The theme of the meeting is '21st Century Challenges to Our Forests and Our Profession'. Pertinent and important management, social/political, and economic issues will be addressed by a range of highly qualified speakers. Eight SAF CFE Category 1 credits are available. Historic Clinton offers a number of first-class dining opportunities. Winter recreational opportunities such as cross-country skiing and snow shoeing are available at nearby Round Valley Reservoir. The famous Flemington shopping outlets are a 15 minute drive, and New York City is a one hour drive. So take a break, make the trip, and renew acquaintances. We'll look forward to seeing you in February!

**Wednesday February 15, 2012**

- 2:00 PM Registration Desk Open – Hotel Foyer
- 2:00 – 5:00PM Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting – Hoff's Mill Square
- 6:00 PM Icebreaker Social Reception (cash bar) - Revolution Lounge

**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Registration Desk Open – Hotel Foyer  
Reginald E. Forbes Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction setups,  
Continental breakfast – Hunterdon Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 – 8:15 AM **Welcome to the Hunterdon Hills** – Michael LaMana, Chair, NJ Division  
ANSAF – Hunterdon Ballroom
- 8:15 - 8:40 AM **Opening Address** – Lynn E. Fleming, NJ State Forester

**SESSION I: MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES**

- 8:40 – 9:30 AM **Forest Management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Landowner** – James E. Hubbard, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, USDA – FS

- 9:30 – 10:15 am      **Silvicultural Planning and Threatened / Endangered Species** – Michael Schofield, Forest Manager, Chesapeake State Forest, Maryland DNR
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM      \*\*Break, Art Show voting, Silent Auction, and visit with Exhibitors - Hunterdon Ballroom Foyer
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM      **Atlantic White Cedar Management and Restoration** – Dr. George Zimmerman, Stockton State College, Stockton, NJ
- 11:00 -11:30 AM      **Forest Management for Fire Protection on a Parcelized Landscape** – Michael Drake, Acting State Fire Warden, NJ Forest Fire Service
- 11:30 – 12:00 PM      **Biological Control of Invading Biota** – Mark Mayer, Supervising Entomologist, P. Alampi Beneficial Insect Rearing Laboratory, Ewing, NJ
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM      \*\*Buffet Lunch – Hunterdon Ballroom (Art Show voting and Silent Auction continues, visit with Exhibitors)  
**SESSION II: POLICY / SOCIAL CHALLENGES**
- 1:00 – 1:50 PM      **The Challenge of Maintaining Working Forests in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America** – Amos Eno, Executive Director, Resources First Foundation and Project Director, Private Landowner Network, Yarmouth, ME
- 1:50 - 2:40 PM      **Keeping the Forestry Profession Relevant in Changing Times** – Dr. Michael Mortimer, Director of Natural Resource Programs, Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment
- 2:40 - 3:00 PM      \*\* Break, Art Show voting closes, Silent Auction continues, visit with Exhibitors– Hunterdon Ballroom Foyer
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM      **Forest Management and Private Lands, a NJ Case Study in the Evolution of Regulations** – Michael LaMana, SAF, Heartwood Consulting, Toms River, NJ
- 3:30 – 4:10 PM      **Social Media as a Tool for Forestry Professionals** – Reggie Woodruff, Media Relations Officer and Social Media Manager, USDA - FS
- 4:30 PM      Student Quiz Bowl – Regina Room  
6:30 PM      Social / Cocktail Hour– Revolution Lounge (Silent Auction continues)
- 7:00PM      Banquet (registration required) – Hunterdon Ballroom  
Guest Speaker: Anthony Mauro, Sr., President, NJ Outdoor Alliance  
**'Color the Green Movement Blue'**.

**Friday, February 17, 2012**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM      Chair's Breakfast ('The Sacred Tree – A Chat on Celtic Spirituality' -The Rev. John C. Belmont - registration required) – Regina Room  
Continental breakfast – Hunterdon Ballroom Foyer

8:00 – 8:45 AM State Society Business Meetings  
 8:45 – 9:45 AM Allegheny Society Business Meeting  
 9:45 – 10:00 AM \*\* Break , Silent Auction continues, visit with Exhibitors –Ballroom Foyer

**SESSION III: ECONOMIC CHALLENGES**

10:00 – 10:30 AM **Wood Pellets – An Answer for Low Grade Hardwood Utilization?** – Jeff Nichols, Great American Pellets, Palmerton, PA  
 10:30 – 12:30 AM **Panel Discussion and Q&A – The Pros and Cons of Forest Certification on Private and Public Lands** (Dr. James Grace, Former PA State Forester and Current Goddard Chair, Penn State University ; Ken Kane, Consulting Forester, Keith Horn Forestry, Inc. ; Paul Harlan, Vice-President, Resources, Collins Pine Company)  
 12:30 – 12:40 PM Closing Remarks – Michael LaMana, Chair, NJ Division, Adjourn  
 Silent Auction close/settlement

**Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting Feb 15-17, 2012 at Holiday Inn Select, Clinton, NJ**

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 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Additional Registrants Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting registrations are due by February 1, 2012. A late fee of \$15.00 applies to all registrations postmarked after February 1. No registrations will be accepted after February 11, 2012. Registrations include Icebreaker, Thursday and Friday continental breakfasts, Thursday lunch, and breaks. Chairman’s breakfast and banquet are extra.

SAF Member:	_____	@ \$ 85.00	=	\$ _____	(See below for room reservations)
Non-Member:	_____	@ \$ 110.00	=	\$ _____	
Student:	_____	@ \$ 50.00	=	\$ _____	
Exhibitors:	_____	@ \$ 175.00	=	\$ _____	
Chair’s Breakfast:	_____	@ \$ 10.00	=	\$ _____	
Banquet:	_____	@ \$ 35.00	=	\$ _____	
Sponsor a Student:	_____	@ \$ 50.00	=	\$ _____	
Late fee:	_____	@ \$ 15.00	=	\$ _____	
<b>Total enclosed:</b>			=	\$ _____	

Make checks payable to: NJ Division, ANSAF Contact Elizabeth Faircloth: (732) 833-9816 or [elizabfair@aol.com](mailto:elizabfair@aol.com). Return this portion to: Elizabeth Faircloth, Treasurer 2 Dewberry Drive Eastampton, NJ 08060-2515

**Room Reservations: Block room rate \$89.00/night (plus taxes). Reserve directly with The Holiday Inn Select at (908) 735-5111 ([www.hisclinton.com](http://www.hisclinton.com)). The Holiday Inn is located at Exit 15 off of Interstate 78, Clinton, NJ**

## Allegheny SAF Election Ballot

**Chair Elect:** Mike Kusko  
Jonathan S. Kays

**Secretary:** No candidates

**Treasurer:** Steve Resh

**Executive Committee:** Vote for 4 but no more than 2 in each State

Robert Webster, CF (MD)  
Brent Harding (PA)  
Cecile Stelter, CF (PA)  
Ned Karger, CF (PA)  
Kathryn Arano (WV)  
Dennis Galway, CF (NJ)  
Craig Kane, CF (NJ)

**Council District 7 Representative:**

Kim Steiner (PA)  
E. Lynn Burkett (National Capitol)

## Allegheny SAF Election Results

The Tellers Committee has certified the new Allegheny SAF officers for 2012-13:

**Chair-Elect:** Mike Kusko from the Keystone Chapter

**Treasurer:** Steve Resh from the Maryland-Delaware Division

**Executive Committee:**

Kathryn Arano from the West Virginia Division,  
Ned Karger from the Northern Hardwood Chapter,  
Bob Webster from the Maryland-Delaware Division  
Cecile Stelter from the Plateau Chapter.

**Council District 7 Representative:**

Kim Steiner

Voter turnout was above average, with over 225 electronic and paper ballots cast. Thanks to all candidates for their willingness to serve and congratulations to all new officers!

## **Presidential Field Forester Award for 2011 Presented to Dan Hedderick**

Daniel Hedderick, Maryland DNR Forest Service Forester for Allegany County recently received the Society of American Foresters Presidential Field Forester of the Year Award. This was one of eleven such awards presented by the president of the Society of American Foresters at the National Convention held in Honolulu Hawaii.



Dan Hedderick, Maryland Forest Service Forester for Allegany County  
Is shown receiving the Presidential Field Forester of the Year Award from  
Society of American Foresters President Roger Dziengelski at the  
SAF National Convention in Honolulu Hawaii. Also present were Dan's family  
Angela, Katy and Alex.

This award is presented annually to the eleven most deserving foresters in the nation, one from each Society of American Foresters district. The award goes to the field forester who best demonstrates the qualities the award recognizes. Desired qualities include evidence that the forester has practiced forestry in a truly outstanding manner through the use of unusual talent, skill and innovative methods. The forester must understand and use science along with adaptive management processes to achieve landowner objectives in the context of promoting forest sustainability and the forester must be recognized locally or regionally by peers for excellence in the field application of forestry.

Dan Hedderick is responsible for managing over 200,000 acres of private forest land in Allegany County, Maryland. His duties range from working with local governments to assisting private landowners with Stewardship Plan development and implementation. Dan manages all forest fire activities including prescribed burns and suppression. He is involved in tree planting including riparian forest buffers, reforestation, and urban plantings.



Dan has been working with local loggers and mills on biomass harvesting and was the first to bring the topic to the MD DNR Forest Service Western Region. He created the Working Woodlot Initiative funded by a USDA Forest Service Forestry Innovation Grant. This initiative studied the biological, social and economic aspects of small scale harvesting on small woodlots. The primary goal was to provide these owners with assistance, including ecosystem service markets, and strive to find the answers to their land management challenges. He developed a guide titled *Small-Scale Harvesting a Guide for Landowners, Land Managers and Forest Product Operators*. Dan also partnered with Stuart Moss from West Virginia University to publish their manuscript titled *An Economic Evaluation of Small-Scale Timber Harvesting Operations in Western Maryland*.

Dan pioneered the Town Creek Ecosystem Management Project which continues today with funding from the EPA Special Rivers Grant. As part of this project, Dan developed the *Town Creek Long-range Planning Guide for Ecosystem Management*. He formed a group, the *Town Creek Ecosystem Management Project Steering Committee* with the goal to promote responsible stewardship. The 12 person committee consists of 8 citizens and 4 government representatives from Maryland and Pennsylvania. The Town Creek Ecosystem Management Project assists the residents of the Town Creek Watershed in both states in achieving their goals for the Watershed by facilitating partnerships, helping generate interagency cooperation, and encouraging voluntary projects. Data has been collected on natural systems to look at the big picture on the 97,645 acre watershed so that better decisions and recommendations can be made.

Local governments are now required meet a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Dan was able to describe 7 tree planting programs that will help the City of Cumberland, City of Frostburg and the Allegany County Government obtain TMDL credits to meet their TMDL reduction goals.

Dan has been involved with the invasive species challenge by working on studies with universities and students. He first assisted a student from West Virginia University on invasive species spread at a logging job by evaluating harvested and un-harvested areas with limestone soils. Dan also mentored a University of Maryland grad student team on a Capstone Project examining the financial capability of controlling invasive species using cost share funds and landowners capital.

Dan's creativity, ability and drive to help private landowners and his achievements and contributions to the profession of forestry are significant. Not only does he practice forestry from his position as a forester, he also practices on his own 300 acres of private certified forest land. Having the challenge of managing his own forest land has made him a much better forester that gives him credibility with landowners. Dan clearly is a forester with a passion for the profession.

**Congratulations to Dan for winning this prestigious award!**

# SAF National Convention in Hawaii

## Trip of a Lifetime

*By: Daniel B. Hedderick, Project Manager/Forester  
MD DNR Forest Service*

Early in the summer of 2011, I went to Ocean City, Maryland to speak at the Lutheran Synod meeting about the benefits of forestry. During my time on the beach with my extended family, we reviewed the nomination application for the SAF Presidential Field Forester award that was sent in by Bob Webster via Kenneth Jolly. As we looked over the nomination, agenda and location for the 2011 SAF National Convention, I became excited about the fact that I might have a chance to go to Hawaii. I told my immediate family that if I was to be selected for this award we would all go to Hawaii. When I received two letters from SAF congratulating me on being selected for the 2011 Presidential Field Forester award, I told the family, "It looks like we are all going to Hawaii!"

We traveled to Pittsburgh to catch a plane; dressed for Hawaii during the first snowstorm of the year. After de-icing, the flight departed only to get stuck in Chicago due to mechanical difficulties with the plane. When the announcement came 7 hours later that we could board the plane, a man from our flight stood up and danced on a chair in the airport, happy and relieved that we were leaving Chicago.

After a total of 20 hours of travel and delays we arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii. The first thing I noticed when we left the airport was metal shields in the trees. I asked our driver what the shields were and he told me it was for protection from the mongoose. I learned later in the week that Oahu has a large non-native population of rats, and mongoose was brought in to control the rats.

Unfortunately, the rats are nocturnal and the rats and mongoose have never met. This left native birds as easy prey for both the non-native rats at night and to non-native mongoose during the day; hence the need for metal

protective sleeves to keep these critters away from the roosting birds. Throughout the week, I could see many sleeves that were damaged by tree climbing spikes. I could only guess that this was from the pruning of nuts that could fall in the urban environment, causing both vehicle damage and danger to the pedestrians. The fruit isn't like our acorns and nuts; these are large coconuts. I'll leave that to your imagination if one of those was to fall in your direction. This gave me pause and respect for the importance of urban forestry.

After getting settled, it was a few days until we saw other foresters and the start of the convention. We ventured out to investigate and tour the island. Our first stop was the rainforest. We were ready for a wet environment and, yes, it rained for the second half of our guided hike. We traversed the mountain rainforest to a waterfall. Once we finished some amazing photos it



Dan with son Alex, wife Angela and daughter Katy

started to rain hard; so much that the trails became a torrent of rushing water. Our family thought nothing of it, but for some of the visitors from an urban area of the United Kingdom it was a real adventure. My daughter grabbed a large leaf to shield her head and stripped off her shoes; the rest of the family went barefoot as well. Now I understand the native dress code; there is no staying dry at all!

Next stop was Diamond Head volcano above the famous Waikiki Beach. This was just a few miles from the rainforest, but a very different world. The arid region on the island was so dry that a match would have changed our visit in a hurry. All the vegetation was dry and dormant, awaiting the rainy season soon to come. Once on the summit of Diamond Head we could see the rainforest to the north and the rains from a distance that would come and go over time. The blessing we received from the rainforest was the multiple and recurring rainbows that developed as the mist from the rainforest blew across the island to the arid areas. These rainbows were a regular occurrence each day as we stood in the sunshine on Waikiki.

The convention started and it was a pleasure to see foresters arriving from around the country. Even though I could not possibly know them all; one could just tell who they were and we would all smile and acknowledge that we had something in common. During the week I would enjoy many delightful walks between the Hilton Hawaii Village Resort and the Convention Center. I took every opportunity to enjoy the outdoors even if it was just a walk between sessions.



Dan and Ken Jolly arriving at the Convention

For a first time attendee, it was necessary to visit the SAF Store after registration. Books and clothing are just what a traveling forester needs. After purchasing several shirts and a jacket my family and I had a nice walk back to the resort. I looked over the registration materials and found a large booklet entitled *Last Stand: The Vanishing Hawaiian Rainforest*. The booklet, produced by the Nature Conservancy, was a real treat and great for the coffee table at home. The conference and meetings for these 1,100 attending foresters was held between the resort and convention center. Transportation was provided every few minutes, but the walk was much needed for both enjoyment and exercise after sitting and learning for long hours.

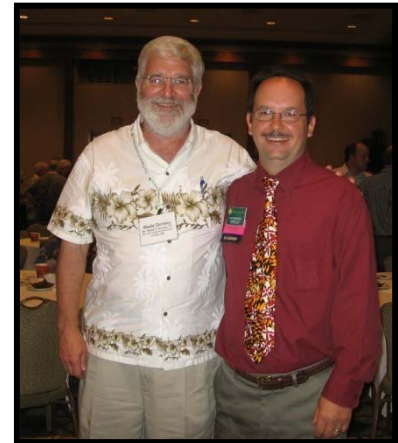
The opening ceremony was one to remember. Native Hawaiian dancers from a local high school were worth the trip. Dance was used to tell stories when this area had no written language. The best presentation on that first day was by Governor Abercrombie and I will remember it for a lifetime. Was Governor Abercrombie just a good speaker or did he really understand the issues of forestry? I will never know the answer to that question, but he had our attention as he pounded his fist on the podium and spoke about the rain following the forests and how Hawaii relies on that rainfall. Being on an island in the middle the Pacific Ocean gave me new insight into resource management.

Twice during the convention I reviewed the poster presentations, one of which hit close to home. A few students from Penn State were working on finding a species that could replace the hemlocks we are losing to hemlock woolly adelgid. After picking their brains for information and listening to their presentation I walked away knowing the future of our profession was in good hands.

With Penn State on my mind, I checked the bulletin board and found a note that PSU was having an impromptu alumni gathering at a local restaurant and pub. My son and I found the location and stopped long enough to say “hi”. We made a few more acquaintances and headed back to the resort, leaving the late nights for the younger generation.

The majority of my time I spent listening to presentations on certification and ecosystem services. The challenges for private land on both of these topics are great. Making them a reality will be the challenge for the future. I look forward to both of these taking hold during the remainder of my career.

The Foresters Forum started at 6:30am on Friday morning, which was easy for those of us from the East Coast with our 6 hour difference in time zones. The Presidential Field Foresters Awards were presented at this time. Although not required to make a statement, I wanted to thank those that were a part of the nomination process and thank SAF for 20 years of good experiences. After the Foresters Forum I thought a lot about both the strengths and weaknesses of SAF. As I return to my position with the local SAF chapter as Continuing Education Chair for the MD & DE Executive Committee, I am stronger from my trip and can help SAF build upon its strengths and improve its weaknesses. During the Foresters Forum the realities of the challenges that lie before us as a professional organization rang loud and clear and we stand ready to help move the profession of forestry forward!



Wade Dorsey and Dan at the Foresters Forum

Friday night I ended my stay in Hawaii with a luau and fireworks display that was delightful. The foresters gathered at the grassy lawn and the poolside for the grand finale of the “Year of the Forest” as designated by the United Nations.

As we boarded our shuttle to the airport the next day, others were extending their stay to take advantage of the field trips and additional educational events. Since it was my first National Convention, the 21 hours of travel and layovers of planes, trains and automobiles gave me time to reflect on what I had learned. I hope that others will have that same experience as SAF prepares for Spokane, Washington in 2012! Thanks SAF!

## Scientists Discuss Oak Regeneration at Kane Forum

Text and Photo by Ted Lutz  
Kane Republican Staff

Three scientists studying oak regeneration in Pennsylvania spoke Thursday at the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum at the Kane Country Club. The speakers included Dr. Patrick Brose, a research forester at the U.S. Forest Service lab in Irvine near Warren, and Dr. Gary Miller and Dr. Kurt Gottschalk, both based at the U.S. Forest Service research facility in Morgantown, W.Va. More than 100 area professional foresters attended the forum, which is held twice a year in Kane. Forestry students from Penn State University also attended the program.



Ned Karger, Steering Committee Chairman for the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum presents the traditional black cherry Biltmore sticks to the speakers, (l. to r.), Dr Patrick Brose, Dr. Kurt Gottschalk, and Dr. Gary Miller.

In his talk, Brose said the scientists "knew right away" that studying oak regeneration would be "different" than studies on other species in the state's forests. He pointed out that the research looked at the development of oak seedlings in various settings included those where timber had been recently harvested and at areas left "uncut." "None of the oaks survive or grow in uncut stands," Brose said. He said black oak and red oak "grew the most in the final cuts." However, he said "competition" with other species for survival "quickly became a problem." Brose said new "decision charts with

sequences of silvicultural treatments" are needed to "foster oak seedling growth into competitive size classes while keeping interferences and competition at bay."

Miller devoted his part of the program to "the effect of over-story density, herbicides, deer fencing and prescribed fire on oak seedling development." According to Miller, the "treatments" such as herbicides, fencing and fire" are needed "before parent trees are harvested." The strategy is to "restore and sustain oak forests after parent trees are harvested," he said. Miller showed slides to illustrate his point that oak seedlings have virtually "no chance" of surviving in areas where the over-story greatly reduces the amount of sunlight reaching the forest floor. He said research shows that a combination of treatments-- fencing, burning and spraying with herbicides-- increases oak regeneration. During the study, the scientists already have used 24 different treatment combinations, Miller said. According to Miller, the fencing of plots to keep deer from browsing led to "better survival" for the oak seedlings.

Gottschalk's talk centered on what he termed "the name of the game"-- advanced oak regeneration dominance possibilities in Pennsylvania. As Gottschalk pointed out, oak regeneration varies throughout the U.S. as well as throughout the Pennsylvania study area, which includes 33 stands of trees. Gottschalk said the oak regeneration study began about 12 years ago.

Since the study began, research teams have "tagged" 6,235 oak seedlings to track their progress. Sprouts on another 1,776 oak tree stumps also have been "tagged," he said. Gottschalk said "it's still too early" in the study to "get good dominance probabilities" because the oak stands have yet to reach "crown closure." He said the scientists don't yet know whether oak seedlings in the study will be "winners" or lose out to other species as they grow. "We will continue to measure the stands to year 10 and perhaps even longer to year 15 or 20," Gottschalk said.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry is "partnering" with the U.S. Forest Service scientists in the research project on oak regeneration. While oak continues to be an important hardwood, it also provides acorns for wildlife in the state's forests.

Ned Karger, the land manager at Kane Hardwood, is the chairman of the Steering Committee for the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum. Following the program, Karger presented the traditional black cherry Biltmore sticks to the three guest speakers. Elkwood Arts of Ridgway for the first time supplied the sticks. The next Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum will be held in April, also at the Kane Country Club.

*This article was reprinted with permission from Ted Lutz and the Kane Republican.*

## **April Roach Bauer Forestry Forum**

The April Roach Bauer Forestry Forum will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Kane Country Club in Kane, Pennsylvania. Dr. James Grace, current Goddard Chair at the Penn State University School of Forest Resources will be speaking on "Emerging Trends in Forestry". For more information, contact Ned Karger at [nkarger@collinsco.com](mailto:nkarger@collinsco.com) or 814-837-0121.

## **New Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training**



This session is for any forestry professional interested in being eligible to inspect and certify properties as Tree Farms. Those individuals wishing to become inspectors must attend a face-to-face certification training session. The training course provides CFE contact hours towards SAF Forestry Continuing Education. Help the American Tree Farm System get good forestry on more private acres by becoming a Certified Tree Inspector. There is no charge to attend this session.

**Tuesday, March 20** 6-9 pm Forest Resources Building, Room 105, University Park  
Pre-registration required. Contact Dave Jackson, Penn State Cooperative Extension- Centre County at 814-355-4897 or [CentreExt@psu.edu](mailto:CentreExt@psu.edu) to register or for more information.

## District VII Council Report

By Ken Jolly, District 7 Council Representative

Happy New Year Greetings to all! This will be my final Council Report to the Allegheny membership, as my three-year term as your District VII Council Representative has come to an end, effective December 31, 2011. Kim Steiner was elected to serve as your District Council Representative for the next three years, 2012-2014. Please be sure to communicate any concerns that you would like Council to address in the year ahead to Kim, and he will be sure to follow-up with you!

Council held its final meeting of 2011 at the National Convention in Honolulu, on October 31 and November 2 (due to Convention logistics, the Council meeting was scheduled around the Nov. 1 date of the House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting, which allowed Council members to attend the HSD Meeting). Council has also been actively conducting business via conference call and email following the Convention meeting, primarily focused on approval of the 2012 Budget. The following is a synopsis of the items covered by Council during this time period:

- ◆ *SAF Budget and Finances*: Council is again grappling with the challenging financial situation facing SAF, and is considering the possibility of approving another deficit budget for 2012 (which would be the third consecutive deficit budget in a row). As of the time I'm writing this Report, the final SAF budget for 2012 has not been approved, although Council did approve a motion authorizing the EVP to pay ordinary expenses to maintain SAF operations until the budget is finalized. It is anticipated the 2012 budget will be approved in mid-January, after Council makes a final decision on the inclusion and/or exclusion of various budget items that are still under deliberation.
  
- ◆ *"Wild Acres" National Office Property Update*: This item is another major issue that has occupied a significant amount of Council and staff time during the year, as SAF is actively engaged in marketing the asset value of the property for the membership. The property is jointly owned in a complex legal relationship with the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRFF), which has made marketing the property more challenging. However, progress is occurring, and if everything proceeds as anticipated, an announcement to the membership concerning the property will be forthcoming in 2012. (Confidentiality is required until all of the details have been finalized).
  
- ◆ *Policy*: Council approved two Position Statements – Federal Tax Treatment of Private Forest Land and The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program. Council also reviewed progress on various policy efforts, including the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Decision re: logging roads as point sources, and next steps in regards to the recently completed report from SAF's Task Force on Climate Change Offsets and Use of Forest Biomass for Energy.

♦ *“Good to Great” Strategic Planning/Strategic “Clarity”*: As I mentioned previously in my March 2011 Council Report, Council officially approved a concerted effort to integrate “Good to Great” (“G2G”) concepts into SAF’s Strategic Planning effort (“Good to Great” is a best-selling organizational management book authored by Jim Collins). After spending significant time on this effort at the June Council meeting, the Council Strategic Planning sub-committee and key National SAF Office staff members met in September in Detroit to work with a consulting firm (Quicksilver Foundry) to develop the “Brand Framework” for SAF. The brand framework aims to authentically distill what SAF is as an organization, and what the organization aspires to be – e.g., to create “Strategic Clarity.” It then becomes the decision principle or the lens that is used to examine organizational opportunities and helps SAF to stay on course. The preliminary results of the September meeting was presented both to the full Council and the HSD delegates at the Convention, and was very well received. In fact, HSD approved a recommendation for Council to continue to pursue the G2G strategic planning/strategic clarity effort, which Council will be doing in 2012. Both HSD and Council worked on answering 12 Questions to create a “Wild Success Statement” as part of the “next steps” to advance this effort at their respective meetings.

♦ *International Forestry*: Council approved a new Charter for the SAF World Forestry Committee (WFC), which designated the WFC as the appropriate SAF Committee to administer the Bob and Ann Gregory Award selection process (the Gregory Fund provides financial support to international foresters to attend the SAF National Convention). The new Charter also added the responsibility of interacting with the International Network of Professional Forestry Bodies as part of the WFC’s official duties.

♦ *National Convention*: Council received an up-date on the Honolulu Convention, which was very well attended, especially in consideration of the difficult economic situation and various state and federal agency travel restrictions. The focus of the technical presentations and plenary sessions on the International Year of the Forest were particularly well received. Council also reviewed the plans for the 2012 Convention in Spokane, and approved the location of the 2014 Convention in Salt Lake City (note: the 2013 Convention location was approved at a previous Council meeting for Charleston, SC).

♦ *New “Tiered Dues” Structure and “Discount” Incentive Program*: Council reviewed the Communications Plan to roll out the new “Tiered Dues” structure – which at this point is “old news,” and hopefully all current SAF members are now familiar with the new dues structure. However, you can point prospective new members to the SAF webpage for details of the new dues structure at [http://www.safnet.org/documents/service\\_level\\_packets.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/documents/service_level_packets.cfm). A preview of the new discount incentive program, which will provide a substantial membership discount to both the new member and the recruiter over a five year period, was also presented to both



Council and HSD at the Convention meeting – however, several changes still need to be incorporated into the new SAF membership database before the discount incentive will be fully active – look for more information on this in the year ahead! Keep in mind that both of these efforts – the dues re-structuring and the discount incentive program – are part of a **bold initiative** to give current SAF members two “**new and exciting tools**” to recruit and re-instate new members who may have previously objected that “SAF dues cost too much” – that’s definitely no longer an issue!! National membership at the silver tier is only \$95 – of course, there is an additional fee for membership in the Allegheny Section – but this is **absolutely** the “**best deal in town**” and is definitely a very affordable price for membership in the only national organization that is solely focused on promoting the interests of professional foresters!!

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your representative to Council for the last three years. I’ve had an opportunity to interact with many dedicated SAF members over my term of office, and my Council experience has truly been a rewarding professional experience. I’m now looking forward to continuing my involvement with SAF as a “regular member,” and looking forward to enjoying the next Allegheny Winter Meeting in New Jersey – hope to see you there!!

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## In Memoriam

**EDWARD A. LEMPICKI**, 63, passed away May 11, 2011 at Ocean Medical Center. Born and raised in Perth Amboy, NJ, Ed lived in Brick for the last 30 years. After graduating from West Virginia University in 1970 with a forestry degree, Ed devoted his career to the New Jersey Forestry Service and retired on July 1, 2010. Much of his 36 ½ year career was focused on marketing and utilization. The last 10 years he served as the Chief of the Bureau of Forestry. Ed also taught as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University Cook College. An active member in Allegheny SAF, Ed served on the NJ Division Executive Committee from 1976-1977. A memorial tree planting was held in Ed's honor on September 29, 2011 at the Forest Resources Education Center in Jackson, NJ.



Ed was a parishioner at St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church, enjoyed traveling to St. Maarten, fishing, snorkeling and spending time with his family. Survived by his wife of 40 years Donna Poll Lempicki, his children Kimberley Vidovich and husband Bryan; Jeffrey and fiancée Melody McKelvey; sister-in-law Diane Diaczyszyn and husband John; brother Ronald Lempicki and wife Nancy; sister Bonnie Honachefsky and husband William; brother-in-law Wayne Poll and wife Roseanne; sister-in-law Linda Puca and husband Salvatore and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**GEORGE KOECK**, 74, of Hamilton Township, NJ, died Sunday, October 23, 2011, in St. Francis Compassionate Care, Trenton, with his brother William by his side.

Born in Newark, NJ, George was a Penn State University forestry graduate and resided in Trenton for over 40 years. He retired in June 2011 after 45 years of service as a principal forester with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Forestry. He was also a proud member of the Catholic Alumni Club.

George was survived by his brother, William, of Simpsonville, SC, and a close friend, Joyce Stanko. George had a great love for animals and requested that memorial donations be sent to Tabby's Place, 1100 US Highway 202, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

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## Coming Events

### February 2012

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting,  
Clinton, NJ

### March

15 Deadline for the Spring 2012  
Issue of the *Allegheny News*. Send  
Microsoft Word articles and JPG  
photos to [ansaf@comcast.net](mailto:ansaf@comcast.net)

20 New Tree Farm Inspector  
Certification Training  
University Park, PA

### April

19 Roach Bauer Forestry Forum  
Kane, PA

### June

15 Deadline for the Summer 2012  
Issue of the *Allegheny News*. Send  
Microsoft Word articles and JPG  
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### August

8-10 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting  
Lionville, PA  
Hosted by Valley Forge Chapter  
*Mark your calendars now!*

### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2013: Western Gateway, PA

Summer 2013: Keystone, PA??

Winter 2014:

### Future SAF National Conventions

**2012:** Spokane, WA – October 24-27

**2013:** Charleston, SC – October 27-31

**2014:** Salt Lake City, UT – October 8-12

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