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**Save the Date:**

**Jan. 11**– SCRIP board meeting, Gander Mountain, 9:30am

**Jan. 19**– Green Drinks, Boulevard Grill (tentative), 5:30-7:30pm

**March 4**– Nature-Works, Bottleworks, 10am-2pm

**March 5-6**– PA Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations, Ramada Inn, State College

**March 30**– SCRIP Scholarship deadline

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# Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project

## SCRIP's 25th Anniversary Celebration with a Green Drinks Event

by Len Lichvar



**Former SCRIP Board members Rob McCombie, left, and Dave Sewak at the Anniversary event.**

Photo by Len Lichvar

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of SCRIP was celebrated with a special “Green Drinks” event on September 22, 2016 at Asiagos Tuscan Restaurant in Westmont. A crowd of over 75 interested citizens as well as many former SCRIP board members and others who have been associated with SCRIP in the past attended.

SCRIP Chairman Len Lichvar hosted the formal portion of the program by introducing current and past SCRIP Board members and enabling them and many others to say a few words about what the positive impacts of SCRIP have been and continue to be in regard to the revitalization of the region’s waterways and economy.



**Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway, left, and SCRIP Vice Chairman Joe Gorden celebrate SCRIP's anniversary. This year also marks the 150th Anniversary of the creation of the Fish and Boat Commission.**

Photo by Len Lichvar



January 19, 2017  
5:30-7:30 pm

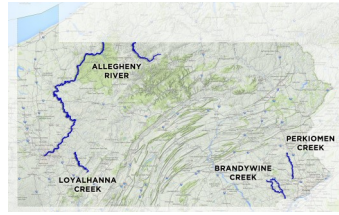
*Tentatively set for:*  
**Boulevard Grill**  
**165 Southmont Blvd.**  
**Johnstown**



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What is Green Drinks?  
The Green Drinks movement is an informal network for anyone interested in or working in conservation, economic sustainability, or other related fields.

## Vote for the Loyalhanna Creek as 2017 River of the Year



The Loyalhanna Watershed Association just celebrated its 45th anniversary this year and a fitting tribute would

be winning 2017 River of the Year award. It is in the running with Allegheny, Brandywine, and Perkiomen Rivers. At the end of three weeks, the Loyalhanna River is in third place behind the Allegheny River and Perkiomen Rivers. There is still time to catch up since **voting does not end until December 19.**

The Loyalhanna Creek originates on the western slope of Laurel Ridge, south of Ligonier Township, and flows northwest through Ligonier, Latrobe, New Alexandria, and finally on to Saltsburg where it meets the Conemaugh River. Together, they form the Kiskiminetas River, which flows into the Allegheny River.

**To vote:**

**<http://pariveroftheyear.org>**

## 2017 Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations



Add it to your calendars now! The Pennsylvania Statewide Conference for Watershed Organizations will be held March 5-6, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA. This well-attended, and highly-received conference was last held in 2010, so event organizers have a lot of new stuff to share. With a theme of "**Watershed Connections: Bringing Communities Together**", three simultaneous tracks will feature Organizations' Capacity Building, Citizen Monitoring, and Technical Resources to help your group reach new heights. And of course there will be ample networking time for environmental non-profits across the state to mingle, meet funders, and interact with governmental agency representatives. We hope to see you there.

## SCRIP \$500 Scholarship

The Stonycreek Conemaugh River Improvement Project will be awarding a \$500 Scholarship to a worthy student for the current academic year. Deadline to submit is March 30, 2017.

### Eligibility—Applicant must:

Either be a dues-paying SCRIP member or the child of a SCRIP member

Reside in one of the counties that includes the Kiski-Conemaugh Basin (Armstrong, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, or Westmoreland). Residency means the student lives in or is a resident at a school in one of these counties.

Be in an accredited environmental field of study at a Pennsylvania college or university.

### How to Apply:

The application should contain these three parts:

**Part I-** A cover sheet with the following information: name, mailing address, email address, phone number, college or university attending, year and course of study

**Part II-** A typed statement, double-spaced, 12 pt font size, no longer than two pages explaining applicant's professional goals, how the course of study will meet those goals and any involvement to date in the field.

**Part III-** A copy of applicant's latest transcript

Applications must be received by March 30, 2017. Please send to: SCRIP, Scholarship 2017, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963. Award notification will be no later than April 30, 2017.

Award check will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office at the college or university.

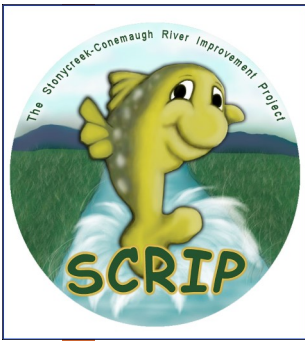
Award recipient will be required to inform SCRIP of his or her personal academic achievements, graduation and future career plans in article form for publication in the SCRIP newsletter. This information will be used to assist with promotion of any future SCRIP scholarship awards.

*Any questions about eligibility or other parts of the application should be addressed to SCRIP at: [info@ScripPA.org](mailto:info@ScripPA.org).*

### Join or renew\* SCRIP today!

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\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime (\$1000)

Make your check payable to **SCRIP**, or for a tax-deductible contribution, make the check to **Southern Alleghenies Conservancy/ SCRIP**. \* *If you are not sure of your membership status contact SCRIP's secretary at 814-444-2669 or [mreckner@kcstreamteam.org](mailto:mreckner@kcstreamteam.org).* Send donations to: **SCRIP, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963**



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 a coalition of grass-roots groups and local resource agencies working to  
 restore and promote the Upper Conemaugh watershed.

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