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Dear David,

At the end of every year, the Chairman of the Board/President writes a review of the accomplishments of the Federation over the past year. This year is no different. During the effort to preserve our heritage and review our past, I came across a letter.

In my first year of membership with the Federation, the President of Sevenstrand Tackle Manufacturing Company, Philip T. Clock wrote in an open letter to the Federation:

“The FFF can be a powerful weapon against apathy. Let us hope the organization can stay away from management bureaucracy and the deadly scourge of personal egos that so efficiently undermines and destroys even the finest of intentions. Let us hope that even though we are called the Fly Fishing Federation, that we are willing to fight for those of us who from time to time roll a salmon egg, draw a worm or spinner. Let us hope that in coming years we will not be afraid, that our principles won't be compromised, and that we will always know how to tell it like it is.”

From the back cover of *The Fly Fisher* magazine, Summer 1968

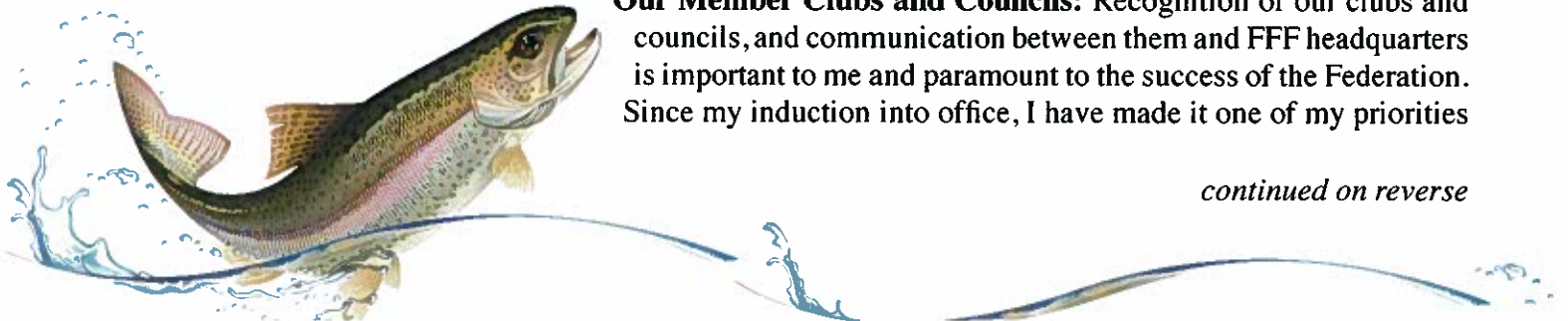
Mr. Clock's writing still rings true today. It's through your support that we fight environmental indifference and work for the betterment of the fly fishing community.

We belong to the only international fly fishing organization which is the voice of our sport around the globe. Our organization is present in sixteen foreign countries through the efforts of our Casting Instructor Certification Program. Certified instructors act as our ambassadors and through their efforts we have provided educational opportunities in places like Japan, Malaysia, Denmark, and Sweden.

On the home front, the Federation works with disabled veterans and made the decision to create a new life membership for them, with a pin distinguishing their honorable service. We also support *Project Healing Waters*, a charity dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying education and outings. The Federation also backs *Casting for Recovery*, an organization dedicated to providing fly-fishing retreats specifically tailored for women who have or have had breast cancer. It is through your generosity that we have been able to assist in these endeavors. We lend our support through the national office as well as through our local clubs and councils.

**Our Member Clubs and Councils:** Recognition of our clubs and councils, and communication between them and FFF headquarters is important to me and paramount to the success of the Federation. Since my induction into office, I have made it one of my priorities

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to visit our fifteen councils, so far I have met with ten. In 2012, I will call upon the last five. To my knowledge, I am the first to take on this task. Through my travels I have been reassured that our members are in good hands with the councils.

FFF headquarters provides grants through our councils for local and national conservation projects. The national office provides \$1,500 while the council provides a match of \$1,500. Each council has the ability to determine the amount of grant money to fund various projects, as long as the total does not exceed \$3,000. In 2011, the FFF funded 21 conservation projects. If your club has a conservation project which needs funding, please contact your area council.

**Our Youth Education Program:** We continue to provide training, technical assistance and materials to individuals and clubs instructing youth about basic fly fishing, tying or conservation efforts to improve our fisheries. Any FFF club can receive five fly rods, line and reels to use in their youth program within their community. The cost is minimal and your contributions help us administer the program for our clubs and councils.

The FFF encourages *Trout in the Classroom*, a school program which exposes our youth to aquatic ecology while teaching them responsibility. Each student has a one-day responsibility to take care of the classroom fish tank. When all the fish reach the fingerling phase of maturity, the students visit a local creek or river to release the trout. Education is an investment in our children, ensuring enjoyment of quality fishing opportunities for future generations.

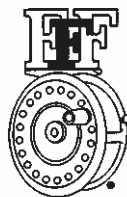
**Our Future:** We cannot achieve our mission without your financial backing. The struggle continues, with added complications due to the current economy and apathy regarding our natural resources. If we are to preserve our fly fishing and tying heritage and natural resources, now is the time to contribute; continue to fight while staying the course to protect our lands through education, conservation, and restoration.

The Federation of Fly Fishers is committed to the education of our youth and the preservation of the world's natural resources. We demonstrate conservation ethics through fly fishing and aid in the development of our adolescents in becoming responsible citizens. A minister once told me that if you teach a person to fish, that individual will learn how to live their life with patience, anticipation, responsibility, and conservation—our goals. We need your support.

Respectfully yours,



Philip Greenlee  
Chairman of the Board/President



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