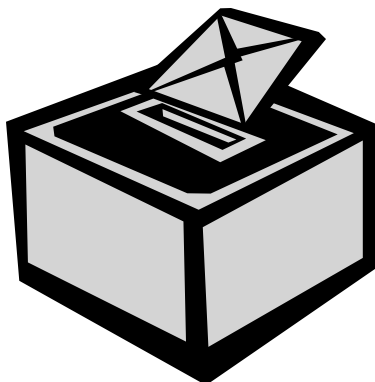


Orange-Chatham Group Sierra Club

<http://nc.sierraclub.org/ocg/>

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Political Endorsements



The Sierra Club has endorsed the following candidates for elected office. The club supports candidates with demonstrated knowledge of environmental issues who will provide strong leadership on matters such as growth and conservation. We encourage Sierra Club members and any local residents who care about the environment to support these candidates in the upcoming election.

U.S. President and Vice President

Barack Obama and Joe Biden

U.S. Senate

Kay Hagan

U.S. House of Representatives

District 2: Bob Etheridge

District 4: David Price

District 13: Brad Miller

North Carolina Council of State

Governor: Bev Perdue

Attorney General: Roy Cooper

Treasurer: Janet Cowell

North Carolina General Assembly

Senate District 18: Bob Atwater

Senate District 23: Ellie Kinnaird

House District 54: Joe Hackney

House District 56: Verla Insko

House District 63: Alice Bordsen

Orange County Board of Commissioners

At-large: Bernadette Pelissier

District 1: Valerie Foushee, Pam Hemminger

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

District 1: Sally Kost

Vote for the Executive Committee!

Please read the following bios for the Executive Committee candidates and submit your vote using the ballot on the reverse by December 10. Members serve two-year terms on the committee and are responsible for setting the direction of the group and developing policies. This year, there are four open seats.

Matt Scheer

Matt Scheer is a teacher at St. Timothy's School in Raleigh, where he teaches middle school history and coaches boy's and girl's tennis. He has worked as a political and environmental activist for over a decade, serving as a member of Chapel Hill's Transportation Board and as a Democratic precinct leader.

Olga Grlic

My main interest now is energy. I would like the Sierra Club to be very active in the Cliffside debate and put additional pressure on power companies to approach conservation seriously and not as a public relations stunt. We need to be more present in the local media and appeal to the general public to counter misconceptions around "green issues". Locally, we should take advantage of the slowdown in construction and lobby for higher environmental standards for new buildings, and encourage local authorities to consider tax credits for green energy and water consumption solutions. I believe that energy issues affect most other environmental concerns and am willing to help our Executive Committee address them.



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Group Events

Attention all members: Our monthly meetings are now at Binkley Baptist Church. To get there, take 15-501 toward University Mall in Chapel Hill. If going north, turn left at the first light after Estes (Willow Dr); if going south, turn right at the second light after the Days Inn (Willow Dr). Take the first left off Willow to reach church parking. Please attend and share your ideas for future speakers and programs.

Legislative Agenda Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 7-9 p.m.

Binkley Baptist Church (directions above)

Kara Craig, Cool Cities coordinator for the state, will speak to our November meeting about the conservation and energy focus for the year and the chapter's priorities for the legislative session.

Winter Party

Saturday, December 13, 6-10 p.m.

Arcadia Cohousing

(Arcadia Cohousing is off of Hillsborough Road in Carrboro, near where it intersects Old Fayetteville Road. The address is 134 Circadian Way, Chapel Hill (*not* Carrboro) NC 27516.)

Meet other Sierra Club members for a potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Significant others, friends, and children are invited. Carpooling is encouraged. Please contact Maureen Hayes (see reverse) with any questions.

Executive Committee Meetings

Second Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

Carolina Meadows

All members are invited. Contact Judith Ferster (see reverse) for more information.

Please recycle this newsletter.

Judith Ferster

Since being appointed to the Executive Committee in 2005, she has participated in the political endorsement process and spoken for the OCG at multiple public hearings. But her main work has been chairing the Conservation Committee. The committee's first major project was to inform the membership about the efforts to correct nutrient pollution in Jordan Lake and encourage members to attend the related public hearings. The committee also arranged group meetings on energy and the "True Cost of Food" campaign, which highlighted the environmental and health consequences of food choices. If re-elected she would like to continue working with the committee and OCG as a whole on projects related to energy and transportation.

Dave Keese

I have served on the Excom for 2 years, working on the political committee in our annual endorsement process and as Treasurer. I am a long-time conservationist but spend my days as Director of Corporate IT Solutions at Quintiles, where I have IT business support responsibility for the finance and HR functions. I have served on the boards of the SPCA of Wake County and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh. As a member of the Excom I will work to sharpen our focus on key issues so that the Orange Chatham Group can make a bigger impact on our community.



Outings

Sierra Club outings are open to all. Outings are educational unless designated as a social (S). All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Ongoing Service Outing

3rd Saturdays on the Bolin Creek Trail: This is a long-term habitat restoration project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding. The difference is visible immediately, and the effect is long-lasting. We meet at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbor-net@mindspring.com or 942-9937.

Current Outings

The North Carolina chapter of the Sierra Club is forming an "Atlantic Alliance" with nearby chapters and is interested in receiving feedback on proposed collaborative outings. Please visit <http://nc.sierraclub.org/outings/o080.html> to read about these proposed future outings and express your interest!

OCT 31-NOV 2 (Fri-Sun) Piedmont Plateau Group. Not scouted. See Raider Camp Cliffs and the spectacular 200 ft Harper Falls. Originally a hunting grounds for the Cherokee, the area was logged after 1750. In 1999, it was designated part of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. About 1.5 miles from trailhead to base camp Friday, about 6.5 miles on Saturday, return from base camp Sunday. Elevations are between 2,200 and 3,000 ft. Group size is limited. To participate: (1) Fitness and experience to cover the distances and proper gear. (2) Other terms and conditions at www.nc.sierraclub.org/outings. Leader pre-approval plus \$25 refundable-at-the-trailhead deposit required. Contact Jerry Weston at takeahike@earthlink.net or 336-856-1431 before 9:00 pm.
NOV 8 (Sat) Orange-Chatham Group. Enjoy fall colors along the picturesque Eno River in an afternoon hike in the Eno River State Park. Moderate hike of 2-3 hours, includes a view of the river

from a nearby ridge and close contact as we walk along the banks and explore the remains of historic Holden's Mill. Contact Marcia Eickmeier at 919-644-1806 before 9:00 p.m.

NOV 15 (Sat) NC Chapter. Join us in Raleigh for an Outings Leader Meeting. Open to Outings Leaders, Outings Chairs, the general Sierra Club membership, and invited guests. We'll discuss our outings program and make plans for future outings. Contact Chris Plummer, NC Outings Chair, at 919-720-8125 or cplummer@nc.rr.com.

DEC 20 (Sat) Foothills Group. Take a break from the holiday season and join us for a hike in Hanging Rock State Park. The trails will give you an idea of how important our state parks are in preserving North Carolina's natural heritage as well as preserving a place of peace and solitude. We will be back in town by afternoon. Contact Henry Fansler for details at 336-473-0283 or hbjfansler@windstream.net.

International outings. OCG outings leader Peter Calingaert is leading outings to central Turkey in June, northern Peru in August, and northern India in November 2009. For details, explore <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/> or contact Peter at pc@cs.unc.edu or (919) 933-5489.

Watch for additional outings listings on our website.

Orange-Chatham Group Leaders

Executive Committee Members (year indicates end of two-year term)

- Loren Hintz (2009) **Group Co-chair and Transportation Chair**
ldhintz@bellsouth.net 933-8987
- May Becker (2009) **Group Co-chair** tomatocutter@yahoo.com 969-7439
- Dave Keesee (2008) **Treasurer** dskeesee@bellsouth.net 933-4879
- Judith Ferster (2008) **Conservation Chair** judith_ferster@ncsu.edu 929-6648
- Maureen Hayes (2008) **Secretary and Calendar Sales**
mchayes720@earthlink.net 933-3140
- Matt Scheer (2008) mws21575@yahoo.com 370-4267
- Jean Westbrook (2009) jtwdrw@hotmail.com 542-6212

Other Group Leaders

- Jason Baker **Political Chair** jason@jasonbaker.us 338-1506
- Max Felsher **Newsletter/Web** max.felsher@gmail.com 929-8937
- Paul Jones **Listserv** smalljones@gmail.com 360-7740
- Annette Jurgelski **Outings** jurge00111@gmail.com 644-0280

We have a vacancy in the position of membership chair. Contact Loren Hintz (above) if interested in volunteering.

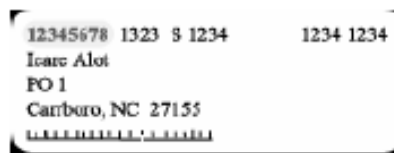
2009 Executive Committee Ballot

Please vote for no more than four:

- _____ Judith Ferster
- _____ Olga Grlic
- _____ Dave Keesee
- _____ Matt Scheer
- _____ Write-in candidate _____

Mail by December 10 to:
 Loren Hintz
 804 Kings Mill Rd
 Chapel Hill NC 27517

You must include your Sierra Club membership number on the line below. You can find it on your mailing label; see shaded area of example below.



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 Membership type (circle one):
 Single OR Joint
 (one person) (more than one)



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