

# Hiawatha *Hot Line*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We've been working diligently in preparation for our annual conservation banquet on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Considering the state of our winter, there hasn't been much else to do, after all. Tickets are available on-line, from any of our board members, and at Gander Mountain. We will also have tickets for sale at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, which by the way, should be fantastic. Please join us for this year's banquet to be held at the Downtown Radisson in Rochester on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be many fine items up for auction and raffle, including a Dave Norling bamboo rod made just for Hiawatha TU, which is always a marquis item.

The money raised at this banquet is essential to the operation of our chapter over the course of the year. Funds raised at the banquet ensure that we can take care of numerous tasks including, but not limited to--print and mail this newsletter, start and finish habitat projects, and many various projects that we take up during the year. Only because of funds raised at our annual conservation banquet can we fully take part in events like the Tri-State Outdoors Festival this summer in St. Charles, and the Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo coming up this March. Our chapter also donates money and material to youth fishing events that take place across the area.

Our chapter is currently just over 350 members. If just over half our membership came to our banquet with their spouse, we could have near-record attendance. Your donation to Hiawatha TU goes a long way!

The springs of southeast Minnesota are the lifeblood of our region's trout fishing, and Jeff Green is working on an enlightening "springshed mapping" project. He will be our featured speaker at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Please join us Monday night, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, at the Izaak Walton Lodge in Rochester (map located here on the newsletter.



## New Members

I must admit, I've been remiss in making sure new members have had a warm welcome to the Hiawatha Chapter. I'll keep up on this monthly from here on out. According to National TU, we've had 14 "new" members since January 24<sup>th</sup>. This is great news! However, I do recognize some of the names as long-time Hiawatha faithful...not that there's anything wrong with that.

Anyway, welcome aboard to all! Be sure to stop by our March meeting and get to know a few fellow TU'ers.

Wayne Bartz  
Mitch Boyum  
Brian Decker  
Steve DeGood  
Tristine Gunderson

## Mark Your Calendar!

- ✓ **March 3rd:**  
Monthly Meeting  
Jeff Green
- ✓ **March 14-16th:**  
**Great Waters Fly Fishing Expo**, Sheraton Bloomington Hotel Minneapolis South
- ✓ **April 5th:**  
The Annual Hiawatha TU Conservation Banquet.
- ✓ **March 26th**  
C & R Opener
- ✓ **April 12th:**  
Traditional Trout Opener



David Horn  
Scott Landsman  
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