

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 43rd ANNUAL MEETING
CATSKILL 3500 CLUB Inc.
April 12, 2008**

President Joe Bogardus welcomed all members and guests, including charter members (Betty Hurd #5, Peter Fish #12, Ann Clapper #13, and Rev. Ray L. Donohue #23) and past presidents (Rev. Ray L. Donohue 1969-1970, Douglas H. Robins 1997-1998, Michael Doehring 1999-2000, Wanda Davenport 2003-2004, and Geoffrey Hoderath 2005-2006) in attendance. Invited guests Peter Senterman of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and Neil Woodworth of the Adirondack Mountain Club gave brief presentations to the membership on issues in common with their respective organizations and the 3500 Club.

The President highlighted the following accomplishments for 2007:

- Continued active outings program
- Continued growth--total of about 260 registered aspirants, 44 new members and 24 new winter members. Club membership stands at 1746 members and 691 winter members.
- Prudent financial management; net income of \$666.23
- Donations made to:
 - NYNJTC
 - ADK for professional trail crew
 - ADK for advocacy
 - Catskill Preservation Coalition—Belleayre
- New club website launched
- Leadership scholarship program initiated, Wilderness First Aid training emphasized (see Jan. and April Canisters)
- Service Award proposed and approved by the membership (see below)
- Greater involvement & advocacy role on Belleayre project

A change in the Bylaws Article XIII, section 1, was approved:

(D) A service award for members or aspirants who have earned seven points by participation in service activities to benefit the club and the Catskill Forest Preserve. The categories of service and assigned points shall be established by the Executive Committee and published in the Canister periodically.

The Nominating committee proposed and the membership elected the following officers for 2008-9:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Joe Bogardus	President
Jeff Glans	1 st Vice President
Jean Taylor	2 nd Vice President
Ed Gilroy	Treasurer
Laurie Rankin	Secretary

After the business meeting, the guest speaker was Dr. William Schuster, Executive Director of Black Rock Forest, who made a presentation on “Catskill Forests and Climate Change”.