



## News from the Foothills October/November 2004

The Newsletter of the Piedmont Group of the Sierra Club

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### Sierra Club Piedmont Group Meetings

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Corner of Ivy Rd. and Alderman

*Transportation: Isn't it more than just cars?*

Please join the Piedmont Group of the Sierra Club for a discussion of all the transportation needs of Central Virginia. Contribute your ideas and become an advocate for a cleaner, safer community. Refreshments will be provided.

Please call John at (434) 973-0373 for more information.

Wednesday December 1, 2004, 7:00 p.m.  
Piedmont Group potluck supper

Please call Darren (434-971-6797) for directions.

### Upcoming National Board Meetings

The Board of Directors meets November 19-20 in San Francisco. Please submit all proposed agenda items and background materials to [Gene Coan](#) in the Executive Office by November 1. The Governance Committee Chairs, Nominating Committee, Council ExCom, and The Sierra Club Foundation Board of Trustees will also be meeting that weekend.

On February 16-20, the Board will meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the Sierra Club presence has been growing. (For more on that, see The Planet profile of local leader [Patricia Burke](#).) Anyone planning to attend should book airfare and hotel through Beyond the Bay no later than October 15.

NOTE: The [Briefs of Action](#) and [Minutes](#) for previous Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee meetings are available on the [Clubhouse](#)

### Sierra Club Calendars

Calendars are available from Audrey (293-4232) or at our meetings. Wilderness wall calendar: \$11.95; Engagement calendar: \$12.95. When you buy the calendars directly from the Piedmont Group, the money stays locally with our Group.

### Piedmont Group Officers

Chair: John Cruickshank 973-0373  
Vice-Chair: Audrey Dannenberg 293-4232  
Membership: Carol Chandross 978-4871  
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## Election Season

### Excom Elections 2004

The Nominating Committee for the Piedmont Group Excom is accepting names for positions on the Executive Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Excom and taking an active role in various aspects of leading our Group, please submit your name and a few sentences re your qualifications to:

Nominating Committee  
Sierra Club, Piedmont Group  
P. O Box 5531  
Charlottesville VA 22905

Deadline: November 10.

### Federal Elections 2004

Vote for Our Environment in the General Election on November 2, 2004

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!  
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### One More Week! (from <http://www.sierraclubvotes.org/> )

Note: This is NOT an endorsement of any specific candidate for U. S. President)

Hard as it is to believe, hundreds of thousands of environmental supporters didn't vote in 2000. How can we motivate them to vote this year?

We talk to them.

What makes the difference for infrequent voters, says Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope, is that someone asks them to vote. "Knowing that someone values your vote enough to help get you to the polls on Election Day is what can turn non-voters into voters, and occasional voters into voting addicts."

In the next [this] week, thousands of Sierra Club volunteers will go door-to-door to get out the vote. Hundreds more will participate in the "[Road to Somewhere](#)" program, going to battleground states to help knock on doors and work phone banks.

Sierra Club President Larry Fahn is one of those volunteers going across the country to help. Here's his report from Tampa:

"Things are hopping here in Florida. Voters are lining up every day this week to cast their votes early. We've recruited about 100 new volunteers for the last 13 days of get-out-the-vote effort. We recently passed the 700,000 mark for doors we've knocked on across the country, but we still have many doors to knock on and phone calls to make before November 2. [Join us!](#)"

For guidance, checkout this Web link: *Ten Ways to Make the Environment Matter on Nov. 2* at <http://www.sierraclub.org/planet/200407/tenways.asp>