

## FFV Letter from the President

This month's meeting marks quite a milestone in our club's history. The Fly Fishers of Virginia's twentieth anniversary is an event we can all be proud of. Thanks to the early efforts of the club's founders, Nat Burgwyn, George Crosby, Beverly Tucker, and Kenny Grandstaff, today, we all reap the benefits of belonging to a quality organization. Our membership has gone from a handful of members to around one hundred and forty. Through the years a lot has changed, but one thing that hasn't is the quality of our membership. I personally can say that I have enjoyed the company and friendship of all the members that I have met in the FFV.

Another constant in our club has been the focus on the advancement of flyfishing as a recreational activity (some would say lifestyle). Throughout the years we have held fly tying and rod building classes as well as special interest meetings on trout fishing. We have never veered in our mission of promoting sportsmanship and conservation of our natural resources. The FFV has helped many conservation-oriented organizations with both monetary and manpower support. I believe our fisheries have truly benefited by our generosity and commitment over the last twenty years. Another strength is the caliber of guest speakers that we have had in the past. When grouped together, they make up a 'Who's Who' of the fly fishing world.

I am confident that the Fly Fishers of Virginia will have many more anniversaries to celebrate in the years to come. This belief is anchored by the knowledge that we have a dedicated group of members, board officers, and ex-officio's who will help steer us in the right direction for the foreseeable future. I look forward to many more years of personal involvement and I hope you do too.

Our speaker for this special dinner is none other than Lefty Kreh. Lefty has joined us for several other dinners in the past and, as you know, he is a super entertaining guest. We are very lucky to have him join us, so be sure not to miss our Anniversary dinner. Remember, this dinner will be held at 'The Place' at Innsbrook. Be sure to bring a spouse or friend or two to help us celebrate what will surely be a fun and entertaining evening! I hope to see all of you there!

Tight lines

*Doug Walden*



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