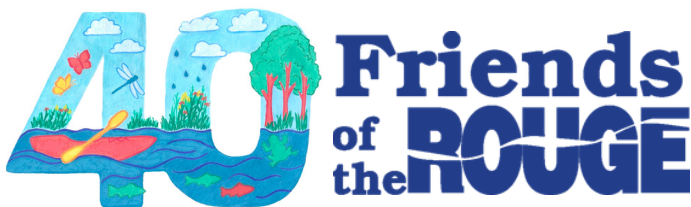


Celebrate with Friends: Awards Ceremony and Gathering on the Rouge

Wednesday, June 10, 2026



in thanks and gratitude for you



Event Program

- 6:30pm Welcome
Executive Director, Ashley Flintoff
- 6:40pm Best Friend of the Rouge Awards
- 7:10pm Honoring volunteers, members and
Friends with a decade+ of membership
Director of Development, Andrew Berg
- 7:20pm Annual Meeting
- 7:45pm Closing Remarks

2025 Best Friend of the Rouge Awardees

Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud

Mike McNulty

Detroit Councilmember Gabriela Santiago-Romero

Vicki Schroeder

Julie Rose Frentrup Outstanding Volunteer Award

You make great things possible!



What you made possible in 2025:

- 10 paddle trips were offered to outdoor experiences and access to nature
- 57,064 gallons of water (enough to fill 1,140 bathtubs!) now managed by new rain gardens every time it rains
- 58 sites examined for life in your River during the Fall and Spring Bug Hunts
- Construction began on Phase II of the Rouge Gateway Greenway
- 20,321 native plants and 1,327 trees & shrubs planted for a more vibrant watershed
- 2,782 hours of river monitoring – almost 4 months – to measure your Rouge River’s health

Stonefly Society Members

Members who give \$1,000 or more annually

Anonymous (7)
Kathy & Michael Ableson
Jennifer Adderley
William J. Bialkowski
Ruth Ann Brown
Susan Mogill-Cousin
& Peter Cousin
Sue Dorr & Debbie Hoenscheid
The Eders
Jessica Eiland Anders
Anne & Albert Ford
Jeffrey & Marilyn Gilbert
William Eisenman
& Susan Guenther
George Harmon
Bonnie & Gary Hollander
Ann & Tim Ivory
Robert & Heather Johncox
Elizabeth Lurie
Eric & Nicky Marcot
Thomas Maza & Susan Rice
Aaron Mondry
& Susannah Goodman
James Murray
Sally Petrella & Paul Stark
William Secrest & Misty Callies

Patricia & Bob Shaw
Sam Shopinski & Lisa King
Kenneth
& Sharon Snodgrass
Carol Snodgrass
Terry & Jeff Snyder
Colleen & William Sturm
Paula Trilety
& John C. Barker
Gerry & Sharon VanAcker
The Zikowski Family



Best Friends Club

Members who give monthly

Anonymous (7)
Karen Alofs
Karin Archer
Brenda Baker
Andrew Berg
William J. Bialkowski
Curt, Jill & Ann Bixel
Lynne Brackett
& Matthew Linn
Bray Gardens
Richard Brownlee
Abbey & Chris Coleman
Elayne Coleman
Veronica & Joshua Crawford
Catherine Daligga
Rachel Deodhar
Vicky Devinney
Gene Dexter
Amy Donoghue
Elizabeth Dreyer
Elizabeth Dzurka
Virginia Eaton
Lara & Kyle Edwards
Ron & Linda Edwards
Nicole J. Farley
Sara Fetsco
Bryan Garchar

Rev. Joseph Gembala
Laura Green
Kenneth & Geraldine Grunow
George Harmon
Hayley Hoffman
Susan Honeycutt
Ann & Tim Ivory
Robert & Heather Johncox
Deanna Kietur
Kaylee Kochanski
Kathe Koja
Ben Kramer
Ben Kronk
Jonathan Lamb
Celia Larsen
Adrian Laurenzi
Chris Lesnieski
Hillary Lewandowski
Chelsea Lonsdale
Eric & Nicky Marcot
Holly Markiecki-Bennetts
Meghan Oesterle
Leonard Ores
Lauren Osuch
Jenny
& Matthew Petoskey



Best Friend of the ROUGE

John Roby
Kathleen & David Rossie
Diane Rushlow
Vicki & Chuck Schroeder
Heidi Schultz
Dr. Tor Shwayder
& Aimee Ergas
Mary Ellen Smith
Linda M Snow
Guy R. Stark
Dana Tedesco

Trzeciak Family
Mary & Lars Watts
Ryan Werner
Anthony Wesley
Elizabeth White
Scott Williams
& Erin Reas-Williams
Nicole Wilson
Christine & Keith Yancy
Anita Yeager
Daniel & Heather Yeaw

140 New Members joined in 2025!



Anonymous (24)
Rou Adon
Frances Ahern
Lauren Anthony
Blair Arbaugh
Anna Balzer
Anurag Bangera
Kay Bedenis
Joe Biczak
Joshua Brockwell
Bruce Brunsink
Melinda Byrd
Patricia Cervone
Stacie Chaiken
Young Cho
Monica Chrzaszcz
Rebecca Conway
Toni Cornell
Cheryl & Kayleigh Crabb
Veronica & Joshua Crawford
Andrea Daldin
Dare Family
Matthew Desantis
Lauren Duerr

The Eders
Darin Ellis
Kathy Estes
Henry Ford Estate
Paige Fouty
Jacqueline Garcia
Kathleen Garrett
Ed Gies
Gabrielle Gordon
Susanne Greenlee &
Geoffrey Hoyer
Shawn Grose
Matthew Guinta
Dawn Gulley
David Hancock
Chris Harden
Alexandria Huff
Indigo Dreams Inc
Heather Ivey
Susan Jarvis-Noetzel
Deborah Julow
Shane Kavanagh
Ryan Keberly
Ms. Nina E. Kelly
Thomas & Michelle Kerns
Dawn King
Paul Kinnell
Matthias Kirch
Kathleen Kobe
Chuck Krapf
Laurie Kruse
Susan LaCroix
Sheela Lal

Kim Legato
David Lossing
Bettina Massey
Kelly Masters
Samuel Mathes
Alice K. McCardell
Kathleen McCreedy
John Michelini
Tina Miller
Kim Mobley
Robert & Connie Moore
Michael Moore
Cris Moran
Margaret Morgan
Divinia Moro
Gabriela Mueller
Denise Murray
Aaron Mustamaa
Laura Myers
Edward O'Brien II
L. Glenn O'Kray
Kellie O'Neil
Sylvia Outlaw
Edward Oz
David & Laura Pauwels
Veronica Petroelje
Lindsay Pielack
Stacie Printon
Jane Ramel
Katie Reeves
Pamela Rice
Thomas Ridgway

Merritt and Mary Robertson
Barbara Rose
Cheryl Rotole
Patrick Sanderson
Joanne Dalla Santa
Rod Schlessman
Schubatis Family
Linda Schwelnus
Derek Shaffer
Christina Shell
Nicole Sherwood
Giles Simmer
Emily Soto
Lara Treemore Spears
Jean Stevenson
Reann Sweeney
Kris Szczesny
Page Temkin
Michael Tormoen
Brenda Vaishnav
David VanDerworp
Dawn Vassel
Linda Walowicz
Jim Webber
Reverend Monica William
Edward Wolyniec
Elisabeth Wood
Dana Woolcock

Members Celebrating 15+ Years

Anonymous (9)
Lisa A. Anneberg
Doris Applebaum
Ms. Fenelon Ashley
James Bertram
William J. Bialkowski
Cheryl Bord
Michael & Pamela Brady
Carolyn J. Buell
David & Beverly Bydlowski
Christine & Gary Cameron
Marilou & Thomas Capo
Brian & Janet Carson
Diana & Todd Chirillo
Carl D. & Sheri L. Clark
Susan Mogill-Cousin &
Peter Cousin
John & Marcia Covert
Mike & Nancy Darga
Cameron & Jean Dasch
Laraine Deutsch
George & Susan Dilgard
Amy Donoghue
Catherine Dyer & Eric Engel
John & Jane Fanta
Brian Frol
Ronald L. Gamble
Rev. Joseph Gembala

Jeffrey & Marilyn Gilbert
Barbara Goryca
Laurine Griffin
William Eisenman & Susan Guenther
Michelle & Neal Haldane
Jo Ann & Dennis Harrington
Ms. Cheryl Hiatt
Neil & Eileen Hitz
Rebecca & Gary Hurst
Margaret Innis
Chuck & Galia Irish
Steve Jinks
Christine & Bruce Johnson
Ron & Val Jones
Lucinda Keils
Kathleen A. Klein
Philip & Maureen Koziar
Jonathan Lamb
Suzanne Leich
Susan Lenhart
Gabrielle Lucci
Elizabeth Lurie
Robert & Eiko Lusko
Julie & William Maher
Nancy & Michael Malicki
Joe Mantey & Kendra Schwartz
Chester & Sandra Marvin
Christopher Merlo

Sharon Morton
Richard Mucha
Noel & Nicole Mullett
Henry Murawski & Judy Milosic
Betsy Nightingale & Gary Jones
Ms. Maureen Okasinski
Kathryn Mary Pellikka
Jenny & Matthew Petoskey
Sally Petrella & Paul Stark
Stephen J. Ray
Cyndi Ross & Rob Dombrowski
Jean Salkowski &
Richard Burkart
Diane Sampson
Vicki & Chuck Schroeder
Cynthia & Michael Sevilla
Patricia & Bob Shaw
Brandy & Todd Siedlaczek
Barbara Siepinski
Mary Ann Simmons
Jack R. Smiley
David & Ketty Smith
Kenneth & Sharon Snodgrass
Richard & Maria Snyder
Michael J. Stack
Cristina & James Sunstrum
David J. Susko
Candyce Sweda



William & Belinda Tafelski
Susan M. Thompson
Stephen & Kathleen Totaro
Paula Trilety & John C. Barker
University of Michigan - Dearborn
Carl & Laurie Van Aartsen
Al & Peggy VanKerckhove
Stewart Vining
Frank & Kathleen Walker
Douglas & Sandra Wallace
Janice Wanetick
Stephen J. Weis
Anthony S. Wesley
Katherine White
Kathleen Wight
The Zikowski Family

Members Celebrating 10 Years



Anonymous
Kathy & Michael Ableson
Rose & Gerald Burke
Patricia Burke & Richard Schmidt
Mary Jo Durivage
Cheryl & David Garrett
Barbara & Alan Greenberg
Mary Lane & Amar Ourchane
Robert & Jennifer Moll
Jim & Pat Robertson
Carolyn Stoehr Roth & James Roth
Carole Waligorski

Members Celebrating 5 Years

Anonymous (10)	Drieka DeGraff
Dan & Sharon Alford	Mr. Robert Diedrich
Ms. Carol Almeranti	Ms. Rachel Diem
Paulina Appel	Patricia & Michael Dobosenski
K & M Baker	Lara & Kyle Edwards
Kevin & Denise Barkume	Kurt Faerber
Ross Benner	Marie Feeley
Denise Berthiaume	Margaret Fields
Terry Campbell	Treva Formby & Elliot Widd
Kevin & Sue Cassady	Belinda Friis
Anthony Samuel Cieri	Paul Gloor
Marcella Colling	Francoise & Andre Guellec
Heidi Cook & James Patton	Michael Hause
Lynda & Chris Cullen	Andrea Hildebrandt



Margaret Holcomb	James J. & Sarah Prescott
Louise Hopping	Debra Reid
Thomas Howard	John Roby
Joanne Ickes	Sara Rubino
Brian Kelley	Fred Sejalon
James Kudalski	Mary Lynn Semegen
Barton & Judy Lessin	Peter Oelkers & Annette Sieg
Livonia Garden Club	Mike Slavin
Sally Lorimer & Jack Cotrone	Jack Snyder
Samuel & Jill Lulkin	Trailwood Garden Club
Mary Ann MacLaren	Trzeciak Family
Joan & Richard Marshall	Jasper Van der Bruggen
Duff & Jo Michowski	Darla Van Hoey
Dorrie Milan	Mr. David VanKerckhove
Thomas & Gail Mroz	Jeannette & Brian Vrieland
Michael Mueller & Anne McGraw-Mueller	Ms. Claudia Walters
Nanette Noorbakhsh	Sally & Heiko Wenczel
Timothy Olschefski	Blanche & Brian Wicke
Leonard Ores	Steve Wozniak
Patrick & Lisa Pelley	Christine & Keith Yancy

Legacy Members

Members who named Friends of the Rouge in their Will

Barbara Goryca	Susan M. Thompson
Gerry & Sharon VanAcker	

Small Acts That Make Big Waves

Thanks to you your Rouge River is getting the love it needs.

With every thoughtful gift, you're creating a legacy rooted in care, vision, and lasting impact.

Here are some non-cash ways to make your generosity go even further for your hometown river:

- **Donor-Advised Fund:** Make a grant from funds you've set aside to support vital action and education for your hometown River.
- **Shop to Support a Better River:** Power a more vibrant future as your shop for groceries and goodies! Sign up today through Kroger Community Rewards. Your kindness adds up!
- **IRA Gifts:** If you're 70.5 or older, a direct transfer from your IRA can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution if you need to take one and reduce your taxable income.
- **Gifts by Will and Living Trusts:** Leaving a legacy doesn't have to be all serious business. With a little heart and a smart plan, you can help the Rouge River sparkle for generations.



Thank you, Friends. Your love makes Rouge River magic!

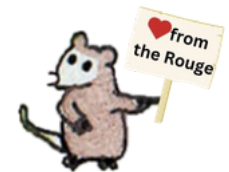
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Renew your membership or make a gift
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June 13th**



Heart of the Rouge Our Ruby Anniversary

presented by:



Thursday, August 13 — 6 - 9 pm

Rouge Park Sorensen Recreation Area

\$100 member ticket

\$140 non-member ticket

\$250 Champion ticket (includes pre-event private reception)

**For more info and to purchase tickets visit:
therouge.org/hotr2026**