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# Sierra Sentinel

The Greater  
Fort Worth  
Group of the  
Sierra Club  
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## Memorial service for former chair of Fort Worth Sierra Club Group

Gary R. Kriedeman, 67, died Dec. 6, 2006 at his home in Green Valley, Ariz. after a long battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 30, 1939 in Shawano, WI.

Gary started working in the laminated wood business when he was 18 years old. For 47 years he worked in various divisions of the industry and lived in many areas of the country, but he loved his work in sales the most. Excellent customer service was always his primary goal.

Gary and his family moved to the Metroplex in 1982 where he became an independent sales representative selling laminated wood products in the area for 21 years. In 2005 he and his wife retired to Arizona.

His concerns about the environment led him to be an active member of the Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club for 12 years. He held various volunteer positions in the group including Executive Chair for two years.

Gary enjoyed the outdoors and had



**GARY KRIEDEMAN**

many fun adventures camping, hiking, hunting and canoeing with family and friends.

He and his wife Eddie Jean were

married for 46 years and had two daughters, Kelly and Christina. He loved his family and gave his daughters a strong work ethic and taught them to be self-reliant.

Gary is survived by his wife, Eddie Jean, daughter, Christina, sister, Shirley Jensen, brothers, Allan and Kenneth. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly and his parents, Anna and Milford Kriedeman.

A memorial celebration of Gary's life will be held at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden in the Orchid/Iris rooms at 2 p.m., Sat, Jan 6, 2007.

In lieu of flowers please send a memorial gift in Gary's name to one of the following: Rutgers University Foundation, Winants Hall, 7 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 80801-1216. Make check to "Kelly Kriedeman Memorial Fund" or Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club, P.O. Box 1931, Austin, Texas 78768. Make check to "Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club Foundation".

## Upcoming courses offer unique learning experience

These courses are unique learning and action experiences. Each individual reads about 10 pages per week, then the group meets to discuss the content of these pages. Each program is designed to motivate individuals to examine and transform their personal values and habits, to accept responsibility for the Earth, and to act on that commitment.

There is no charge for the courses.

Cost of the book is \$18. It's OK to

share books.

Courses include:

Healthy Children – Healthy Planet Meets each week for eight weeks in Grapevine starting Monday, Jan. 22.

Your Choice of Times: Noon - 1 p.m. or 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Contact John Rath, 817 488-3489 or jrfree49@yahoo.com

This course looks at the pressures children face in today's world from the pervasive effects of advertising,

media, and our consumer culture, then addresses how adults can respond to

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## January program notes

Our January program will be presented by Phyllis Dunham, Regional Director of the Sierra Club's Southern Plains Field Office. Phyllis will discuss current national issues and environmental initiatives planned for the coming year.

**Taste wine  
March 24  
at Tony's**

Want to know more about reds, whites, champagnes? Then, come to Tony's Wine Warehouse in Dallas (2904 Oak Lawn) for a private wine tasting class with other Sierrans and friends - sample 12-15 wines Saturday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. To register, send your \$20 check (payable to "Fort Worth Sierra Club") and e-mail address to: Jenny Lehman, 4113 S. Hulen St. #411, Fort Worth, TX 76109. For further information, contact Todd Nichols (817) 937-5217 or todd.c.nichols@lmco.com or Jenny Lehman (817) 926-7686 or avidhiker@killerfrogs.com.

# Livestock industry a major contributor to dirty air

The common saying goes “Every journey begins with the first step.” Recent news articles have me thinking about my path in environmentalism. The articles highlighted something that we, as environmentalists, should be aware of: The choices we make three times a day have a massive impact on our

planet. The UN drove it home in a recent study; let’s just hit the highlights: “Which causes more greenhouse gas emissions, rearing cattle or driving cars? Surprise! According to a new report published by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the livestock sector generates more greenhouse gas emissions as measured in CO2 equivalent – 18 percent – than transport. It is also a major source of land and water degradation.

Says Henning Steinfeld, Chief of FAO’s Livestock Information and Policy Branch and senior author of the report: ‘Livestock are one of the most significant contributors to today’s most serious environmental problems. Urgent action is required.’”

Here are some points to consider:

1. When emissions from land use and land use change are included, the live-

stock sector accounts for 9 percent of CO2 deriving from human-related activities, but produces a much larger share of even more harmful greenhouse gases. It generates 65 percent of human-related nitrous oxide, which has 296 times the Global Warming Potential (GWP) of CO2. Most of this comes from manure.

2. Livestock now use 30 percent of the earth’s entire land surface, mostly permanent pasture but also including 33 percent of the global arable land used to producing feed for livestock. As forests are cleared to create new pastures, it is a major driver of deforestation, especially in Latin America where, for example, some 70 percent of former forests in the Amazon have been turned over to grazing.

3. Meat and dairy animals now account for 20 percent of all terrestrial animal biomass. Livestock’s presence in vast tracts of land and its demand for feed crops also contribute to biodiversity loss; 15 of 24 important ecosystem services are assessed as in decline, with livestock identified as a culprit.

Another source gave me this: “Funneling crops and water through animals rather than using those resources directly is our country’s top way of wasting water and polluting. Factory farms demand more water than all other users combined and produce 130 times as much waste as the entire human population of the US.”

We joined the Sierra Club to make a difference in the environment. We may not win our fight against the coal-fired power plants. We may have to watch our air get more filthy every summer. What is fully, 100% under our control is what we eat. Switching to a plant-based diet at least one day a week is a great place to start. I started with my personal “Meat-free Mondays” more than a decade ago and, like every journey, it began with the first step. Now I can happily say I’m glad to be part of the solution, not the problem. Making this small switch is probably the easiest, best thing we can do for the environment, and it’s something that doesn’t take from any part of our lives. (Have you seen the incredible selection at Whole Foods or the health food section of your market?) It’s all about our choices, and the consequences of those choices--can you really call yourself an environmentalist if you eat meat? Take that very first step . . .

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### Mission statement

The purposes of the Sierra Club are: To explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

## More club outings

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Saturday night we will visit the Observatory, provided weather is clear. We will hike on Saturday for longer distances (10 miles) and again on Sunday morning. The pace of the hiking is moderate to slow with opportunities for observation of plant and wildlife and for photography. This is not a trip for speed hikers. To register, call Claudia Blalock, 817-924-6242. You must pay \$10 in advance to cover your share of the campsite prior to Jan. 25 after contacting Claudia. Trip is limited to 10 persons. Park website <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/brazos>. Coleader: Martha Ohlson.

### February 4, Sunday

Sustainable Sunday Lunch. Thai plant-based buffet at Thai Jasmine, 817-283-8228, 3104 Harwood at Hwy 121, SW corner, Bedford. This all-you-can-eat buffet is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Separate Sierra Singles table. Leader: Terry Jensen 972-988-8687 ext 3101(W) or [ss@dfwnetmall.com](mailto:ss@dfwnetmall.com)

### February 14, Wednesday

Singles Valentine's Dinner Celebrate a Green Valentine's evening at Thai Jasmine, 817-283-8228, 3104 Harwood at Hwy 121, SW corner, Bedford. Come at 6:30 to mingle over wine. We order at 7 p.m. Organizer: Terry Jensen 972-988-8687 ext 3101(W) or [ss@dfwnetmall.com](mailto:ss@dfwnetmall.com).

No pets, firearms or radios are allowed on Sierra Club outings. All children (17 years or less) must be accompanied by a parent on any outing. All overnight trips require preregistration with the trip leader. A donation of \$5 per person to the Fort Worth Sierra Club is requested for all overnight trips.

### January 7, Sunday

Sustainable Sunday Lunch. Thai plant-based buffet at Thai Jasmine, 3104 Harwood at Hwy 121, SW corner, Bedford. This all-you-can-eat buffet is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Separate Sierra Singles table. Leader: Terry Jensen updates@dfwnetmall.com. 972-988-8687 ext 3101(W)

### January 10, Wednesday

Singles Dinner Mid-Suburban Sierra Singles dine at Don Pablo's, 817-421-2981, 1709 Crossroads Dr, Grapevine 76051. From Hwy 114 in Irving, exit Wm D. Tate and turn left on Tate, left on Cross Roads. From Hwy 121 in Bedford, exit Wm D Tate (you veer to right off freeway) and turn right on Cross Roads. Mingle in the bar at 6:30; order dinner at 7 pm. Organizer: Terry Jensen ss@dfwnetmall.com or 972-988-8687 ext 3101(W)

Jan 20 (Sat) Movies and Discussion Munch popcorn and watch the documentary "Kilowatt Ours" with Sierra Club's Mid-Suburban Satellite Group. Stay for discussion on the TXU coal

# Club Outings

plants and other DFW air issues. Starts at 5:00 pm so you will finish in time for your Saturday plans or join us for dinner at adjacent restaurant. Community room in Healthy Approach Market, 5100 N Hwy 121, Colleyville, between Hall-Johnson and Glade on west side of freeway. Organizer: Terry Jensen ss@dfwnetmall.com or 972-988-8687-3101(W)

### January 23, Tuesday

Green Drinks for Environmentalists From 6:30 on, come to happy hour and enjoy drinks and green conversation with other environmentalists at i fratelli Ristorante, 7701 N MacArthur, Irving/Valley Ranch, on west side of MacArthur just south of LBJ. From LBJ, exit MacArthur and turn right from Fort Worth, left from Dallas. Restaurant will be on your right. No reservation necessary. Leader: Terry Jensen, ss@dfwnetmall.com or metro 972 988-8687, ext 3101.

### January 27, Saturday

Easy Urban Day Hike Eules Start the New Year with an easy hike at Bear Creek Park in Eules. Beginning at 10 a.m., walk for about one hour on

gravel and concrete trails with woods, creek, ponds, and urban wildlife. Join us for an optional lunch nearby. From Airport Fwy (Hwy 183) take 360 North. Exit Harwood and turn left; turn right on Bear Creek. Cross Ash and we will meet by kids slide area on right (east) side of Bear Creek. Please no dogs. Walk is suitable for strollers. Hike cancelled if rain, snow, or ice in Eules. No reservations necessary, just show up. Leaders: Terry Jensen 972-988-8687-3101(W) or ss@dfwnetmall.com and Don Callaway 817-312-4657(H) or don.callaway@comcast.net

### January 28, Sunday

Outings Leader Training. Like to hike and want to led outings for Sierra Club? Training for new and renewing leaders for hiking and overnight car camps at home of Claudia Blalock. Time: 3 PM. To register: contact Claudia Blalock, 817-924-6242.

### February 3-4, Saturday-Sunday

Car camp and dayhiking at Brazos Bend State Park. This park is located about 30 miles south of Houston and is about a 5-6 hour drive from Fort Worth. The park has lakes for fishing, 21 miles of hiking trails, a small nature center with alligators, a short .5 mile nature trail, and contains the George Observatory with three telescopes. On

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## Coming Events

### January 17, Wednesday

Newsletter deadline. Submit articles, ads, letters, or other information by mail or email. Photos of club activities encouraged. Mail submissions to Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 1874, Burlleson, Texas 76097-1874, bring to the general meeting, or email [jmoody166@mac.com](mailto:jmoody166@mac.com).

### January 26, Friday

Afternoon meeting for Sierrans unable to attend the evening general meeting. This group meets the last Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at The Tin Cup, 1025 W. Abram, Arlington, Arlington. Contact Bonnie Bowman, [bfbg@tx.rr.com](mailto:bfbg@tx.rr.com).

### January 31, Wednesday

Newsletter folding party at Braum's, 6770 Bridge St. at 6:30 p.m. Call Steve Turner, 457-7131.

### February 6, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club ExCom Meeting, 6 p.m., at Spiral Diner, 1314 W. Magnolia. For more information, con-

## General Meeting

### Wednesday, January 17

7:00 Azalea Room of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center Complex. Going north on University, take the 2nd entrance into Botanic Gardens. The Garden Center is straight ahead.

tact Susan Haney, 254-582-8228.

### February 6, Tuesday

Outings Meeting immediately following the ExCom meeting. Contact Claudia

## Catch a movie

Munch popcorn and watch the documentary "Kilowatt Ours" with Sierra Club's Mid-Suburban Satellite Group on Saturday, Jan. 20. Stay for discussion on the TXU coal plants and other DFW air issues.

The flim starts at 5 p.m. with optional dinner at adjacent restaurant. Community room in Healthy Approach Market, 5100 N Hwy 121, Colleyville, between Hall-Johnson and Glade on west side of freeway. Organizer: Terry Jensen [ss@dfwnetmail.com](mailto:ss@dfwnetmail.com) or 972-988-8687-3101(W)

Blalock, 817-924-6242.

### Conservation Committee Meeting

The Conservation Committee meets on an as-needed basis. Contact: Chair Dewayne Quertermous 214-558-1407, or Bob Scott, 282-1372.

## -Courses *Continued from Page 1*

those pressures to create meaningful family times, healthful environments, and a connection to nature.

Global Warming: Changing Course Meets each week for five weeks in Fort Worth beginning Monday, Feb 12 at 7 p.m.

Contact Sharon Richey, 817 870-1202, [skrichey1@scbglobal.net](mailto:skrichey1@scbglobal.net)

This course will also be held in Arlington starts Friday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.

Contact Bonnie Bowman, 817 226-8569, [bfbg@tx.rr.com](mailto:bfbg@tx.rr.com).

The course explores personal values and habits as they relate to climate change, explains the history and science of global warming, and empowers individuals to take action to curb global warming. For further information about all courses: <http://texas.sierraclub.org/fortworth/Conservation/Sustainable.html>.

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