



President's Message: January 2025

As we start the new year we always hear the usual chatter about New Year resolutions. Most resolutions typically focus on eating healthier diets and losing weight, or being more financially responsible. Whether you are the resolution making type or not, there is a resolution I hope you will consider striving for this year. A resolution to be more active in the club.

We have a membership full of great people from varied backgrounds and experience that would significantly benefit the club. I would love to see more members attending the monthly meetings, outings and special events. Please also consider getting involved, perhaps in an area helping with our monthly operations. Bob Burkard, Chair of the Outings Committee, who does an outstanding job planning, is always

looking for help with putting on our monthly meetings and outings.

If you are reading this I know you read our fabulous newsletter. Bill AuCoin works many hours to publish it every month. Perhaps you may consider helping Bill write articles, or by taking pictures at events. You may even want to learn some of his tricks of the trade.

Ever thought, "I'd like to try to tie my own flies?" But then you think, well I don't have a vice or any of the materials I need, and I don't really want to spend the money just to try it. Well, you don't need to make that investment. Bruce Evensen hosts fly tying every Monday at his house in St. Pete. A vice and materials can be provided along with helpful instructions for the particular fly being tied that week. These tying sessions are free so contact Bruce or Bill Scarola to get started tying.

There are various tasks the club could use a hand with, such as someone to help with the name tags at the member meetings, or helping with the club's social media, or helping Tournament Director Samantha Tallyn with preparing for this year's Lady Fly tournament.

Please think about resolving to be a more active member this year. I look forward to seeing you at our Trash 'n' Treasures event this month and kicking off a great 2025.

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