Dear Council Member,

DU’s 77th annual convention is now officially in our rearview mirror. Before we start thinking about Milwaukee, however, I wanted to thank the more than 150 members of the President’s Council who joined me at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis for this year’s council dinner. It was a wonderful experience for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with many of DU’s most committed supporters.

We set a goal of 300 President’s Council members this year and I’m proud to say that we are nearly there. I can’t thank you enough! I only ask that you keep the momentum going by asking others to become part of this unparalleled group of wetlands and waterfowl conservation supporters.

This fall, Wetlands America Trust President Steve Maritz and I will be traveling around the country attending council receptions. You will receive invitations to these events, and I sincerely hope you will join us and hear about the incredible work that DU is doing to secure the future of North America’s waterfowl.

Sincerely,

George H. Dunklin Jr.
President, Ducks Unlimited Inc.

(From left) DU CEO Dale Hall and President George Dunklin welcomed Great Rivers Habitat Alliance Chairman James T. Blair IV at the President’s Council dinner in St. Louis, Missouri.

Recognition in the President’s Council honors DU’s staunchest supporters, who make an annual commitment of $10,000 or more to our conservation mission. President’s Council members understand that an ongoing and significant annual commitment is necessary to achieve our goals, and they are dedicated to making DU one of their highest giving priorities each year.

Ducks Unlimited is pleased to recognize the following individuals as members of the President’s Council for the prior and current calendar year (as of July 15, 2014):

- Philip C. Ackerman
- John and Emily Alexander
- Duane and Annamaria Arnister
- Adam and Leslie Arnold
- Sherwin and Kaycie Artus
- Paul C. Aughtery III
- James W. Ayers
- Lamar Q. Ball IV
- Chris and Marna Bame
- Matthew and Dawn Barr
- Peter Barrett
- Ron and Jackie Bartels
- Annette D. Barton
- John W. Barton Jr.
- Patrick G. Beauillac
- Henry “Peter” C. Beck
- Murray Bercovich
- John F. Bergstrom
- John and Shirley Berry
- James T. Blair IV
- Gerald A. Boelette
- Sandi and Paul Bonderson Jr.
- Joe W. Bourne Jr.
- Forrest W. Brehm
- Joel N. Broussard
- J. Terrell and Mary Kay Brown
- Thomas R. Brown
- Charles Bruning III
- David and Denise Bunning
- John W. Childs
- Eleanor and Henry Carlson Jr.
- Patrick and Stephanie Davis
- William W. Deupree Jr.
- Paul and Beverly Dickson
- Skipper and Cindy Dickson
- Michael E. Dillard
- Eric and Holly Dillon
- Jan M. Dillow*
- John H. Dinkins
- John Hull Dobbs Jr.
- Ray A. Doering
- Scott Doll
- Patricia and Dr. James Donelan
- Rodney W. Dow
- Bill and Mary Downey
- William L. Driscoll and Dr. Lisa
- Mae Hoffman
- Mac and Susan Dunfield
- Tom Dunkin II
- Liva and George H. Dunklin Jr.
- E. Bradford duPont Jr.
- Ron and Michelle Dusseau
- Ralph Eads
- Fred Eckhardt
- Joel and Mary Ann Elfftman
- Kathryn and David Ellison Jr.
- Richard Emmerich
- Thomas and Ora Enos
- Douglas and Carol Federighi
- Randi Fisher
- Robert J. Fisher
- John W. Garside
- Logan Thomas Gay Jr.
- Margaret Goatcher
- Dailene and Dr. James R. Goodman
- William H. Goodwin Jr.
- Todd B. Graves
- L. Lane Grigsby
- Dave and Marg Grohne
- Luke and Lisa Guarisco
- Scott G. Gunnigle
- Steve Hageman
- Pat Halloran
- Diane and Chuck Harrington
- Helen Marie Harris
- Bobbi and Jerry Harris
- Hannah and William E. Haslam Jr.
- Dennis P. Havey and Joyce Graves
- Howard and Rhonda Hawks
- Peter C. Hearn
- John F. Heaton
- Larry and Kay Hebert
- Jeff Heidelaide
- Rebecca J. McGee
- Mark and Paula Hennessy
- George F. Henry III
- Martha and Robert Hester Jr.
- Kent and Theresa Heyborne
- Jeff Hildebrand
- John Hipp, M.D.
- Carolyn and Michael Hitchcock Sr.
- G. Stewart Hoagland
- David M. Hollo
- John H. Holt
- Lotsie and Rick Holton
- Allan and Carla Hopp
- Richard Hudson
- Jim Hulbert, M.D.
- Stanley and Jane Huner
- Greg and Anne Hunsaker
- James and Ann Hunt
- James and Christie Hunt
- Lee Ann and Orrin H. Ingram II
- Peter and JoAnne Jackson
- Maryann and James Jankowski Sr.
- George Merritt Jenkins
- Mack H. Jenkins
- Thomas E. Jernigan Jr.
- George Merritt Jenkins
- Mack H. Jenkins
- Thomas E. Jernigan Jr.
- Alan and Marchetta Jochimsen
- Lyle G.* and Gail T. Johnson
- Thomas J. Johnson
- Tom Johnson
- Sylvia and William R. Johnson Jr.
- Jay O. Jorgensen
- Debra and Mack Karnes, M.D.
Dedication Celebrates Wisconsin DU Volunteer

Fifty-two members of the Bergstrom family and a few lifelong friends gathered last June to dedicate the Dedric W. Bergstrom III Waterfowl Complex near Shiocton, Wisconsin. Dedric helped establish Ducks Unlimited’s strong presence in the state, and the Bergstroms felt that a leadership gift to DU was an appropriate way to memorialize an exceptional father and friend.

Decades ago, Dedric and his duck hunting partners decided to form a local DU committee. Under Dedric’s leadership, the group sought out then-Wisconsin State Chairman Toby Sherry and established the Winnegamie Wetlands chapter. Clarence “Junior” Kunde, one of the chapter’s founding members and current area chairman, attended the dedication in Dedric’s honor.

During the ceremony Dedric’s grandson, Dr. Chris Bergstrom, an active Winnegamie Wetlands committee member, shared memories of his “Opa.” Dedric’s son John F. Bergstrom then addressed the family with a moving remembrance of his father’s passion for waterfowling.

DU CEO Dale Hall also attended the dedication and highlighted the crucial role Dedric and his friends played in making DU the successful conservation organization it is today. “It is an honor to pay tribute to one of the event pioneers at Ducks Unlimited,” Hall said. “Dedric helped create our great event system—including making membership a part of the event ticket—and it’s humbling to see that the Bergstrom family commitment to conservation continues to be alive and well.”

The Bergstroms’ generosity will allow DU to lead the restoration and enhancement of a 481-acre project as part of its Great Lakes Initiative. Project partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.