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## Giving Thanks

OLA member Don Berti recently launched a campaign in memory of our dear friend, Tony Buffa. After Tony lost his heroic battle with cancer this summer, Don developed a program that allowed people to buy stickers in memory of Tony. This campaign was highly successful, raising over \$500 that went directly to the Oneida Lake Association. We thank Don and all of the friends of Tony who supported this campaign.

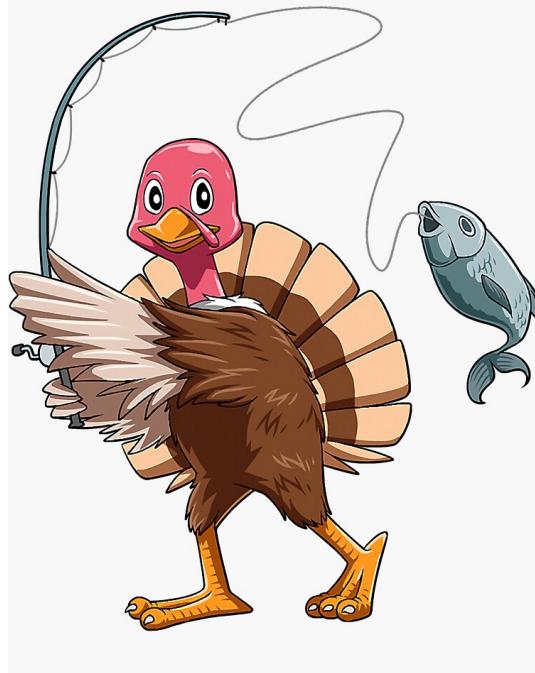


Keeping Tony's long and successful career as an educator in mind, the OLA Directors have decided to earmark these funds directly to our scholarship program. We believe Tony would be pleased to see his legacy attached to the support of the education of our next generation of conservation-minded students.

We know that many of you have also made individual contributions to the OLA in Tony's name. We truly appreciate your support of our scholarship program.

We also know of a group of anglers who call themselves "The Fools." These Fools--Tim Hunt, Julia Hunt, Jonny Hunt, Keith Sweeney, Vic Churkin, and Dave Tuttle--have also made a generous donation of \$500. Our future scholars thank The Fools for their support!

This Thanksgiving Day is a perfect time to reflect on our many generous gifts.



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## Youth Anglers

After the departure of one of our Board members, it has been difficult for us to get our Youth Fishing Contest up and running again. We are also struggling to get our newly developed website on line. We hope to resurrect this special youth program next season.

In the meantime, we want to recognize some of our youth anglers. Here's a photo of Aiden Calcara, grandson of longtime OLA member Roger Widay. Nice catch!

If you would like to share a photo of a young angler, send it along with a brief description to:  
[oneidalakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:oneidalakeassociation@gmail.com)



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## Salt Brine Not Just for Thanksgiving Turkeys

Snow is in the forecast for Central New York. If part of your snow removal regimen is to sprinkle rock salt on your driveway and sidewalks, the NYS Division of Water encourages you to try a new "recipe" to maintain safe walkways while protecting our waters.

The ingredients are simply rock salt and tap water. [The NYS Department of Transportation uses the same recipe](#) on a larger scale for roadways across New York. Check out the recipe below and find more information about how to reduce rock salt usage for a cleaner environment on DEC's [Rock Salt Reduction webpage](#).

## SALT BRINE RECIPE

Salt brine isn't just for Thanksgiving turkeys. You can use a combination of rock salt and water, and apply it to your driveway and walkways to keep it ice free.

- Combine 3.5 cups of rock salt per gallon of hot tap water.
- Stir until all salt is dissolved.
- Pour the brine into a regular garden sprayer and spray in a zig-zag pattern over desired area.
- Save extra brine to use later.



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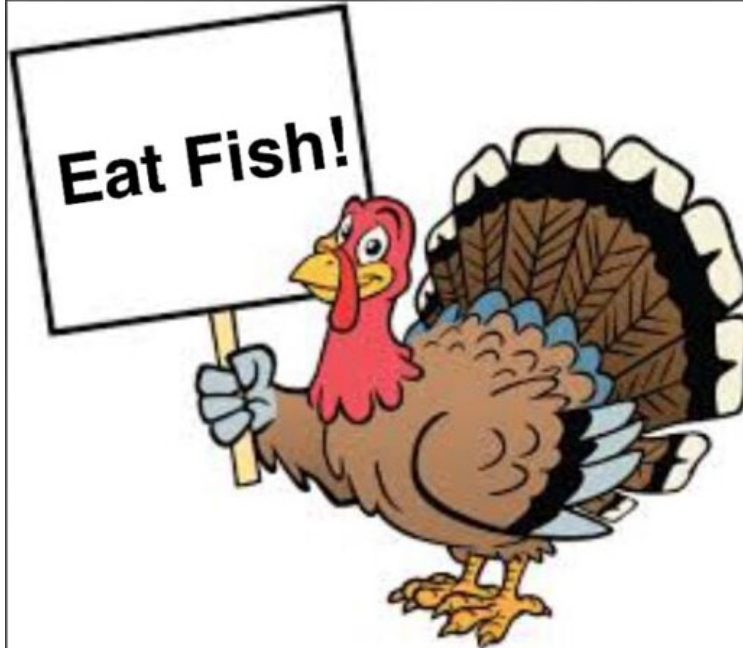
## Fall Clean Up

Once again, OLA Director George Reck spearheaded a clean-up of the on-ramp of Route 81 North at Bartell Road. The event was very successful, with the team collecting several large bags of trash. Volunteers included OLA Directors George Reck, Bob Walczyk, and John Harmon, as well as OLA members Marty and Valarie Perry, and Steve Drummond.

Join us in the spring for our next clean-up!







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**The Mission of the Oneida Lake Association is to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and local communities.**

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**Pay your dues, and HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!**

**\$8 annually**

**Recruit your neighbors and friends TO JOIN US!**

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**Donate**



Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

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## [OLA Website](#)

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The Oneida Lake Association is a member of the New York State Conservation Council <http://www.nyscc.com/> and the New York State Federation of Lake Associations <http://www.nysfola.org/>.

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