

April 2021

Dear Members,

Last year was the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

On that first Earth Day, 20 million Americans, 10% of the total population of the United States, came out to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of 3 bills: Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species.

The aim of the first Earth Day on April 22 1970 was *"to rid America of the massive pollution from five of the most heavily used products of our affluent age."* These five were listed: the internal combustion engine, hard pesticides, detergent pollution, aircraft pollution, and non-returnable containers.

The theme of Earth Day 2021 is **"Restore Our Earth."** The activity will be local Community Clean-up Projects all around the world, a global Shipshape Day.

Even if no organized clean-up event takes place at PCYC this spring, we can all participate individually, as there still needs to be some raking and cleanup done at the Club. Our volunteer efforts have been registered on the Earth Day 2021 website. Help out and you will be joining more than 1 billion people in 192 countries who are participating in Earth Day activities!

You can find out more at <https://www.earthday.org/> and <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>

You can also find the first Earth Day poster at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/subtropicbob/16615308104>

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