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Write this date on your calendar That is when the Skylands Chapter of RGS banquet will be held at the Lafayette House on rte 15 in Lafayette. Starting time will be 6:00 PM Open Bar will be from 6:30-7:30PM. Prices will have to go up a few dollars due to increased sales tax and salary for the servers. As always it promises to be a great night. Tickets will be available soon.

November 5th will be our next work day at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge. This is a Sunday. We will start at 8:30 A.M. at the Refuge office and leave from there. If we get enough people there will be food when we are done . Please try to let me know if you can make it so we can get a rough number. Thursday November 10th will be our next chapter meeting it will be as usual at the Lafayette House at 7:00 PM hopefully we will have a better handle on what we will have at the banquet as far as merchandise. So I would again ask you to come to the meeting if you want to have some input. Woodcock and Grouse seasons Open October 19th. Woodcock Season runs until November 11th Grouse Season runs until the end of the Calendar year. In addition Duck Season Opens October 14th and Runs until November 4th.

Anyone needing more raffle tickets for the Kimber please let me know. If we manage to sell enough of them we may be able to draw for it at our banquet in January. That would be a nice time to draw it. We have gotten considerable support for our quest to keep the Wallkill River NWR from losing its manager position currently held by Ed Henry. Time will tell whether our efforts work out or not. We have gotten support from congressmen Scott Garrett who is currently working with another Congressman from Orange County to draft a letter To the Regional director of U.S. F&W to stop gutting the staff at Wallkill. We have also received support from Senator Menendez, and the Mayors of both Vernon and Wantage are sending letters of disapproval To regional headquarters.