



New Jersey AWWA

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The Newsletter of NJAWWA

## Letter from the Chair

by Stacy Fysz

Well, we made it through another summer, this year without a major drought or without major flooding. While both of these weather related events are uncontrollable, they are nevertheless two areas for which we are always vigilant and still in search of more effective ways to mitigate their impacts upon the citizens of the State.

As a Section, we too had a successful summer. Our committees were hosting events, holding committee meetings, and planning events for the fall and winter months.

For me, the start of summer began with the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE). Toronto hosted the conference this year and more than one hundred of our NJ Section members attended. At the Conference, the Section's champion Top Ops Team, Smooth Operators, once again competed. After a slow start, the team rallied in the second and third rounds to place admirably in the standings. The team has expressed their appreciation to all those who were able to support them during the competition.

Another New Jersey event during the conference was our Section Meet and Greet. Big Daddy's Crab Shack served as the destination to meet your NJ colleagues for a respite from the hubbub of the Conference.

During the Conference, AWWA approved our by-law change. As a result of its approval, the NJ Section Board will now increase from seven to nine members with the addition of two trustees. The change in the Board structure completes our internal governance review. At the end of our Spring Conference in March of 2008, we will welcome three new trustees.

Also during the Conference, we welcomed John Young as the Section's new Director. He replaces Richard



Russo, who ably served our Section during his three-year term.

After ACE, many activities continued. The Board continued its Road Show with a meeting with Michele Putnam, Director, Division of Water Supply and members of her staff to discuss how NJAWWA and the Department can continue to work together to benefit our industry. Many ideas came from that meeting, and we are both committed to working together for the benefit of New Jersey water.

September saw the successful Fall Outing/Conference and Awards Banquet. Old Orchard Country Club provided the backdrop for a day full of seminars. If you were a golfer, golf was offered during the afternoon. At the Awards Banquet in the evening, our members received their service awards for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years of service. Kudos to our Technical Program Committee, Conference Committee, Registration Committee, Recognition Committee and Vendor Committee, and the many dedicated volunteers who orchestrated a successful event. Thank you all for your efforts.

The most recent event prior to the printing of the *Pipeline* was the second annual WFP Turning Wine into Water Wine Tasting Event. Once again, the WFP committee successfully meshed a

pleasurable and enjoyable event to continue the charitable works of WFP. Congratulations to all who were involved in making this annual event a success.

To get us through the dark winter months, our committees continue to work to bring exciting and innovative programs. By the time you receive this edition, the Section will have sponsored the Research and Technology Transfer Seminar, the Membership Networking Event, and Membership Appreciate Week Activities. Hopefully, you were able to participate in these events. On the horizon our committees continue to work to provide additional opportunities for educational advancement and networking.

As I write this letter, I have just returned from the National Membership Committee Meeting, which was held at AWWA Headquarters in Denver. One of Committee's concerns is how do we demonstrate the value of membership. For those of us who are members who volunteer and who participate in the Section and AWWA, the value is clear to us. Unfortunately, a dollars and cents value cannot be immediately placed on the value. The value becomes apparent when, through networking, you have been able to successfully navigate a potentially difficult situation, a successful career change, or make the jump from student to water professional, and there are many more stories. Because of the under appreciated value of membership, I included four challenges this year.

First, I challenge all of you who are not on a committee to look over our committee list and description. Select a committee that interests you and join that committee. (See page 8 of this issue.)

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# Director's Report

by John Young

It is a privilege to provide my initial Director's Report to the members of the NJAWWA. Returning to the NJAWWA Board of Trustees after a decade of absence, I am excited to see the dedication, enthusiasm, diversity and fresh ideas of the Board members and Committee Chairs. While my primary responsibilities as Director will be to work with AWWA at the national level to represent the needs of the New Jersey Section and the water industry, I believe that the strong foundation of AWWA has and will continue to be provided by the volunteers at the Section level.

AWWA remains financially strong and continues to enhance its role as the voice of the water industry. However, 2008 will be a transition year. Jack Hoffbuhr, AWWA's Executive Director for the past 20 years has announced his retirement. Jack's passionate commitment to safe water and public health will be missed. I am participating in an AWWA Search Committee that will identify Jack's replacement and allow sufficient time for a proper transition. Additionally, I am serving on AWWA's Leadership Committee on Core Competencies. Our mission is to prepare for AWWA's growth by identifying the core competencies and capabilities that differentiate AWWA from other industry organizations. The strengths that have been initially identified include non-profit management, conference planning and execution, communication and regulatory/legislative activities.

As part of its continuing mission to provide the best products and services to its membership, AWWA has applied for significant USEPA grant funding to assist small systems with technical information and training. The two grants focus on financial, managerial and operational technical assistance, and source water/wellhead protection for small, rural and tribal water systems. If successful, AWWA will be partnering with Sections to provide resources and expertise to assist with the education efforts.

Finally, AWWA has launched an improved website at [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org). The redesign incorporates feedback from users over a long period of time and is the foundation for future improvements. When you visit the site, please notice that the new

structure is easier to navigate, especially with the addition of the Google-based site search tools.

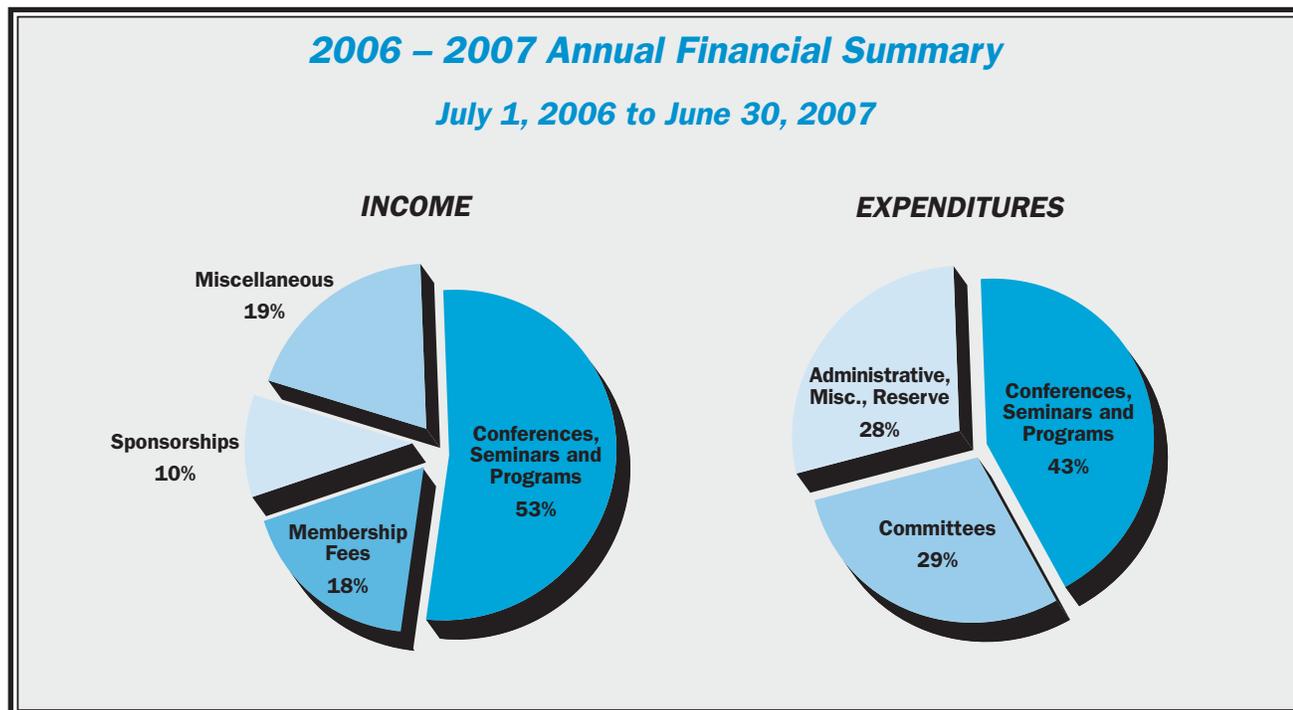
I encourage all AWWA members to become actively involved at either the Section or National level. If you have a desire to become involved in the many committees, councils and workgroups that direct the strategy, policies and practices of AWWA, please contact me at [john.young@amwater.com](mailto:john.young@amwater.com) or (856) 346-8250.

*John Young is the Chief Operating Officer for American Water and the Director of NJAWWA.*

## Annual Financial Summary for New Jersey Section

by David G. Ern

I am pleased to present to you a pie chart summary of the 2006 – 2007 income and expenditures for the Section. Income totaled \$366,181, and expenditures totaled \$360,072. The Section showed a profit of \$6,109 for the fiscal year of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The total budget for 2007 – 2008 is \$378,290.



David Ern is Vice President and General Manager of Gordon's Corner Water Company and the Secretary/Treasurer of NJAWWA.

# Bottled Water versus Tap Water? ...The never-ending question.

by Sonja D. Clark

Which one do you prefer? This question seems to be so prevalent today. Many people, environmentalists and scientists alike, will give you the reasons for which one they prefer, whether it be for personal reasons, scientific reasons or aesthetic reasons.

The first difference that needs to be addressed is that water comes from various sources. It can come from rivers, lakes, reservoirs, springs and wells, and the treatment process for each source can vary. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals. The water can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. In treating tap water it is necessary to add chemicals to combat the contaminants and any harmful bacteria. As required by law in New Jersey, chlorine is added for disinfection purposes, yet, the taste and smell can deter someone sensitive to chlorine from drinking tap water.

Another known issue concerns the regulations surrounding drinking water. Water that comes from the tap is highly regulated. In order to ensure that the water is safe to drink, the State and the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. As a result, with tap water you can be sure that your water meets or surpasses all state and federal guidelines.

On the other hand, the State Health Departments and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulate bottled water. Although contaminant limits set by the FDA mirror those of the EPA, there are differences associated with process controls (e.g. bottling process), sampling protocols, and testing frequencies. Bottled water is also not environmentally friendly. It takes millions of gallons of oil to produce the plastic bottles used for production of the bottled water each year. And after the water is consumed, the bottles are usually not recycled and end up in the garbage where it takes years to break down the plastic. Many cities and towns across the nation are taking active roles in educating their residents about the environmental aspects of plastic containers.

Some say bottled water's real value comes in its convenience and portability. But isn't it just as easy to fill a water bottle with water from the tap?

What is the biggest difference? The cost! Americans spent \$15 billion on bottled water in 2006. Your tap water is substantially less expensive than bottled water. Bottled water can cost anywhere from \$0.80 to \$8.00 per gallon but the average cost of tap water is only about \$0.002 per gallon. You can refill a bottle hundreds of times with tap water for the cost of a single bottle of bottled water. Overall, besides the monetary difference, the choice of drinking tap water versus bottled water is still just a personal preference.

The Public Information Committee works to educate the public about these and other matters. Our goal is to give consumers the facts so they can make educated decisions regarding bottled water. For more information relating to the activities of the NJAWWA Public Information Committee, please contact: Robin Casale (856) 309-4612 or Bernadette M. Sohler (732) 634-1500.

*Sonja D. Clark is a Senior Manager of Communications and Community Relations with United Water and a member of the Public Information Committee.*

## Thanks to Our 2007-2008 Sponsors!

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NJAWWA appreciates the support of all of our sponsors throughout the year. For more information on the NJAWWA Sponsorship Program, visit our website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org).

## Welcome 2007-2008 NJAWWA Sponsors!

by Mona Cavalcoli

NJAWWA has kicked off year four of its Sponsorship Program, and we are pleased to welcome the following returning – and new – companies! The program has grown and the sponsorship features have been

tweaked and modified slightly to better meet the needs and wishes of the participants. NJAWWA thanks ALL of its sponsors for their dedication and support of the organization. We look forward to

another great year with you!

NJAWWA Welcomes back the below Conference Sponsors as well.

**Conference Sponsorship remains available for registration until January 15, 2008.** If you would like to become a Conference Sponsor, please contact Mona Cavalcoli at (866) 436-1120 or download a sponsorship brochure and registration form from our website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org).

*Mona Cavalcoli is Section Manager of NJAWWA.*

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# NJAWWA 2008 Annual Conference Preview

by Carol Walczyk

After several years at other venues, NJAWWA is returning to Trump Taj Mahal for the 2008 Annual Conference, March 25-28, 2008. Trump Taj Mahal offers us ample space for Conference activities, easy access to the Boardwalk and other casinos, and the new Spice Road shopping and dining area.

The Technical Program Committee has been developing another high-quality program of presentations on a wide variety of topics. The program will offer continuing education credits as well as excellent opportunities to learn and network. Exhibitors will appreciate the spacious exhibit hall and close proximity of the exhibit area to other Conference activities.

### Plans are underway for many favorite Conference activities, including:

- Pre-Conference Workshop
- Tuesday evening Meet and Greet featuring the Section Band, Water Hammer

- Concurrent technical sessions on Wednesday and Thursday
- Vendor Exhibits beginning with the Meet and Greet and extending through the Conference until noon on Thursday
- Young Professionals Networking Event
- 3K Boardwalk Run
- Top Ops Operator Bowl
- Guest Program
- Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast
- Awards Banquet with entertainment
- Student Poster Session

### New activities proposed for this year include:

- Vendor demonstrations — an opportunity for vendors to demonstrate their products and services in a location adjacent to the exhibit hall reserved for this purpose.

On behalf of the Trustees and the numerous individuals and committees that participate in the development of the Annual Conference activities, we hope to see you at Trump Taj Mahal, March 25-28, 2008, for the premier waterworks event in New Jersey.

*Carol Walczyk is an Associate with Hatch Mott MacDonald and Chair of the NJAWWA Conference Committee*

## In Search of the 2008 Fuller Award Winner

by Nick DeNichilo

The Fuller Award Committee is seeking nominations for the 2008 Fuller Award. The criteria for nomination for this award are as follows:

### A candidate must:

- a. Be a member or representative (employee) of an organization member of the AWWA.
- b. Have demonstrated during his/her career outstanding or extraordinary achievement which elevates or otherwise enhances the waterworks profession. This achievement may include accomplishments in any profession, e.g., finance, legal, engineering, science, public health, administration, or any other related disciplines.
- c. Have performed his/her duties in an outstanding or extraordinary manner that is easily recognizable as such by peers.

Service that does not rise to the level described in these criteria would not qualify a person for consideration for a Fuller Award. After assessment of the nominee(s), using these criteria, it is possible that a nomination would not be made during any one year.

Nominations should be submitted on the official nomination form and mailed to: Nick DeNichilo, Hatch Mott MacDonald, 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey 07041.

Nomination forms are available on our website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org) or by contacting Margie Gray at [margie.gray@hatchmott.com](mailto:margie.gray@hatchmott.com) or (973) 912-3483. Nominations received after December 15, 2007 may not be considered this year.

*Nick DeNichilo is President and CEO of Hatch Mott MacDonald and the Chair of the Fuller Award Committee.*

## Seeking Next Generation Award Nominees

by Taya Brown-Humphrey

The Membership Committee is seeking nominees for the Next Generation Award, which is presented at the Annual Conference.

The Next Generation Award is awarded to a NJAWWA member who is a young professional (under the age of 35) and who is actively participating in the association's activities and programs. This award has been developed in an effort to encourage young professionals to become active in NJAWWA and to encourage employers to consider allowing their young professionals to participate. The nominee must be in good standing with AWWA, have maintained membership in NJAWWA for a minimum of the past 2 years, have exhibited leadership in Association

events for at least one year and displayed distinctive leadership and meritorious services in each of the following areas: service, good fellowship and participation.

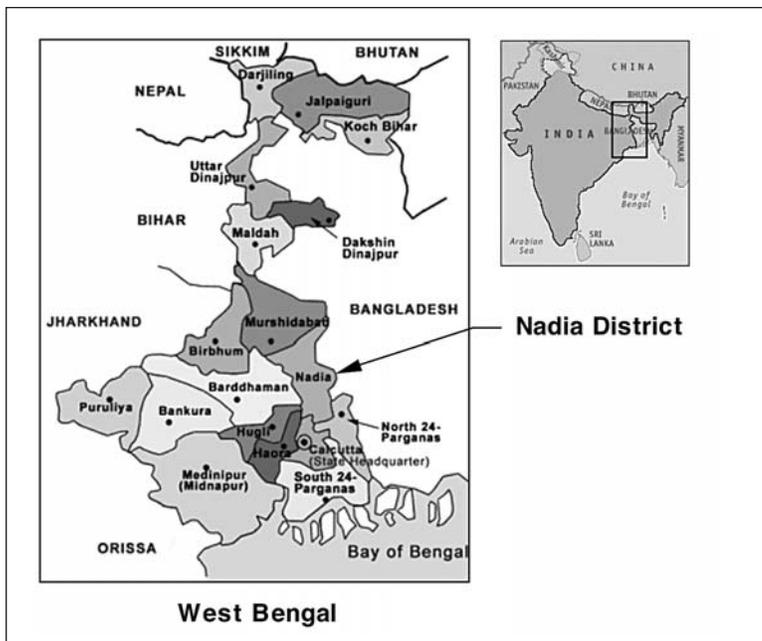
Please contact the Section office or the Membership Services Committee Chair, Taya Brown-Humphrey at [tbumphrey@trentonnj.org](mailto:tbumphrey@trentonnj.org), or (609) 989-3640, for information

on the awards and nominations. Nomination forms can be obtained at the NJAWWA website [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org). Nominations are due by January 15, 2008.

*Taya Brown-Humphrey is a Senior Engineer with Trenton Water Works and Chair of the Membership Services Committee.*

# Water For People Committee Sponsors India

by Chris Evans



Every July our committee is faced with the task of deciding which Water For People country program to sponsor. This year the committee decided to sponsor the Nadia District of India which contains groundwater with high arsenic contamination. This district in West Bengal, India covers 1147 square kilometers of which 78% of the total area or 835,000 people are at risk of arsenic contamination.

The generous support of friends, families and members of NJAWWA and NJWEA in calendar year 2006-2007 enabled our committee to raise \$29,800 for Water For People. The committee elected to allocate

\$20,000 of funding to the Nadia District and the remaining balance of \$9,800 to Water For People unrestricted funding. The NJAWWA/NJWEA sponsorship of the Nadia District will provide arsenic removal filter units for 2,528 beneficiaries. The 2nd Annual Turning Wine Into Water event was held at Soho on George in New Brunswick, New Jersey on October 5th. Eighty wine enthusiasts and eight sponsors supported this event to raise over \$4,000. Sandy Kutzung of NJAWWA and Christie Arlotta of NJWEA led the organization of this event which included a four course wine pairing

dinner with sommelier guided wine descriptions. This was the 2nd consecutive year that NJAWWA has partnered with NJWEA for a fundraising event and we plan to continue this partnership at all future events.

Water For People rolled out the new country programs at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) in June. Five new countries were selected out of the ten countries evaluated. The new countries into which Water For People will expand by 2011 are Ecuador, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. The existing Water For People country programs are located in Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, India and Malawi.

Upcoming events include the 2nd Annual Water For People Dinner Dance at the William Penn Inn located in Gwynedd, Pennsylvania on November 1st and the NJAWWA/NJWEA 5th Annual Water For People Golf Classic, which will be held in May 2008. Stay tuned for details of upcoming Water For People events at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org). For more information about participating in the Water For People Committee, please contact Chris Evans at (215) 627-2277 or [christopher.evans@hatchmott.com](mailto:christopher.evans@hatchmott.com).

*Chris Evans is an Associate with Hatch Mott MacDonald and Chair of the NJAWWA Water For People Committee.*

## Top Ops 2008

by Ken Ern

Calling all operators! Top Ops 2008 is only a few months away. The Small Systems and Operators Committee is busy organizing all new questions and mustering licensed operators to form all new teams to compete in the game show style question and answer competition. The Top Ops Operator Bowl questions will center on water supply, treatment, and distribution. The competition will be held at the

NJAWWA 73rd Annual Conference, March 25-28, 2008 in Atlantic City.

The reigning champions from last year, The NJ Smooth Operators, are officially retired. The field is wide open, and the trophy is ready for a new team to claim it. Besides the trophy, the winning team members will each receive \$1,200 dollars to travel to the AWWA 2008 National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. They will then have the chance to represent NJAWWA in the National Top Ops Operator Bowl Competition.

If you are interested in organizing a team, the steps are simple. First, you need three NJDEP licensed water operators. Second, you need to contact either Max Huber (973) 989-0010, or Ken Ern (732) 780-6790. The teams will be slotted in a first come first served basis. Don't procrastinate! Organize a team now! Fame, glory, and Top Ops 2008 bragging rights await the winning team!

*Ken Ern is the Assistant Operations Manager for Gordon's Corner Water Company and Co-Chair of the Small Systems/Operators Committee.*

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## CDM Wins the Employer Support Award!

by Hetal Mistry



**Hetal Mistry and Stacy Fysz congratulate Bill Gettings (center), who accepted the Acknowledgement of Employer Support Award on behalf of CDM.**

Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) was awarded the 6th Annual Acknowledgement of Employer Support Award at the NJAWWA Fall Meeting at the Old Orchard Country Club on September 27, 2007. This marks the first time that CDM has won the award. Other nominees included Middlesex Water Company and past winner Hatch Mott MacDonald.

CDM was chosen by the Membership Services Committee because of the support that has been provided to their Young Professional employees (YPs) over the past year for professional development, encouragement and support in association participation, and employee growth and development. CDM has two YPs who are actively involved in NJAWWA Committees; specifically, David Tanzi is the Vice-Chair of the Education Committee and Sandra Kutzing is a member of the Water For People Committee.

Being selected as the awardee is a great honor for CDM. It is the hope that the recognition that these companies receive by the association will encourage others to provide the same, if not more, support to their YPs. The future of the NJAWWA depends on it.

*Hetal Mistry is a Senior Project Engineer with Middlesex Water Company and a Member of the Membership Services Committee.*

## Dedication Award

by Chris Olson



**Chris Olson and Stacy Fysz congratulate Tony Saldutti (right)**

The membership of the Section nominated impressive candidates for this year's Dedication Award. The Dedication Award is presented to a NJAWWA member who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the Association through leadership and active participation in NJAWWA programs. Nominees must be in good standing with AWWA, have maintained membership in NJAWWA for a minimum of the past 7 years, have exhibited leadership in Association events for at least 5 years

and have displayed distinctive leadership and meritorious services to the Association in each of the following areas: service, good fellowship and participation.

After extensive deliberation due to the level of high quality candidates, the judges selected Tony Saldutti for the 2007 Dedication Award.

**Congratulations to Tony!**

*Chris Olson is a Technical Manager with CMX, formerly known as Schoor DePalma, and Chair of the Recognition Committee.*

## ATTENTION WATER SYSTEM OWNERS & OPERATORS

## MONITORING SCHEDULES FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS ARE NOW ON THE WEB

Go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/> and click on the "Monitoring Schedules" tab in the left column. Schedules are updated periodically. Each schedule is dated as to when it was produced.



If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550.



# The Class of 1977 Celebrates

by Chris Olson



**New Life Members from left to right are John Young, William Horton, Brandino Cacallori, Pen-Chih Tao, Bill Hutchinson standing in for Donald Correll, and William Klein. Also pictured are Stacy Fysz and Chris Olson (far right).**

## Life Members

What is better than a birthday? Thirty birthdays. At the 2007 Fall Meeting, the Section celebrated the 30 Year Anniversary of the members who joined AWWA back in 1977. In gratitude of their long standing status the AWWA honors these members as "Life Members."

### **Congratulations to the following new Life Members:**

- Andrew Dujack
- Edward Rapiewicz
- Donald Correll
- Salvatore DeBiasse
- George Dozsa
- Daniel Kelly
- Arthur Shearman
- Edward O'Rourke
- Brandino Cacallori
- Gary Martinka
- Pen-Chih Tao
- William Klein
- John Young
- William Horton

*Chris Olson is a Technical Manager with CMX, formerly known as Schoor DePalma, and Chair of the Recognition Committee.*



## 40 Years

**Stacy Fysz presents Michael Opaleski with his pin for 40 years of membership.**

### **The Section also celebrates the following members who have achieved a milestone year:**

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Glenn Balmer . . . . .25 yrs        | George Schevon . . . . .40 yrs    |
| Ronald Williams . . . . .35 yrs     | Arnold Taranto . . . . .40 yrs    |
| J. Thomas Giblon . . . . .35 yrs    | Emil Tumsuden . . . . .40 yrs     |
| Thomas Guldin . . . . .35 yrs       | Lee Purcell . . . . .45 yrs       |
| Jon Jerman . . . . .35 yrs          | Kenneth Zippler . . . . .45 yrs   |
| Raymond Barg . . . . .40 yrs        | John Cobb . . . . .45 yrs         |
| Frederick Bostel . . . . .40 yrs    | Joseph Hunter . . . . .45 yrs     |
| Richard Cestone . . . . .40 yrs     | Ben Lentz . . . . .45 yrs         |
| Robert Davis . . . . .40 yrs        | Joseph Manganaro . . . . .45 yrs  |
| William Kowalski . . . . .40 yrs    | Alvin Zach . . . . .45 yrs        |
| Larry Miller . . . . .40 yrs        | Michael Galley . . . . .45 yrs    |
| David Monie . . . . .40 yrs         | James Kennedy . . . . .50 yrs     |
| Michael Opaleski . . . . .40 yrs    | George Haskew . . . . .55 yrs     |
| Cosimo Pedicini . . . . .40 yrs     | Robert Snedaker . . . . .55 yrs   |
| Joseph Salvatorelli . . . . .40 yrs | Kenneth Earnhardt . . . . .60 yrs |

## Local Leaks

Congratulations to the following Section members for passing their operator licensing exams:

- James Artale (W-1)
- Terry Brown (T-1)
- Taya Brown-Humphrey (T-3)
- Matthew Chrzanowski (W-2)
- Paul Delguercio (T-1)
- Ralph Engroff (T-2)
- Edmund Flynn (T-4)
- Timothy Green (W-1)
- Mark Heinrichs (T-1, W-1)
- Mark Horberg (T-2, W-2)
- Maureen Kneser (W-1)
- Jack McNaughton (W-2)
- Joanne Roof (W-1)
- Kevin Thompson (T-1, W-1)
- Ryan Willitts (W-4)

Congratulations to **Russell Ford** of MWH and his wife Karen on the birth of their twins Gregory Russell and Katelyn Marie.

Congratulations to **Rob Wells** of Hatch Mott MacDonald who has received his Professional Engineer's License.

Got a leak? Submit news about NJAWWA members' professional and personal milestones for publication in **Pipeline**. See page 12 for editor contact information.

# The Committees of the New Jersey Section

by Margie Gray

In this issue of *Pipeline*, Section Chair Stacy Fysz repeated her four challenges for the year, which she first introduced at the Annual Conference in March. The first of these challenges was to find a committee that interests you and join that committee. NJAWWA is proud of its many volunteer committees, without which the Section would be unable to provide the many services it offers its members. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved in the Section and network and develop friendships with other professionals in the drinking water industry. Below are descriptions of NJAWWA's many committees. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the committee chair, any member of the committee, or a Board member. Please visit our website [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org) for committee chair and Board contact information.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Promotes the NJAWWA as the authority on water quality and other drinking water matters in New Jersey and informs the public on water quality and other drinking water issues.

*Public Information Committee:* Communicates with public interest groups, other professional organizations and mass media in the State; coordinates Drinking Water Week activities; works to improve media exposure of AWWA.

*Publications Committee:* Responsible for creation and publication of NJAWWA newsletter, *Pipeline*, and content of the Section website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org).

## CONFERENCE & RECOGNITION

Develops programs, awards and associated activities which are structured to promote the professionalism, technical expertise and networking of NJAWWA members while promoting the public awareness of the water works industry in New Jersey.

*Conference Committee:* Coordinates with other Conference committees to produce Spring and Fall Conferences; coordinates local arrangements.

*Technical Program Committee:* Develops technical program at Spring and Fall Conferences.

*Vendors/Manufacturers' Associates Committee:* Coordinates vendor participation in Section activities.

*Conference Registration Committee:* Conducts registration activities for the Spring and Fall Conferences.

*Recognition/Awards Committee:* Coordinates member recognition with Section and National awards.

*Harold Florence Meritorious Operator Award Committee:* Nominates the recipient of the Harold Florence Meritorious Operator Award for the operator who has brought a higher degree of excellence, learning, initiative and resourcefulness to bear in the operation of a public water supply system.

## EDUCATION

Provides NJAWWA members with educational and professional development activities for the improvement of all aspects of the water utility industry.

*Education and Professional Development Committee:* Develops informational and accredited programs for member professional development; oversees continuing education credit program.

*Research and Technology Transfer Committee:* Encourages and sponsors research and dissemination of research information among members.

*Safety Committee:* Provides safety related information and educational programs.

*Trustee Nominating Committee:* Selects the Trustee nominees for election at the Annual Conference.

## SECTION OPERATIONS

Perpetuates, improves and enhances the management of the Section; guides NJAWWA by developing and maintaining the Strategic Plan, by increasing active membership, and by providing information about the organization.

*Information Technology Committee:* Evaluates Section needs for new and improved information technology.

*Membership Services Committee:* Supports recruitment and retention efforts; plans member social activities; encourages diversity among Section membership and leadership; supports involvement of young professionals in the Section and the industry.

*Strategic Planning Committee:* Regularly reviews and updates the Section Strategic Plan.

*Director Nominating Committee:* Selects the Section's Director who represents the Section on the AWWA Board of Directors.

## LEGISLATION & REGULATION

Monitors legislative, regulatory, and policy issues at State and federal levels of government, and provides input to regulatory and legislative authorities with the assistance of NJAWWA members and coalitions of other State water and environmental organizations.

*Water Utility Council:* Maintains program for monitoring and influencing legislation and regulations in the State that impact water utility systems, their environment and their customers; communicates with NJAWWA membership on legislative and regulatory matters.

*Fuller Award:* Nominates the recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award for his or her distinguished service in the water supply field and in commemoration of the sound engineering skill and constructive leadership of a person in the Association who characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.

## OUTREACH

Works for broad-based participation in both the water profession and NJAWWA activities.

*Small Systems & Operators Committee:* Works with other committees to support and encourage small system participation in NJAWWA activities.

*Student Affairs Committee:* Works to promote the water industry to students, through school chapters, networking opportunities and educational and scholarship programs.

*Water for People Committee:* Undertakes fundraising activities to support the national Water for People organization.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sets policy for NJAWWA; supervises, supports and provides guidance for committee activities and section programs; establishes Ad Hoc committees to review current Section interests and concerns.

*Audit:* Reviews section finances and recordkeeping.

*Ad Hoc Security Committee:* Provides security related information and educational programs.

*Ad Hoc Retired Professionals Committee:* Reviews ways of utilizing the valuable expertise and addresses the needs of retired Section members.

*Margie Gray is an Engineer with Hatch Mott MacDonald and Chair of the Publications Committee.*

# South Jersey Water Professionals Association's 80th Anniversary

by Craig Dombrosky

Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the South Jersey Water Professionals at the Annual Ladies Night Dinner and Dance being held on Friday, December 7, 2007 at the Seaview Marriott, Absecon, NJ.

The Association is returning to the Seaview Marriott after a one year hiatus. The staff at the Seaview has promised to go all out to welcome us back. So make your plans early because the number of hotel rooms is limited. To reserve a room call (888) 236-2427, mention The South Jersey Water Professional to obtain a reduced room rate.

The Annual Membership directory is currently being assembled. The Association is requesting any old photographs or documents to commemorate the 80th year of the organization. Advertisements are also being accepted.

To place an ad contact John Snidenbach  
c/o Vineland Water Utility  
330 East Walnut Rd.  
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Ph. (856) 794-4056  
[jsnidenbach@vinelandcity.org](mailto:jsnidenbach@vinelandcity.org)

Another event not to miss is the Vendors Display Day tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2008 at the Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford. This event is a perennial sell out. For more information or to register early to guarantee a display table contact Bob Lender at (856) 983-0331 or [lenderb@evesham-nj.gov](mailto:lenderb@evesham-nj.gov).

*Craig Dombrosky is an Operations Supervisor for Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority and a Trustee of the South Jersey Water Professionals Association.*

## North Jersey Water Conference

by William Mowell

The North Jersey Water Conference (NJWC) is an organization of professionals from various aspects of the water works profession dedicated to providing educational opportunities within the profession; familiarizing its members with various regulations, equipment, processes, materials, etc.; and creating fellowship.

The 200 member organization holds monthly meetings from September to June, that typically include a 1 TCH seminar on a varying degree of water works related topics, a social hour, and dinner and are held throughout the northeastern portion of New Jersey. Several of the monthly meetings have a specific theme, notably:

- The Vendors' Event is held each October and provides a forum of Vendors (equipment manufacturers and representatives, service providers, consultants, suppliers,

and so forth) to display their wares for the water works profession in a table top format. About 40 Vendors usually display and attendance reaches 150 people. The event includes a 3 TCH Seminar for Licensed Operators, which is also an excellent venue for educational product demonstrations.

- A cocktail reception is held with our counterparts from southern NJ at the NJAWWA Annual Conference in Atlantic City.
- The H.V. Florence Charity Golf Classic offers a great day of springtime golf and the ability to support the NJWC Scholarship Fund and charitable organizations and causes.

The NJWC produces an annual advertisement journal with listings of members, advertisements, information on the NJWC, schedules of events,

past officers, etc. This useful and informative publication is presented each year at the Vendors' Event.

Several other events and activities are intermittently planned and organized and include tapping contests, educational seminars, field trips to places of interest to the water works profession, and social outings.

The North Jersey Water Conference offers a good opportunity to supplement a professional career, gain educational opportunities, and establish additional contacts around the profession. For further information, contact William Mowell, Treasurer at (201) 670-5509 or [wmowell@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:wmowell@ridgewoodnj.net) or visit [njwc.info](http://njwc.info).

*William Mowell is an Engineer with Ridgewood Water and Treasurer of the North Jersey Water Conference.*

## Help Wanted

### **Business/Finance Manager for SJ MUA.**

Public GAAP experience including G/L, A/R, A/P, payroll, water/sewer billings, etc. Proficient in MS Office and utility billing/finance software. Edmunds software a plus, excellent communication, problem solving skills and positive personality a plus for this fast-paced position. BS and a minimum of 5 years of experience required. Competitive salary and benefits. EOE, Drug and Smoke Free Workplace. Email cover letter, resume and salary requirements, which must be included to be considered, to: [localsjmua@yahoo.com](mailto:localsjmua@yahoo.com).

Please visit our website, [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org), for additional job advertisements. At the time of publication, the following jobs were posted:

### **Director of Public Works**

Town of Dover

### **CAD Technician – Field Inspector**

Southeast Morris County MUA

# Training Contact Hours (TCHs) for Operators

by Linda Wancho

The Education and Professional Development Committee offers this reminder on avenues for receiving TCH credits. TCH credits are also known as continuing education units (CEU). In addition to the regularly held seminars through the AWWA and local courses with approval codes, operators can take advantage of online courses for TCH/CEU credits. These courses can be taken at any time at your convenience, wherever you have access to the internet. Courses can be found on AWWA's website as follows: [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org), click top tab for conferences and education, click tab on left side for the AWWA online institute. Course descriptions, TCH/CEUs provided and pricing is provided for a variety of courses. As a reminder, up to 1/3 of your CEU credit can be in safety classes. Happy Learning!

Linda Wancho is a Project Manager with CH2M HILL and a member of the Education and Professional Development Committee.

## NJAWWA Drinking Water Crossword Puzzle

For those of you who enjoy, and whose minds will allow, a word puzzle, on the following page is an attempt to put a waterworks twist on the age old crossword puzzle. Test yourself and see how fast the puzzle can be solved. The words are from several sources including our Top Ops operator contest, NJAWWA and NJ water related items, and whatever else fit in. A copy of this puzzle, and the answers, will be posted on our website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org) in the Small Systems/Operators Committee page.

Note that acronyms and multiple word answers may have been used and are not separated by any characters (e.g., americanwaterworksassociation). Corrections and comments should be forwarded to [puzzlemaster@njawwa.org](mailto:puzzlemaster@njawwa.org).

Depending on feedback, future puzzles may, or may not, be offered with water other related themes.

## NJAWWA Welcomes New Members!

by Margie Gray

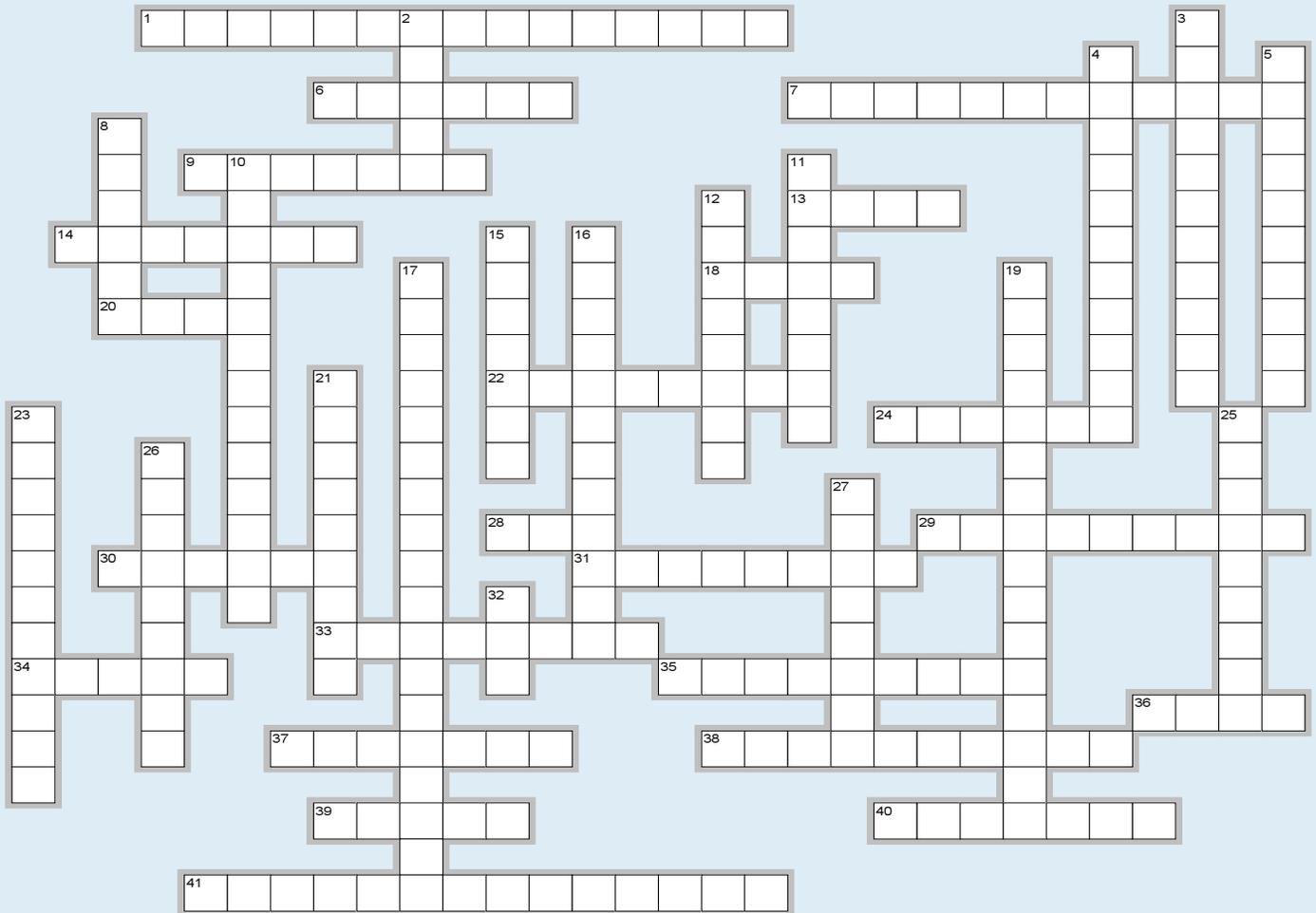
NJAWWA welcomes all new members from the last four quarters (October 1, 2006 through October 1, 2007) and thanks their recruiters. We look forward to seeing you at our events and encourage you to get involved. For

information on upcoming Section activities, please visit our website at [www.njawwa.org](http://www.njawwa.org). For information on becoming involved by serving on a committee, please see Page 8.

### New Members:

|                     |                   |                        |                         |                        |                                |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| James Artale        | Dassia Garayar    | Christine Kuhn         | Herbert C. Pickens, Jr. | John Vena              | Mimi Henry                     |
| Witold T. Baginski  | James Genke       | Steven Kurian          | Michael Piemontesi      | Thomas E. Venator      | Andrew Holt                    |
| Denise Balderama    | Daniel Giacobbe   | Sandra L. Kutzing      | Sumantha Prasad         | Joseph P. Veni         | Martin Knell, Jr.              |
| Brian Bigler        | Peter Giammona    | Josh Land              | John Randazzo           | Michael C. Wallendjack | Lindsey Lento                  |
| John N. Bihm        | Stephen Gitungo   | Mark Lanfrank          | Kaushal Rao             | Linda Watkins-Brashear | James Mastrokalos              |
| Scott Brezinski     | Steve Goodwyn     | Robert Lemanowilz      | Michael Rashkovsky      | Ryan J. Wells          | Hetal Mistry                   |
| Alice C. Brook      | Donna Grosser     | Zijun Li               | Gilbert Rivera, Jr.     | Ryan J. Willitts       | Michael Polito, Jr.            |
| Thomas Brown        | Thomas Gulya      | Kar Lo                 | Idida Rodriguez         | Mark Wrong             | Raymond Slezak                 |
| Donald Brown        | Bouthaina Hamida  | Allyn Luke             | Henry L. Rogacki, III   | Jeffrey Yugas          | Barry Spiegel                  |
| Terry Brown         | Jane Hanuszczyk   | Brendan Maas           | John N. Rogers          | Carolyann Zebrowski    | Joseph Stanley                 |
| Walter E. Buzby     | Ervin Henry       | Michael Maloney        | Eugenia Roman           |                        | C.A. Stevenson                 |
| Craig Campbell      | Paul Robert Henry | Henryk K. Martyniuk    | JoAnne Roof             | <b>Recruiters:</b>     | Gary Sylvester                 |
| David Champion      | Walter Herssens   | Erin Mayfield          | Michael Ruppel          | Michael Achey          | David Tanzi                    |
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| Beth Coma           | Willie F. Hood    | Matt D. Menold         | Mark Schiendelman       | Scott Baxter-Green     | John Van Dorpe                 |
| Richard Dagney      | David Huang       | Francis J. Messar, III | Gregory Schneider       | Joseph Bella           | Laura Vancho                   |
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| Chris Fitzpatrick   | Michael A. Kelly  | Christopher Obropta    | Albert Talbot           | Patrick Cole           | <i>Margie Gray is an</i>       |
| Sean M. Fleming     | Sabri Keskin      | Frank J. Oliveri       | Rick Tecchio            | Joseph Dugandzic       | <i>Engineer with Hatch</i>     |
| Bernie Franc        | Mark Khodash      | Ebony Ortiz            | Kevin Thompson          | Russell Ford           | <i>Mott MacDonald</i>          |
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# NJAWWA Drinking Water Crossword Puzzle



Created with EclipseCrossword — [www.eclipsecrossword.com](http://www.eclipsecrossword.com)

## Across

1. Microorganism that causes potential gastrointestinal illness
6. NJ Section supporting water professionals
7. Amount of water a facility can produce to satisfy Maximum Monthly Average Demand
9. Disinfection Byproducts regulated under the Surface Water Treatment Rule
13. The authoritative resource for safe water
14. Water that is considered safe for domestic consumption; drinkable.
18. Public Community Water System
20. Log removal or inactivation required for viruses?
22. Parameter that has both a primary and secondary standard for Drinking Water?
24. AWWA National award to member of each AWWA Section for distinguished service in the water supply field
28. \_\_\_ ppb is the State of NJ's regulated MCL for Trichloroethylene
29. An area from which water drains to a given stream or river or river system.
30. AWWA Contest for Operators testing their knowledge
31. Bacteria whose presence in drinking water can be an indicator for harmful bacteria
33. Methemoglobinemia, or Blue Baby Syndrome, may result from exposure to this contaminant present in drinking water?
34. Copper sulfate is used in surface water reservoirs to control this
35. Our state
36. All chemicals used in the workplace regardless of hazard require these to be available on site for information to worker
37. A long period of below-average precipitation
38. Water that contains less than 1,000 milligrams per liter of dissolved solids
39. NJAWWA leader AND desk accessory
40. National \_\_\_\_\_ Standards are legally enforceable standards that apply to public water systems.
41. Name of memorial Operator's Award presented by NJAWWA each year

## Down

2. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
3. Discharge from any identifiable point, including pipes, ditches, channels, sewers
4. Closing a valve too fast may result in this condition
5. Where the movement of water cycles from the atmosphere to the earth and back again to the atmosphere.
8. Water that flows on the earth's surface to streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans
10. Build up inside of a pipeline that reduces the C factor or carrying capacity of pipelines
11. Only \_\_\_\_\_ Delivers a product for consumption, health & hygiene and fire protection
12. NJAWWA's newsletter published to its members and others interested in NJ Drinking Water
15. An underground deposit of sand, gravel or rock through which water can pass or is stored
16. Fine sand and a sticky mat of suspended matter that forms on the surface of a sand filter
17. Very Large water systems serve more than this quantity of people
19. Public Water systems that serve between 501-3300 people
21. Type of filters that remove iron and manganese by adsorption and oxidation
23. Source of water used with minimal treatment needs
25. Amount of water analytically derived that a source can provide
26. National \_\_\_\_\_ Drinking Water Regulations are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects.
27. A property of water that causes the formation of an insoluble residue when the water is used with soap and a scale in vessels in which water has been allowed to evaporate
32. Main/service separation AND essential keg device

# Letter from the Chair

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Second, I challenge all of the dedicated volunteers to reflect on how you became involved and who encouraged you to join and participate in AWWA. I further challenge you to talk to at least one individual who is not yet involved in the Section and ask and encourage them to join the committee with you or to join another committee.

Third, I challenge all employers to allow and encourage those working for you to volunteer and participate in the Section. The benefits you will derive from their participation will far exceed the monetary costs to you.

Fourth, I continue to challenge all those employers who already allow and encourage your employees to participate in AWWA to engage in a dialogue with your colleagues of other companies. Talk up AWWA and the benefits that your company derives from participation and the value of AWWA and the value of volunteering. Encourage them to become partners in shaping the future of the industry.

Some of you have already heard of these challenges. Have you responded and met these challenges? If yes, thank you! And continue your support for NJAWWA. If not, I encourage you to accept these challenges.

If this is the first time you have heard of these challenges, I encourage you to accept the challenges. Spread the word. Each of us have our own story about why we joined, why we are still a member, and why we are involved. Research has shown that it takes the personal touch to encourage others to

participate. I encourage you to share your story so that others may benefit from your experience and join in shaping the future of our industry and our association.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at a committee meeting, an event, or whenever our paths cross!

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