

ATCAVE 2003: February 26th

Plans are underway for ATCAVE 2003 to be presented Wednesday, February 26th at the Aqua Turf. The Associates Committee, chaired by Don Iannicelli, is once again the hosting committee for the vendors.

"We are very fortunate that the Program Committee, headed up by Ed Dillman, has structured a program that features something for everyone – from the very smallest of systems to the largest" said Section chair Don Carver.

Don Carver will open the general session at 8:00 a.m. Speakers for the general session include Dr. Gerald Iwan from DPH presenting an overview, Operator Certification Update provided by Bob Rivard from DPH, an EPA Overview of new regulations and security issues presented by Mark Sceery, and Past Present and Future Direction of GIS at the Regional Water Authority presented by RWA GIS Manager Kim Holden.

In addition, two of CT Section's committees will be spotlighted – the newly recreated Safety Committee (Chair Fred Rogers, Southington Water) and the Young Professionals Committee (Committee Matt Stosse from Connecticut Water Co.)

Two education classes with CEUs towards Operator Certification Training will be offered in conjunction with NEWWA. Sound Procedures for Drinking Water Sampling (3.5 CEUs) will be geared to small system participants, and a class on Water Main Flushing Programs (4.0 CEUs) designed for everyone will be offered. Scholarships will be provided to small system attendees through the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) by EPA and DPH. CT Section members and smaller systems will receive a mailing designed specifically for this day to sign up for the courses.

Preparations for TAP 2003, chaired by Ed Michalek, Bob D'Onofrio and Mark Anderson from EPPCO, are underway. Teams are being finalized for participation. The winners of the men's and women's tapping contest will compete at the national tapping contest scheduled for June at the AWWA national conference.

To date, forty-three vendors have signed up to participate in the event. They include: AMCO Water Metering Systems; Badger Meter Inc.; Aquarion Services Company; BAU/HOPKINS; Birmingham H2O Systems; Blake Equipment Co., Inc.; Bristol Babcock, Inc.; Call Before You Dig; CB&I Water; CDM; DEVAR, Inc.; EPA – New England; EPPCO/Ferguson New England; F.R. Mahony & Associates, Inc.; Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.; G.L. Lyons Associates; Hach Company; Harper International, Inc.; Heitkamp, Inc.; Holland Company, Inc.; Layne Christensen Company; Maguire Group, Inc.; Malcolm Pirnie; Milone & MacBroom, Inc.; New York Leak Detection; PEMCO; Pollardwater.com; Preload, Inc.; R.H. White Construction Co., Inc.; Sima Drilling Company, Inc.; Synagro Northeast Inc.; Tata & Howard, Inc.; Technology Sales; The Jack Farrelly Company; The Maher Corporation; The Stephen B. Church Company; Tighe & Bond, Inc.; Utilitronics; Water and Sewer Specialties, LLC; Wedge Manufacturing, LLC; and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.

"This is CT Section's moment to shine – to have the opportunity every year to present a well-rounded worthwhile education program, showcase the assortment of vendors that Connecticut and the surrounding area has to offer, and add excitement with the competition of the tapping contest," said Noel Grant of RWA, former Section Chair now on national AWWA Board of Directors and a member of the 2003 ATCAVE committee.

For further information on this program, contact Section Coordinator Pam Monahan at 203-757-1855.

MCHUGH RECEIVES PLAQUE



CWWA President Larry Bingaman (R) presents to Richard McHugh, former President & CEO of Regional Water Authority, a plaque commemorating his election as an Honorary CWWA Member in recognition of his meritorious service to the industry. The presentation was made during the Joint CWWA and CT Section AWWA holiday luncheon on December 13.

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CWWA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The CWWA Board and Legislative Committee have been busy responding to the Draft Report issued by the Water Planning Council, developing a comprehensive Government Affairs Program of legislative initiatives, and beginning work on the Association's strategic plan.

Water Planning Council: As CWWA Executive Director Betsy Gara mentions in her column, the Water Planning Council (WPC) released on December 10 its draft report of recommendations. CWWA members testified at the WPC's December 16 meeting and noted their disappointment that the Draft Report dismisses a recommendation made by five of the six subcommittees to create an overarching governing authority to address the deficiencies in the current water resource planning and allocation programs.

To help the WPC reconsider and study the creation of an overarching authority, CWWA's Legislative Committee has formed a subcommittee of water utility representatives to begin to define the scope and responsibilities of such an authority. Members of the WPC and their staff will be invited at its

January 15 hearing to revise the draft report and to work in concert with CWWA on studying the model. In addition to reviewing various governing models, the subcommittee will identify the potential costs associated with the recommended model and develop recommendations for reallocating state resources, leveraging existing state and federal resources and identifying new revenue sources to support implementation of the model.

Government Affairs Program: CWWA's Government Affairs Program containing the various proposals it will pursue this legislative session, was approved at the December Board meeting. The proposals address a variety of issues ranging from protecting sensitive utility information, restructuring the Open Space & Watershed Acquisition Program so water utilities could receive a 50% matching grant under the program, streamlining the diversion permitting process, to targeting the state revolving fund to better help small systems.

A key part of CWWA Government Affairs program is member involvement. If you would like to support CWWA's efforts at the capitol

but don't want to testify at a hearing or write letters, then hosting a meeting of legislators in your area at one of your facilities would be very helpful. These meetings not only provide an opportunity to showcase your operations but also provide CWWA an opportunity to discuss its legislative agenda. If you would like to host a meeting, give CWWA Executive Director Betsy Gara a call at 860-547-0566 for more information.

Strategic Plan: The CWWA Board of Directors is proceeding with implementing its strategic plan and has formed three committees to work on the action plans of the three goals, which are: 1) Strengthen the organization and continuity of CWWA; 2) Increase CWWA's effectiveness by taking a leadership role in advancing legislative and regulatory initiatives; and, 3) Increase CWWA's credibility with and recognition by its internal and external stakeholders. The committees will kick off their work at a January 23rd meeting.

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Operator Exams Scheduled

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<u>Exam</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Application deadline</u>
Small Water System	May 14, 2003	April 4, 2003
Water Treatment Plant Operator	June 10, 2003	May 2, 2003
Distribution System Operator	June 11, 2003	May 2, 2003
Small Water System	September 9, 2003	August 1, 2003

Anyone wishing more information regarding the certification exams should contact Jayne Smalls, Connecticut Department of Public Health at (860) 509-7333 or e-mail robert.rivard@po.state.ct.us.

Call For Topics!

We are in the early stages of planning the program for the Annual Joint Conference in May. If anyone has any suggested topics, or if you have a topic you would like to present, please contact:

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8th Annual Water For People Golf Tournament

196 golfers participated in the 8th Annual Golf Tournament for Water For People on a beautiful sunny day at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington, CT on Sept. 10, 2002. 36 hole sponsors participated and helped make the event a success. 15 volunteers made the event run smoothly as well as untold others that secured prizes, put teams together and handled the sign up and record keeping that is necessary with such an undertaking. There was \$3620 in prizes awarded at the end of the event after a fine buffet served by the Tunxis golf club. The 50/50 poker game paid back \$900 to the three winning teams. Water For People was rewarded with a profit of \$8287 with which to fund additional projects in Honduras and Guatemala. The CT Section AWWA Water For People Committee wishes to thank all for their participation and the funds to help many needy folks in developing countries.

Honduras is CT Section Focus for 2002

Miles Messenger of our committee traveled to Honduras in March to visit projects that were under construction or completed with CT Section funds. He was impressed with the people and their determination to make their sanitation and water systems work and improve their lives. One particular project that was funded after Miles' trip was the El Cielito project. This project is the result of relocating a whole village to a safer location. Hurricane Mitch caused a landslide that killed many villagers and the survivors had to be taken out over a raging river on a cable. This project is overseen by the Peace Corps and our in-country coordinator. CT Section WFP dedicated \$5,000 to this project. A committee member matched that amount for a total of \$10,000. The total cost of the water system will be \$18,090. The total funds dedicated in 2002 to all projects were \$21,266.

Village Sponsor

The Connecticut Section AWWA through the WFP Committee has increased their sponsorship from \$1,000 (Community Sponsor) to \$2,000 (Village Sponsor). This amount is sent annually to WFP National in Denver for their General Fund.

Aquarion Water Company launches Aquarion 1-10 Challenge Grant

The previously announced Aquarion Water Company 1-10 Challenge grant is "off and running". Water utilities throughout Connecticut and the nation have the opportunity to participate. For each bottle of water that a utility labels to include information pertaining to Water For People, Aquarion contributes ten cents for a total contribution of \$10,000. To date, Aquarion has contributed \$5,000 with \$2,500 of that amount designated for Connecticut Section AWWA WFP Committee projects.



Basic, simple hygiene practices such as bathing and hand washing help save lives in areas where municipalities are unable to provide basic water and sanitation services.



Children living in urban shantytowns and slums suffer the greatest vulnerabilities as a result of HIV/AIDS, orphanages and the responsibilities of acting as parents.

Water For People and USA EPA Sponsor First Forum of Its Kind in East Africa

In the developing world, the continuing migration of the poor to the cities creates unimaginable health risks from raw sewage, solid waste and lack of access to safe drinking water. These tragic conditions are especially difficult for children. On November 19th, a very dedicated group of professionals came together in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to report, confer and make further plans to pioneer simple, workable water models in the fast and growing settlements, slums and squatter areas of African cities. This is the first forum of its type in East Africa to truly involve and engage actual practitioners in an exchange of ideas and efforts on this most pressing issue.

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WATER For PEOPLE / US EPA Forum

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Water For People and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, under the "Water for Africa" joint initiative, sponsored this workshop with participants attending from Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania. Paul Sobiech, International Program Director For Water For People, reported that the most touching experiences were the visits to the actual communities where the Water For Africa programs are in progress. One participant, filled with emotion in his eyes exclaimed, "I was impacted by the motivation of people with so little who do so much."

During the four-day conference, the participants spent many hours reporting, conferring, questioning and encouraging each other professionally in this vital work. The overall goal is for the settlement communities to discover how to sustain their people with water and sanitation systems that fit the needs of the current communities.

Aquarion Water Company Unveils The Wonders of Water Video To Area Educators

Aquarion Water Company has presented its *Wonders of Water* Educational Video to schools throughout its new service communities in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire as an introduction to Aquarion's water science educational partnership.

Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut launched the program in its former BHC Company Fairfield County service areas three years ago. It has taken conservation, watershed protection and other water-related projects to thousands of students throughout its service communities.

The video, tailored for middle school-aged youngsters, describes aspects of water treatment and how pollution affects the water supply, as well as the importance of protecting area wetlands and watersheds. "Working through community-based partnerships, a team of Aquarion Water professionals developed The Wonders of Water Video to help promote the public's awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of the region's precious water resources," said Larry L. Bingaman, Aquarion Water Company's vice president in charge of corporate communications. "It's also a wonderful way to demonstrate the cooperative commitment that our partners and we share with respect to the environment, as we enhance our presence in our neighborhood schools," Bingaman added.

The video package provides teachers with practical, hands-on water science lesson plans and curriculum guides. In the past three years, Aquarion Water Company's educational and mentoring programs have reached more than 30,000 young people.

Dates To Remember Annual Joint Conference CT Section AWWA – CWWA

May 21-23, 2003
Woodstock, VT

AWWA 2003 Annual Conference & Exposition

June 15-19, 2002
Anaheim, CA

Legislative & Regulatory Update

By: *Elizabeth Gara, CWWA Executive Director*

CWWA members have been busy on a number of fronts - developing a comprehensive Government Affairs Program and responding to the Draft Report issued by the Water Planning Council.

The Water Planning Council (WPC) released its draft report outlining recommendations for addressing the allocation of the state's water resources on December 10. CWWA members testified at a December 16 WPC meeting that the Council missed a tremendous opportunity to recommend changes that would move Connecticut toward the essential goal of ensuring that Connecticut has a safe, ample supply of water.

"CWWA is extremely disappointed that the Draft Report quickly dismisses a recommendation made by five of the six subcommittees to create an overarching governing authority that is intended to address the deficiencies in the current regulatory structure that have resulted in fragmented, ineffective water resource planning and management programs," testified Cindy Fazendeiro of the CT Water Co. and CWWA Legislative Co-Chair.

CWWA was also alarmed at the Draft Report's recommendation to revise the minimum stream flow regulations based on the Apse 2000 method. "Expert opinions delivered to the streamflow subcommittee indicate that Connecticut could lose 1/3 of its current surface water supplies under this methodology, creating serious public water shortages for customers across the state," testified Bob Young of the Manchester Water & Sewer Dept. and CWWA Legislative Co-Chair. Also testifying were CWWA members Ken Skov, Waterbury Water Department; David Silverstone, Regional Water Authority; Peter Galant, Aquarion Water; and David Radka, CT Water Co.

The Water Planning Council was scheduled to meet on January 15 at the state Capitol to discuss and revise the Draft Report to reflect the concerns raised at the public hearing.

The 2003 General Assembly convened on January 8. CWWA will be meeting with chairs and ranking members to urge them to adopt recommendations outlined in our Government Affairs Program that will improve Connecticut's water resources planning, management and allocation system. For a complete copy of the program, please visit CWWA's web site at www.CWWA.org or contact Elizabeth at 860-547-0566.

Chisholm To Retire In The Spring Of 2003

Alexander B. Chisholm, Director of Utilities for more than 13 years at Groton Utilities, has announced his intention to retire this spring. No successor has been named at this time. He plans to leave the area upon his retirement and relocate to Florida.

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SANTA MAKES "SURPRISE" VISIT

Continuing a decade-long Christmas-time tradition, Aquarion Water Company Meter Tester Joseph Montanaro surprised the entire Barnum elementary school student body with some 500 gift bags to usher in the holiday spirit and further encourage holiday reading.

Montanaro, looking pleasantly plump in a red suit, boots, white hair and all, appeared to the group following the school's Annual Christmas Pageant, which was held at the Barnum Annex in Bridgeport.

The gift-giving event, organized by Aquarion Water Company Corporate Relations Manager Lorraine Gibbons, Montanaro and committed company volunteer Mary Montanaro, always brings smiles to the children's faces. After thanking Santa profusely, one little girl matter-of-factly added, "Even though I don't believe in you."

Despite the child's candor, Gibbons said Aquarion Water Company is committed to the annual event for several reasons. "Because Barnum is one of our adopted schools, we want to be a source of joy during the holiday season. The fact that we've been providing books for the youngsters for several years helps us to contribute to their academic growth -- even during fun times while away from school," Gibbons added.

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The Section Enhancement Program offers outstanding recognition for participants in the program. The Enhancement Program has sponsored luncheons, speakers, welcome gifts, and art for fundraising raffles at the various Section events. Those contributing \$200 become a Section Enhancer and receive the following:

- Four (4) 2003 Section Enhancement Lapel Pins
- A special recognition in the CT Section Newsletter, (Your company/firm will be listed)
- Posting of your company name on the CT Section web-site and a link to your web-site
- Special recognition at the Annual Meeting and all other major events during the calendar year.
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We have a very active committee pledged to enhance the Section capabilities and to maximize sponsor participation. Let your voice be heard and keep the momentum going.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) has appointed M. Stephen Rhoades as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), beginning in January 2003.

Mr. Rhoades retired from the U.S. Army at the end of November at the rank of Brigadier General. He served as Division Engineer for the North Atlantic Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, based at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has extensive experience in areas similar to the MDC's operations, including responsibility for reservoir security in the Eastern United States after September 11, 2001. His overall duties with the Army Corps of Engineers involved overseeing extensive regional water resource and environmental needs in the Northeast. The North Atlantic Division owns and operates the Washington Aqueduct, which provides drinking water to more than 1 million customers in Washington, D.C., and several suburbs in Virginia. The North Atlantic Division also operates eight recreation sites in Connecticut, including Black Rock Lake, Hancock Brook Lake and Thomaston Dam. Mr. Rhoades has been responsible for overseeing the Division, which has an annual budget of \$2.5 billion, and reports to the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers.

Mr. Rhoades earned an Engineering Degree from the University of Florida in 1973, and a Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Florida in 1980.

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FEMA Accepts Haestad Methods' Software

Haestad Methods announced that its popular suite of stormwater software has been approved by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and added to its list of numerical models accepted for use in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). PondPack, StormCAD, CulvertMaster, and FlowMaster, which are used by thousands of municipal governments, state and federal agencies, and consulting firms in the U.S., can now be used for determining flood hazards in all 50 states.

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