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## THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY MICHAEL EMERY



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Our December social is quickly approaching on December 11 in North Tonawanda. If the reservation deadline has not passed by the time you read this, I hope that you have made, or will make, a reservation to enjoy this night out.

During the November Board meeting we approved a budget that contains about \$50,000 in expenditures! Don't worry, we expect to have income that matches or exceeds our expenses. This is an indication that we have an active and successful Section. A summary of the budget will be included in the next newsletter. Speaking of money, the Board is reviewing web based services that we could use to facilitate electronic registrations for certain Section events and that would allow us to accept credit card payments. Our goal is to have this setup in time to register for the spring Seminar.

Mike Hinton, Membership Chair, and Rich Wise, Section Secretary, have purged people from the e-mail list that have not paid dues since the 2006-07 AWMA business year. So, if a someone asks why they no longer are receiving our e-mails, please have them contact Mike Hinton to renew their membership.

With the Christmas break coming up for most students, I'd like to remind them that the Niagara Frontier Section offers scholarships to graduating high school students, college students and teenagers. See the Education Committee article in this newsletter or our website, [www.awmanfs.org](http://www.awmanfs.org), for more information.

As you may have noticed some of our members are involved in almost all of our major activities and have been for some time. In order to keep our Section successful now and in the future I ask that you get involved with the Board, Seminar, or Environ. New people and ideas are always welcome. If you are interested or would like to volunteer someone, please let any Board or Committee member know and we will put you in touch with the right people.

Enjoy the Christmas Season!

## Next Meeting

**Date:** December 11, 2008

**Social Hour:** 5:00-6:00

**Dinner:** 6:00-7:00

**Place:** Hideaway Grill  
399 Division St.  
N. Tonawanda

**After Dinner Show:** 7:30  
Christmas Carousel Show  
Riviera Theater  
North Tonawanda



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# News from the Education Committee

BRUCE WATTLE

The Earth Day Grant program is another component of the educational outreach activities of our Section. This program is designed to promote environmental awareness by providing financial support for environmental education activities conducted by education and service organizations. Each year we award several grants of up to \$500 each in honor of Earth Day. Schools and environmental education centers in the six county western New York region (Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Allegany, and Wyoming) are eligible to apply. Each applicant is asked to submit a brief proposal describing their project, how the funds will be spent, and the expected result of the activity.

At the annual awards banquet this year on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, we awarded a total of \$4,000 to ten projects. Keeping true to our six county western New York region, schools and organizations ranging from Jamestown and Olean north to Lockport and Newfane received awards. We also ask that at the conclusion of their project each award recipient submits a short report describing the project and/or event and include pictures where appropriate. By going to our section website, you can read one of these reports (see <http://www.awmanfs.org/boyscouts.htm>).

Several of the projects involved the beautification of parks or other outdoor areas by weeding, picking up trash, and planting tree seedlings and flowers. The "Green Team" from South Park High School chose to make improvements to the Bailey Peninsula (a pocket park at the Buffalo River and Cazenovia Creek) by removing invasive species and planting wildflower seeds and trees. Brownie Troop 786 and Scout Pack 279 of the Dodge Scout Project purchased 350 tree seedlings, mostly American chestnut, for planting at the new Amherst Paw Park.

Promotion of recycling continues to be a prominent theme in Earth Day activities. We supported two such projects this past year. We funded the purchase of 50 recycling bins for classrooms at Williamsville Country Parkway Elementary and helped Lockport High School's Recycling Club with recycling awareness activities during their "Going Green" week.

Our grants also support environmental awareness through participation in Earth Day activities or semester-long activities. We helped Randolph Central School with their "How Big is Your Ecological Footprint" activity. The grant funds were used to purchase laboratory supplies for studying acid rain, formation of fossil fuels, energy conservation, and estimation of ecological footprints. We also supported the Earth Day Celebration at Tift Farms Nature Preserve and helped coordinate the USFWS presence and donation of 150 tree shelters for the event.

A big thank you goes to Dave Copeland at Praxair for administering this grant program each year. Remember, scholarship and grant application information is on our Section web site. Applications for all scholarships and grants (NYSDEC Camp, Earth Day Grant, Dave Sauer Memorial for High School seniors, and College scholarships) are due February 2, 2009.

## 2007-2008 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BY RANDY RAKOCZYNSKI



We have put together the following 2008-2009 program for your enjoyment. I would like to remind members to please help support AWMA by cancelling reservations if you are unable to attend, as AWMA is charged for all reservations not cancelled. I would also like to thank Kathy Wager of Adirondack Environmental Services for continuing to take reservations, and Jill Banaszak of CWM Chemical Services for working the door of each meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 11, 2008	Christmas Social	Christmas Carousel Show Rivera Theater North Tonawanda
January 22, 2009	NYSDEC – Part 360 * Update	South Park Botanical Gardens and Curley’s Restaurant
February 19, 2009	Global Climate Change * Presentation	Salvatore’s Italian Garden
March 17, 2009	Teach the Teacher Air Pollution	BOCES West Seneca
March 26, 2009	Joint Meeting with TSC  (Robert Wilmers)	To Be Determined (TBD)
April 22, 2009	Annual Environmental Conference*	Hearthstone Manor
April 25, 2009	Envirun	Goat Island / Fallside Hotel
April 30, 2009	Honeywell Plant Tour *	Pearl Street Brewery
May 21, 2009	Awards Dinner	Erie Canal / Harbor Park (USS Little Rock)
June 2009	Summer Social	Buffalo Zoo

**\* denotes availability of PDH credits**

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