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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY PATRICK J. FILEY



We are starting our first half of our 2007-2008 program year with a BANG! The Board of Directors has adopted a list of Goals and Objectives for this year, and we will be reaching out to our members to assist us in completing them. We hope you will be happy to assist us in achieving our goals.

Goals & Objectives:

1. Continue to make the Niagara Frontier Section a premier environmental organization in WNY.
2. Evaluate bringing the Section into the electronic age.

3. Develop an introduction guide for new Board members.
4. Develop a long-term succession plan.
5. Develop chair participation in each committee.
6. Evaluate by-laws for consistency
7. Develop list of Section membership benefits.
8. Streamline the membership process.
9. Increase membership.
10. Evaluate taxation.

11. Apply for the A&WMA International Minasian Award

12. Keep an Open Mind

By the time this newsletter hits your desk, the first dinner meeting will have occurred. Like last year, the event happened on a rainy evening, but 70 people took part in the tour of the Steel Winds wind farm on the old Bethlehem Steel facility. We had in attendance a few people from the North Erie chapter with which we hope to begin developing a rela-

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2008 ANNUAL ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

BY STEVE DROZDOWSKI



The 2007 Annual Enrichment Seminar was another great success and as such we are moving forward with planning for 2008. The next seminar will be held at the **Hearthstone** on **April 23, 2008**. Please mark your calendar now with this important date and plan on attending this invaluable educational training seminar and networking opportunity. The Seminar committee is diligently working on the program, session topics, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, PDHs/CEUs, and all the small details that go into making a seminar a success. We welcome any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. as we want the 2008 seminar to be another success story! Please send your comments to sdrozdowski@osea.com. If you would like to become a committee member or attend a seminar planning meeting or two, please let us know. Our tentative upcoming schedule is as follows: **October 23 at DuPont (Tonawanda), November 13 at GZA (Buffalo), and December 12 at OSEA (Blasdell)**. Meetings are held at noon, lunch is provided, and the meetings last about an hour. We would like to see all members of the Niagara Frontier Section attend the seminar. If you would like to sponsor, exhibit, or speak, please let us know. Watch the upcoming quarterly newsletters and/or attend the chapter monthly meetings for updates on topics and speakers. Nearly \$10,000 was raised last year for student scholarships and environmental causes, and we want to meet or exceed that in 2008! •



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2007-2008 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BY MIKE EMERY



We have put together the following 2007-2008 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>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
9/27/07	Mark Mitskovski , BQ Energy	Tour of Steel Winds Project	Steel Winds (former Bethlehem Steel site) 1951 Hamburg Turnpike, Lackawanna, NY 14218 Woodlawn Beach State Park 3580 Lake Shore Rd., Blasdell, NY 14219
10/25/07	Michael Van Der Puy, Honeywell	Sustainable Use of the Environment (JOINT MTG w CHMM)	Potts Deli & Grille 694 S. Ogden St., Buffalo, NY 14206
11/15/07	TBD	Geothermal Energy	The Frog Grill & James Daniel's Banquets (formerly Warren's) 561 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150
12/05/07	Social Event	A Christmas Carol (play)	Eddie Ryan's 50 Central Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086 Lancaster Opera House 21 Central Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086
01/24/08	NYSDEC	What's New at the DEC	TBD
02/28/08	Benchmark Engineering	Bethlehem Coke Oven Remediation	TBD
03/27/08	TBD	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Buildings	Shanghai Red's 2 Templeton Ter., Buffalo, NY 14202
04/23/08 (changed)		ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR	Hearthstone Manor 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043
04/24/08	TBD	Tour of Praxair	TBD
04/26/08		ANNUAL ENVIRUN	TBD
05/22/08		ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET	Beaver Island State Park Casino 2136 W. Oakfield Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072

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EARTH DAY GRANTS

BY KATHY AND ANGELA WAGER



This past year, I have been the Community Service Chair for our Niagara County Equine 4H Club-The Northeast Herd. We would like to thank AWMA-NFS for their generous Earth Day Grant last spring to our club. My daughter, Angela, prepared a poster board presentation of our efforts for entry into the Niagara County Fair. She not only received 1st place, but was also recommended for State Fair and took 1st place at the State Fair. She hopes to use this project for 4H Public Presentation in spring 2008. We hope to increase awareness of the environment within this particular youth group. Angela's write-up follows:

NORTHEAST HERD EQUINE 4H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

by Angela Wager for the Northeast Herd

The Niagara County Equine 4H grounds are a wonderful place to spend a summer day during show season. The Northeast Herd wrote a grant proposal to the Niagara Frontier Air & Waste Management Association. The proposal was accepted and we received an Earth Day grant of \$350. The money is currently being used to fix up the equine portion of the fairgrounds and promote some environmental education. We took a "Re-use and Recycle" approach to this project.

On Earth Day nearly the entire Northeast Herd came to the grounds to work as a team. Some of the members took old feed bags and walked around picking up trash. We also retrieved some 30 or so golf balls. The aluminum cans and plastic bottles that were not crushed too badly were taken to the supermarket and recycled. Kutter's Cheese in Corfu, New York was kind enough to donate some of their empty food barrels. Three barrels were transformed into trashcans and one is now a recycle can. A special lid was made for the recycle can out of old stall wood to keep out the trash. The barrels have horses stenciled on them to signify they belong in the equine section.

By visiting the Internet we were able to acquire the proper dimensions for different birdhouses, nesting boxes, and bat houses. We re-used some wood and plastic to construct the houses under parental supervision. The birdhouses and nesting boxes were completely made of re-used materials while the bat house required the purchase of some small animal wire. However, the rest was re-used material. The club members were taught how to use a nail gun while the parents operated the drills. Members had to work together in order to assemble the houses.

Meanwhile, other members were cleaning stalls. Many stalls had been left dirty during the winter/spring and had molded. Using pitchforks, shovels, brooms, and wheelbarrows each stall was cleaned. In one particular stall a board had been pulled down. Two or three members pushed the board back up and got



Angela Wager's Award-Winning Presentation of
Northeast Herd Equine 4H Community Service Project

it nailed in place.

One family brought two small pine trees from home, which we planted at the ends of the barns. Unfortunately, both trees were mowed down with the tall grass. However, more trees would soon come.

The rails in the indoor arena that separate the riding and spectator areas were improved. Some old porch railings were added to the existing rails. Gates were built using the same used spindles that will prevent the minis from getting into the spectator area.

Some smaller groups from the club came out on other days too. Some people had perennial flowers at home that had multiplied too many times. The flowerbed by the announcer's booth was planted with hostas and irises. The Northeast Herd did not plant the purple petunias shown in the picture, but we thank the mystery gardener.

Club members brought some small trees from their homes that were planted near the judge's booth. Orange tags were tied around these trees as notification, but some were too small to see in the grass and they got mowed down. Some evergreen trees were purchased at an auction that took place at the fairgrounds. Four were planted near the judge's booth. We have lost many of our trees to the drought and the lawnmower this summer. Hopefully, we will return next year with more trees and better weather.

The judge's booth was also dressed up a bit. Some lattice fencing was placed on the bottom, and the club is still installing some left over spindles for the top. We hope to add a flowerbed around it next year.

Four metal benches were purchased for extra seating. People will have more places to sit and watch the horse shows.

The Northeast Herd has a small amount of grant money left that is still undecided. However, we will be sure to use this extra to improve the equine 4H grounds and help our environment. •

STEEL WINDS TOUR

BY MIKE EMERY



Seventy-five people hopped on school buses for a tour of the Steel Winds project in Lackawanna on September 27th. As we slowly travelled to the tallest wind turbines in the U.S., Mark Mitskovski of BQ Energy explained the challenges of building the project, which included negotiations with the property owners (four owners in about four years), unknown waste characteristics at the time they signed a DEC Brownfield Agreement, and constructing the turbines during the winter.

These are the most powerful turbines in the U.S., at 2.5 megawatts each, and are the first turbines designed and manufactured by Clipper Winds, a U.S. company. Look for as many as 18 more wind turbines on the property as Steel Winds 2 progresses. After the tour we all enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Ilio DiPaolo's at the new and impressive Woodlawn Beach State Park beach house.

I hope to see you at future meetings. Don't forget to join the A&WMA so you can save on the meeting prices! •



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AWMA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BY JANET SCHMIDT



The 100th Annual AWMA International Conference was held on June 25-29, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA. Typical schedule:

- 5:30 PM Arrive in Pittsburgh, check in
- 5:45 PM Quick change for a networking opportunity at the riverfront restaurants
- 9:00 AM Find the route to the Convention Center and check in at the volunteer room.
- 10:00 AM Start viewing the vendor display area
- 11:00 AM Attend an educational session
- 12:00 PM Lunch with some old friends at the Convention Center
- 1:45 PM Ready for first session to monitor "Engineers without Borders"
- 3:00 PM Second session to monitor "MACT Update – Implementation, Area Sources and Residual Risk"
- 4:00 PM Attend educational sessions, including "A National Study of Weather-Related Mortality" or "Workshop on the Effects of Air Pollution on the Mayan Monuments"
- 6:30 PM Attend AWMA Council Reception with old and new friends
- 8:00 AM Find a good seat for Keynote speech by Christine Todd Whitman - Excellent!
- 10:00 AM Ready for last monitor session "Public Participation in Air Policy"
- 12:00 PM Lunch with friends before leaving for home.


Local members in attendance were Patrick Filey, Dominic Buccilli, Mike Emery, Dave Copeland, Charlie Porter, and Ed Watts. It's a wonderful event that is extremely well organized and has a global context. I've met people from all over the world that are all focused on environmental stewardship and would highly recommend this to all our local members! •

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Just a reminder to renew your membership! The membership application is always available online at www.awmanfs.org along with a description of membership levels. Keep in mind that part of your membership fees helps to support the scholarships and other programs that A&WMA supports. Effective February 2007, only paid members are eligible for reduced dinner prices. All others will pay the non-member price.

An International Member receives all of the benefits of a Local Associate plus all benefits of the National A&WMA. This

includes one journal, notification of continuing education opportunities, reduced fees for national classes, seminars, and conferences, and further reduced meeting prices. Journals offered include the *Environmental Manager*, with articles and updates directed toward the plant and consulting professional, and the *Journal of the A&WMA*, directed toward the academic community. International members are invoiced before their anniversary date, which covers their dues for a 12-month period (rolling membership). All existing International Members should renew directly with the A&WMA.

Finally, please consider a Corporate Membership. The funds raised through Corporate Sponsor memberships are awarded through our college and high school scholarships, DEC summer camp scholarships, and Earth Day Grants. The cost of a Corporate Membership is \$280 and includes an International Membership for one employee and a Local Associate Membership for a second employee of the sponsoring organization. To apply for a Corporate Membership, please submit one International Membership Form and one Local Associate Application to the Niagara Frontier Section. •



CAMP



SCHOLARSHIPS

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Miss Janet,

Thank you for sponsoring my trip to DEC Camp in Rushford. I had a blast and made many new friends. I learned a lot about how to save resources through my lessons and games. The trip to the Hanging Bog was fun and really cool. The week flew by with all the fun! I hope to go again next summer. Thanks a ton!

From, Angela Wager •



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PUBLICITY

BY MIKE EMERY



Monthly meeting announcements will be published in the Buffalo News Business Calendar on the Sunday before the meetings.

Monthly meetings and most other Section activities are posted on our website, www.awmanfs.org, so please check there for information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

BY CHARLIE PORTER



The Education Committee is moving into the fall season with several of the traditional programs in motion. The Scholarship applications are being updated and posted on the AWMA website at www.awmanfs.org. All applications are due by February 1, 2008. Earth Day grant applications are also due at this time.

The Education Committee also will hold the first part of the Teach the Teacher Air Quality program on November 6, 2007,

with attendees from various public and parochial schools. The spring session for the teachers is scheduled for Early March and the topic will be non-point source pollution.

We seek new volunteers to help expand the program and bring new experience to the Education Committee and the Teach the Teacher program. If you are interested I can be reached at 716-693-4434. •

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tionship over the next several dinner meetings.

In March (not too far off), the nominating committee will begin to meet to prepare a slate of officers and directors for the 2008-2009 program year. This presents a great opportunity for you to become directly involved with the leadership of this fine organization. As part of Goal # 4, we invite those individuals who desire to be leaders within the organization to partake in a Board of Directors meeting to see how the organization is run prior to making a two-year commitment. If you are interested, please contact me at pat.filey@testamericainc.com or by phone at 716-504-9806 to obtain further information.

I encourage our current members to bring a guest to meetings and to encourage them to join the organization as either a local or international member. In doing so, you will help the Board in its drive to keep the AWMA Niagara Frontier Section the premier environmental organization in WNY and help increase our membership numbers, supporting our application for this year's Minasian Award. The Minasian Award recognizes the top three performing sections for outstanding achievement in serving the mission and membership of the Association.


I look forward to serving this prestigious group of professionals for the 2007-2008 program year.

Sincerely, Your Chairman, Patrick J. Filey •

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