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## THE CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER



Mr. Dan DuVall

I knew the time would come when I had to write my first article for the corner chair or as it is better known, The Chairperson's Corner. I've pondered upon what I could say that would be news worthy and uplifting that perhaps has not been said before. I have no magic words, but the thoughts that continue to flow are that it is a pleasure to serve in any capacity in this fine organization. Ever since I became involved with our section of the Air & Waste Management Association in late 1996 I have been impressed by the willingness of each and every member to pitch in and help. It is not difficult to serve in the AWMA-NFS because so many hands make a complex job

easy. As your Chair for the 2004-2005 program year I get to serve with a fantastic group of directors. If you are new to our organization or have not served on one of our several committees or activities I encourage you to take a more active roll. You will not be disappointed and will find the experience rewarding and enriching. I challenge you to find a better group of professionals to work with.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have had our first program meeting of the year on September 30 at the Buffalo Zoo and we will have donated over \$2,000 from Envirun to the Zoo.

Just another example of how this organization works together for the betterment of our environment and community.

I do not intend to detail the activities of all our committees or the projected events for this program year in my comments. I want to give each director and committee their own opportunity to "blow their horns" if you will. Suffice to say we have another great year ahead of us and your involvement will make it even greater. One of the goals the Board has set for

this year is a review and updating, as necessary, to our Bylaws. Serving on the review committee is Pat Martin, Pat Filey, Gerry Mikol, Mike Emery and myself. If you have any questions or comments on the Bylaws

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### 2005 ENRICHMENT TRAINING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

**APRIL 6, 2005—SAVE THE DATE !!**

BY PATRICK J. FILEY

The seminar committee will begin this year with the lofty goal of surpassing last year's record attendance and scholarship awards. The committee will be focusing on securing speakers from the regulatory agencies like the NYSDEC, EPA, USACE, and DOH to


update and educate us on regulatory changes facing all Environmental Professionals. Again we will have a multi-track program focused on Air, Water, Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, and Brownfields. We are offering our early bird discount for all Exhibitors that

commit before Dec. 31st and additional seminar sponsor opportunities.

Interested in participating on the committee, exhibiting and/or sponsorships? Contact the Seminar Chairman at [pfiley@stl-inc.com](mailto:pfiley@stl-inc.com) or by phone at 716-691-2600.

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# 2004 - 2005 AWMA-NFS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

By Jill Knickerbocker

The new program year is off to a great start! On October 28, we will be holding a joint meeting with WNYWEA (Western New York Water Environment Association) that includes a tour of the Buffalo Sewer Authority (BSA). The BSA's recent improvements will be highlighted. This will be followed by dinner across the street at Rich Renaissance. On November 18, we will be having a joint meeting with the Ontario section. Our speaker will be Bob Knoer, with a presentation of great interest to members on both sides of the border, the Governors Annex, Great Lakes water usage and diversion. The November meeting location is tentatively scheduled for the Niagara Club, 24 Buffalo Avenue in Niagara Falls, NY. On December 9, we will be celebrating the holiday season by attending the play, "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Lancaster Opera House. (Their production of "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" last year was very heart warming and entertaining and I expect that this year's version of "Wonder Life" will be just as good.) The play will be preceded by a meal at Eddie Ryan's. We have reserved a block of tickets, additional tickets will be available depending on ticket sales at the Opera House. I urge you to make reservations early to guarantee a good seat. For details on the remainder of this year's programs, please refer to the summary table below and check for updates on the back of each month's meeting notices.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	LOCATION
10/28/04	Joint Meeting with NYWEA	Tour of Buffalo Sewer Authority	Dinner at Rich Renaissance
11/18/04	Robert Knoer	Great Lakes Diversion	Niagara Club
12/9/04	Holiday Social	"It's A Wonderful Life" @	Dinner at Eddie Ryans
1/27/05	Larry Sitzman	NYSDEC Air Program Update	Chefs Restaurant
2/24/05	Paul Werthman	Remediation of Former Donner	Sean Patricks
3/17/05	Steve Ricca	TSC Joint Meeting	Harry's Harbour Place
4/28/05	Jeff Wells	DOT Hazardous Materials	Dock of the Bay (TBC)
5/26/05	None	Awards & Scholarship Dinner	Beaver Island Casino

**REMINDER! Please make your reservations for all meetings a week in advance. Due to escalating costs we will invoice all dinner meeting no-shows unless we receive a cancellation.**



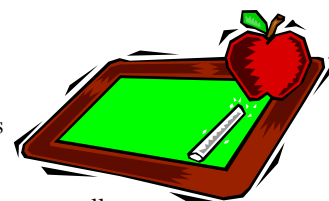
Zoo President Donna Fernandez Speaks at Sept. AMWA Dinner Meeting



A Zoo Docent explains the merits of a poisonous toad !

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

by: Kate Emery



The Education Committee met in September to get our plans in order for the coming year. As usual we have a great group of dedicated people involved, but can always use more help!

Applications for high school, college and DEC camp scholarships, as well as for the Earth Day grants, will soon be on the AWMA website: <http://www.awmanfs.org>. These applications will all be due on February 1, 2005.

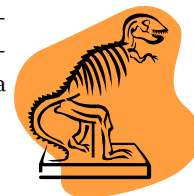
The Teach the Teacher Workshop for the fall will be held on October 21, 2004 at Erie 1 BOCES on Harlem Road in West Seneca from 4:30 to 7:30 PM with dinner included. The topics will deal with Air Quality. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the various sessions that evening, please contact Jill Knickerbocker to sign up or with questions. Also, teachers (grade school and high school) who may be interested in attending can contact the Niagara Frontier Industrial Education Council (NFIEC) at 821-7082.

Please see the related article (below) in this newsletter about a great opportunity for AWMA members to expand their horizons for free! You and your family can attend the Buffalo Zoo, Niagara Aquarium, etc, and be reimbursed for the cost of the visit. The Education Committee wants you to continue learning about the environment, as well as benefit from your AWMA membership.

## Take Your Family to a Museum!

By Jill Knickerbocker

One of the little known benefits of an Air & Waste Management membership is the \$500 budgeted annually for member scholarships. The intent of this program sponsored by the education committee is to reimburse members and their family members for environmental/educational outings. Scholarships may cover something as simple as a family visit to the aquarium or participation in National Chemistry Day at the Buffalo Museum of Science on Saturday, October 23 from 1-4 pm (free with museum admission) to a mini-camp at the Buffalo Museum of Science during Winter Break or President's Week (for dates, times and cost, see [www.buffalomuseumofscience.org](http://www.buffalomuseumofscience.org)). Contact Kate Emery, Education Chairperson, to check on funds available as the scholarships are provided on a first come first serve basis.



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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### Can You Save on an International Membership?

By Mike Emery

Please take a minute to review the three levels of membership on your membership application (mailed in September). This information is also posted on our website at [www.awmanfs.org](http://www.awmanfs.org). Local Members of the Niagara Frontier Section receive this newsletter, monthly dinner meeting announcements, and reduced fees to local seminars and meetings. International Membership includes local membership, plus one of two journals, continuing education opportunities, and reduced fees for national classes, seminars and conferences. More information on our International's activities can be found at [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org).

Corporate Membership includes the advantages of both the Local and International Membership for one employee of the company, and provides scholarship assistance to local students in environmental programs and educational outreach. All corporate sponsors are listed on our meeting announcements and are featured on the scholarship awards.

Did you know that you may still be able to **save \$50 on membership dues?** That is right, if you have not been a member of AWMA International for more than 12 months you are eligible to become an International Member by paying \$100 in dues,

a savings of \$50 off the regular dues. To do this, you must submit payment and an International Membership application to the Niagara Frontier Section before December 30, 2004. If you already paid your Local dues and would like to take advantage of this offer, you still can, by paying the difference of \$75. In addition, AWMA International just announced that their individual dues will be increasing from \$150 to \$165 as of January 1, 2005. If you have a membership question please contact Mike Emery (851-7130) or Kevin Janik (836-1540).

## COMPANY NEWS!

### Paul Morrow Joins STL

STL Buffalo has announced that Paul Morrow has joined the staff in the position of Project manager. Mr. Morrow earned his B.S. and MBA from Canisius College and has over 16 years of environmental commercial testing experience including various technical management positions.

### Mary Christie joins Stearns & Wheler

Mary Christie, a member of the AWMA-NFS since 1994, has recently accepted an engineering position with the consulting firm Stearns & Wheler, LLC in their Amherst office. Ms. Christie, a 1993 graduate of Clarkson University, will focus on water and wastewater design and energy studies while using her environmental regulations and permitting expertise to obtain future projects.

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Speaking of e-mail, you may have noticed starting last year we are sending announcements for our monthly meeting by e-mail. Some announcements are also sent by US mail. It is our hope and intent to be able to send every member an announcement by e-mail. Using e-mail is easier, quicker and less expensive. The money saved on fewer postal mailings can be applied towards our scholarship funds. If you are not now receiving your announcement by e-mail please send your e-mail address to Rich Wise, our Board Secretary, at [richard\\_wise@fmc.com](mailto:richard_wise@fmc.com).

Lastly, I want to mention the Board is in the process of finalizing our 2004-2005 budget. You may be surprised to know that our program year income and expenses are over \$40,000. Our overall financial condition is on firm ground and we intend to keep it that way. Our single largest source of income is the annual seminar followed by our membership dues and corporate sponsors. We do not try to make money on our monthly dinner meetings, and in fact some meetings are subsidized. We are looking for sponsors for some events, so if you or your organization is interested please contact our Vice Chair, Jill Knickerbocker or Dominic Buccilli our Treasurer. Our pledge to you is to continue to operate our organization in a fiscally responsible manner and to direct as much money into education and scholarships as possible to better our environment.

***AWMA-NFS Student Chapters***

*By Mike Carlton*

As the new season kicks off for AWMA, we encourage the students to be involved with their respective groups at Buffalo State College and the University of Buffalo. Then come join us for the bigger picture at our monthly dinner meetings and take part in other events that our organization puts on throughout the year. Our section will pick up the tab for the elected officers of the student chapters (up to 4 each) to join AWMA International. Our section also offers its members as a resource for their experience and expertise on topics that may be of interest to the students. In order to take advantage, you need to be involved. We hope to see a good showing of students out at our local dinner meetings. It's an opportunity to get a good meal, hear interesting environmental topics, and meet new friends and business contacts.