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Straight From The Chair

By: Logan McInnis, MSAWWA Chair

Hello MSAWWA Members,

I hope that summer treated you well and was filled with enjoyment of Montana's mountains and pristine waters. Thanks to all of you who participated in this spring's 86th Annual Meeting of the Montana Section of the American Water Works Association. Thanks also to the Host City Committee in Bozeman and to our Executive Secretary, Robin Matthews, for pulling off a really incredible joint conference with MWEA and for the first time, the Rocky Mountain APWA.



I'm excited to be this year's Board chair. We've got a great Board and I'm excited to welcome Greg Lukasik and Steve Wonacott as our newest members. I would like to take a minute to share with you a few of the accomplishments of our Section (in partnership with MWEA) over the last couple of years:

- Continue to provide an incredible training opportunity for our members at our annual conference. It's also a pretty darned good time!
- Completed the painful process of finding a phenomenal new Executive Secretary in Robin Matthews
- Continued to maintain healthy financial reserves exceeding \$60K for MSAWWA and Joint Scholarship Accounts with MWEA exceeding \$34K

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MWEA President's Message

By: Terry Campbell, MWEA President

Entering our 67th year as a member association and building on the tremendous success of the 2011 Joint Conference in Bozeman, the MWEA looks forward to continuing to be your main resource in the Clean Water industry. From providing technical assistance and training, to networking and development of life-long friendships in the Clean Water business – our Association is committed to serving your needs. We feel the association serves not only professionals, but entry level operations, technical and service industry folks by enhancing knowledge and linking resources.



That being said, the MWEA Board would like to encourage your involvement and participation in the association. In return, you will be greatly rewarded through involvement with some of the nicest people with similar interests, career goals and willingness to share. The organization serves to communicate what is going on in the industry at the national, state and local levels. It opens lines of communication and expands the level of education by showcasing new research & technology, enhancing design skills and bringing a unified voice to the regulatory decision making process. All you need to do is jump in! It doesn't take that much of a time commitment – talk to your employer about your involvement and we bet they'll gladly support your efforts. Send Robin Matthews an email message and ask how you can volunteer or get involved in MWEA (Robin Matthews [info@montana-awwa.org]). We have some great committees that could use your help. There are both MWEA specific committees and Joint (MWEA/MSAWWA) committees needing volunteers. From developing the annual conference program, judging student projects for scholarships, enhancing

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2011 MSAWWA/MWEA/RMC-APWA Joint Conference Highlights

"Working Together For A Better Future"

For the first time, the annual MSAWWA-MWEA Joint Conference was held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the APWA. Partnering on the conference was a successful endeavor for all three organizations and created an excellent opportunity for a wide variety of sessions and topics eligible for continuing education credits. The conference was held at the Best Western and the Holiday Inn in Bozeman on May 11th & 12th, with the Pre-Conference hosted by MWEA on May 10th. Approximately 50 people attended the Pre-Conference, with a total Conference attendance of 217. In addition, there were 83 vendors on site that provided valuable information to all who took advantage of the opportunity. Numerous awards were presented during the banquet on Wednesday evening, as well as at the luncheons on Wednesday and Thursday. The awards presented for MSAWWA and for MWEA at the 2011 Conference were as follows:

WEF Burke Safety Award—Wayne Robbins—Veolia Water North America

MWEA Small Systems Award—Lorin Lowry (Columbia Falls)

MWEA Operator Award—Thomas J. Adams (Bozeman)

MWEA Stockholm Junior Water Prize—Miranda Tornatore & Markie Kindred (Sentinel H.S.)

MSAWWA-MWEA Lifetime Achievement Award—Gerry Lukasik & Joni Emrick

MSAWWA-MWEA Donald Willems Scholarship—Molly Smith (U of M)

AWWA Operator's Meritorious Service Award—Roger Butler (Eureka)

AWWA Fuller Award—John Alston

Dignitaries representing both AWWA and WEF were in attendance at the conference. This year's AWWA dignitary was Craig Woolard, past AWWA President in 2009-2010. Craig has been a member of AWWA since 1995 and has served in many capacities for the organization. Craig is an alum of both Montana State University and of the University of Notre Dame, and completed postdoctoral work at the Technical University in Munich, Germany. He and his wife Lisa reside in Alaska where Craig is the Treatment Division Director of the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility. Betty Jordan joined the Conference as the representative from WEF, and has been a member of the organization since 1987. She too, has served in several capacities for WEF, and is additionally a member of AWWA. Betty is currently Manager of Technology with Alan Plummer Assoc., Inc. in Fort Worth, Texas and is a member of the 2010-2011 Board of Trustees for WEF. Thank you to both of these outstanding individuals for attending the 2011 Joint Conference!

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John Alston, Water and Sewer Operations Superintendent for the City of Bozeman, and who currently serves as the MSAWWA National Director, receives the MSAWWA George Warren Fuller Award for distinguished service at the 2011 Joint Annual Conference. Congratulations to John on receiving this prestigious award!

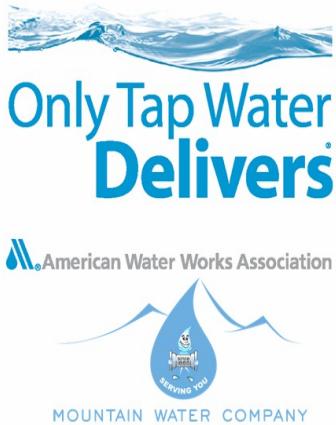


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MSAWWA Chair's Message Cont.

- Helped raise donations totaling \$5184.00 to Water For People in 2011.
- Participated in national AWWA activities at the annual Washington D.C. Fly-In and the annual ACE conference
- Sponsored the 2010 AWWA Regional Meeting of Section officers (RMSO) at Big Sky, MT
- Monitored legislative activities and provided updates to members who wished to receive them
- Supported other local organizations including WARN, METC, ABPA, etc.

One of the biggest current challenges faced by AWWA is a decline in membership due primarily to our nation's economic difficulties. I hope that all of you recognize the really tremendous value that AWWA brings to the drinking water industry, from development of standards and other technical publications to the really great training opportunities offered through our conference and through AWWA's online resources. So please, remind your employer how important your AWWA membership is to maintaining the tremendous resources provided by the national organization and our local section. Perhaps you can even recruit a new member from within your organization or from another organization that you deal with. Not only does our association need to maintain our own membership and Board leaders, we also need to recruit the next generation of workers to run our water systems when we retire!

Take care and keep the water flowing!

~Logan

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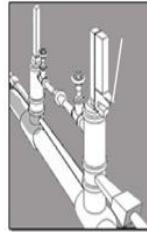
public outreach or tracking legislation that may impact the industry. We have something for everyone.

Specifically, this year we will be developing a new "Long Range Plan" for MWEA. This is a three year plan to improve our efficiency, service and membership. The outlook for future membership is kind of bleak. As us older duffers phase out of this and other fields, we will be competing for good young professionals to step into our shoes. The more we can do now to promote the industry and communicate that it really is a pretty great profession, the better we will overcome the "yuck factor". So, get out there in the schools and institutions and volunteer to educate on Clean Water topics. My experience in doing this with kids has been wonderful, except for the "dry ice / absent minded professor" incident. Come to the conference in Billings this next year and I'll share that story with you.

I look forward to working with you all over this next year and also hope you will join me in encouraging participation and membership in MWEA. The more diverse our membership, the

the better we can work to meet the shared goals of the Association in providing Clean Water for our citizens and future.

~Terry



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A Message from MSAWWA's National Director

~John Alston~

I would first like to take a moment and thank Montana's outgoing AWWA Director John Camden for his service the last three years sitting on the board. It is an honor to replace John and I would like to thank him for his help in showing me the ropes at ACE 11 in Washington DC. New at ACE this year was the ability to attend parts of the conference from the comforts of your home or office by using the ACE virtual conference. The conference costs were paid by sponsors this year, next year the cost will be around \$395.00.

There was much discussion on membership and operating the Association in this economy. AWWA has tightened its belt, reducing their staff from 165 to 146 employees, reducing its budget by 4 million dollars, and reevaluating current programs. I am confident under the leadership of President Jerry Stevens and Executive Director David LaFrance that we will emerge as strong an Association as ever. What we can do as members is promote the value of the association, not only to perspective members but existing members as well. Membership Dues are 39% of AWWA's operating budget and have not changed since 2009, but due to declining membership a modest 3% increase was voted in. That will be an increase of about \$5.00 a year for active members; \$1.00 for retirees; and depending on its size, would result in an increase of 0 to 10% for service providers and 0 to 3% for utilities. Members who have 30 years or more of affiliation with the Association are recognized as Life Members. In the past Life Members have had all the privileges and rights that dues paying members have without paying the dues. Currently we have 5,729 members with the potential of an additional 8,068 Life Members by the year 2022. The Board approved changes at the ACE 11 board meeting that as of January 1, 2012 all new Life Members will need to be 65 years or older and will pay yearly dues in the amount of \$85.00. If you are a Life Member and under the age of 65 your dues in 2012 will go up to \$85.00. Please remember if you are a Life Member and retired you can be reclassified and pay as little as \$32.00 in dues or \$44.00 if you would like to receive the journal. This was a tough decision that was made; Life Members have made major contributions to our Association and industry. However, the current model is simply not sustainable.

As a final note, we have exciting news that the AWWA website will be given a long overdue redesign and will be coming on line by the 2nd quarter of 2012! The Association is also launching Communities of Interests to better target the interests of members and provide a place where people with similar interests can congregate. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or comments you may have about the Association and what we can do to help you as a member.

Sincerely,
John M Alston
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Water Matters! Fly In Report • April 4-5, 2011

~Nate Weisenburger & Bill DeMeyer~

Bill DeMeyer and Nate Weisenburger attended the Water Matters! Fly-In on April 4-5, 2011 in Washington DC on behalf of the Montana Section of the American Water Works Association (MSAWWA). AWWA has sponsored the Fly-In event over the past several years to serve as a mechanism for its membership to inform and educate members of Congress about current topics impacting the water industry. In support of various initiatives, AWWA teamed up with the Water Environment Federation and co-sponsored the Fly-In to provide a more comprehensive perspective and corresponding message to Congress. Of the issues identified by AWWA/WEF, the importance of infrastructure funding appropriations, chemical facility security, and the development of new or revised regulations were identified as those to be discussed with the Montana Congressional Delegation.

Infrastructure funding has been and continues to be a primary focus among Fly-In topics. As a proactive step toward a possible solution, AWWA/WEF members were asked to present the concept of developing a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA), which would function in a similar manner to TIFIA, a successful transportation funding mechanism. In general, WIFIA would provide the opportunity for States to access low interest funding from the US Treasury to augment funding provided by State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. Other specific funding appropriation requests included:

Clean Water SRF at a \$2.0 billion annualized level

Drinking Water SRF at a \$1.3 billion annualized level

Clean Water Act Section 106 program at a \$274 million annualized level

Public Water System Supervision grant at the \$106 million level

Clean Water Act Section 319 program at a \$200 million annualized level

Chemical Facility Security has also been a recurring topic at the Fly-In due to repeated attempts to pass legislation regarding the use of inherently safer technologies, such as alternatives to gaseous chlorine use at water and wastewater facilities. The stance of AWWA/WEF is to allow such decisions to be made at a local level rather than have the nation's water and wastewater utilities succumb to a Federal mandate irrespective of logistics and cost. A secondary issue is the need to exempt sensitive information from Freedom of Information Act requests to maintain the integrity of vulnerability assessments, emergency response planning, and other security initiatives.

As a related topic, AWWA and WEF advocate the development of regulatory standards and requirements that are based on a scientific, methodical, and transparent process, as provided under the Safe Drinking Water Act. For this reason, the message to Congress was that they should vote against any proposed legislation that deviates from or attempts to circumvent that process.

During scheduled meetings, Mr. DeMeyer and Mr. Weisenburger met with a staff member with Senator Baucus, Senator Tester and his staff, and Representative Rehberg and his staff to discuss information on the selected topics, and in general, the advocated positions were well received. Specifically, there seemed be considerable interest in supporting legislation for the WIFIA concept to fund large capital improvement projects.



Allen Kelm presents Joni Emrick with the MSAWWA-MWEA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations to

Molly Smith!

Recipient of the 2011

Donald G. Willems Scholarship

Molly Smith, who is studying water policy and natural resource conflict resolution at the University of Montana, is the proud recipient of the \$1000 MSAWWA/MWEA Joint Scholarship given in honor of Donald G. Willems. Congrats to Molly!



Following a very special introduction by his son Greg, Gerry Lukasik is also presented with the MSAWWA-MWEA Lifetime Achievement Award.

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To all of the volunteers who helped to make the 2011 Joint Conference so successful. As you all know, it takes many hands to put together a conference of this magnitude, particularly this year with the addition of APWA. All of the help is greatly appreciated. A HUGE Thank You to Debbie Arkell, RMC-APWA President, for her assistance in preparing for this first collaboration with APWA. Debbie was a joy to work with and is an extremely organized and resourceful person. Special thanks as well to the Host City Committee, the Program Committee, the MWEA Education Committee and the registration desk helpers:

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Thank you also to Nancy Bruner and Barb Coffman for helping during the week of the Conference—your time and experience are greatly appreciated!

A Contribution From Carroll College Student Tanner Grimstad.....

Throughout my life I have endured many life-changing events. However, one event in particular changed my life in such a way that it has had a lasting effect on me. Joining the Engineers without Borders- Carroll College Chapter has had a profound effect on me. It has increased my knowledge in the engineering field, helped me learn to manage money more effectively through my treasury position in the club, and has opened my eyes to the world beyond just the one I am familiar with.

Engineers without Borders or EWB-USA is a non-profit organization that helps college students and professionals' partner with developing communities to give them the basic necessities of life. Here at Carroll our chapter is currently involved in two major projects. One takes places in Guatemala and the other in Mexico. While both are very interesting, I will share with you today the background on our Mexico project, since it is the project I am directly involved with.

The project has been ongoing for years now, but my first opportunity to directly help with the project came during spring break of my freshman year at Carroll College this past year. I, alongside other students, teachers, and professional mentors made our way down to Mexico in the state of Queretaro, near the city of Colon. We specifically worked at the orphanage, Santa Maria del Mexicano, which lies about 120 miles northwest of Mexico City. This orphanage which was once a monastery, houses roughly 300 children. It is managed by the Catholic Religious order of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and it brings in children who have nowhere else to turn.

The orphanage provides children with shelter, food, clothing, and education. As funds become available, the orphanage pays expenses for some of its residents to attend college in Queretaro. Santa Maria's goal has been to provide children the drive to better their lives and pursue careers in such fields as agriculture, engineering, and veterinarian medicine. The funds to send some of the children to college, however, are rarely available. The community currently has many agricultural projects and raises animals such as sheep, cows, rabbits, and pigs. Santa Maria must purchase feed for its livestock because they currently cannot grow enough feed to provide for their animals due to inadequate irrigation.

Given the current problem, we as a club determined that an irrigation line would be the most appropriate project we could implement for the community. The community has two reservoirs, and an irrigation line would allow them to utilize these reservoirs. Our project, Spices to College, consists of a 1700 meter (5577 feet) irrigation pipeline running from the two reservoirs to the fields, as well as an irrigation system within the fields themselves. The pipeline, which has been started but not finished, is buried a foot underground and while there will be enough head at the fields from one of the reservoirs due to gravity alone, the other reservoir will require a small pump to generate sufficient head. The higher reservoir, however, dries up for part of the season, at which time the lower reservoir will be utilized via pump. We will also install drip irrigation lines within the fields due to their overall efficiency and low pressure requirements.

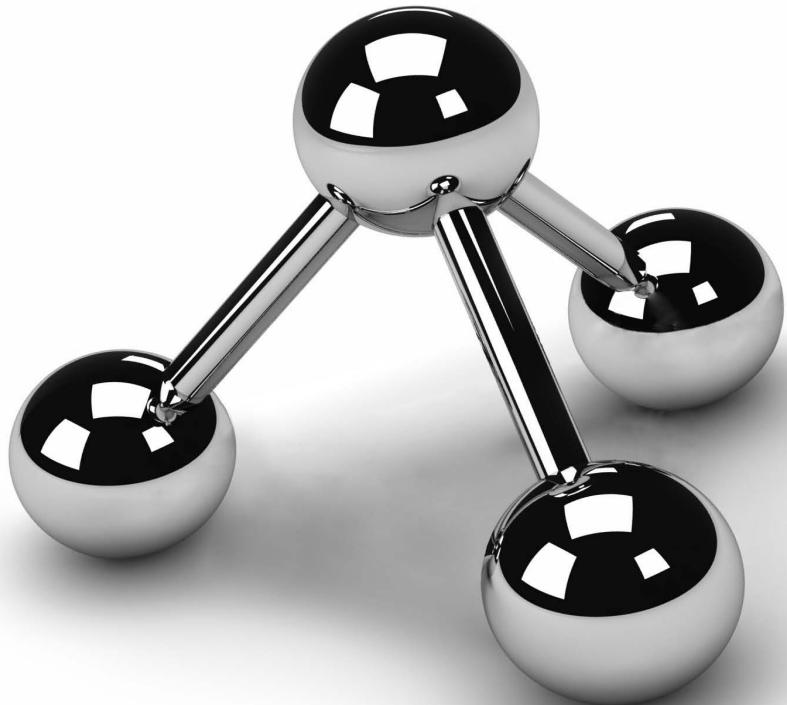
The benefits of this current project are directed towards the children of Santa Maria del Mexicano. Through the pipeline and distribution system we will install, the crops will no longer be limited by the current irrigation water available. As a result the orphanage will be able to produce enough feed to support their animals. This project will also provide an educational opportunity for the children of Santa Maria and allow them to feel they are contributing to the success of Santa Maria. The additional irrigation water will also be used to grow spices. These spices are deemed to be sold and the revenue obtained will finance scholarships for more residents to attend college. The residents who do ultimately attend college tend to return to support the community that helped them.

Following the implementation step of this project, we believe the community will grow enough animal feed to sustain their animals as well as create ten thousand dollars in revenue annually. While proposing then implementing the project are the first steps, the most important ongoing step, after we leave, is sustainability. Our chapter has discussed the necessity of "buying into" a project to ensure its sustainability. Thus far, they are still excited about and committed to ensuring this project is a success.

Up to this point we as a club have completed two assessment trips, in October 2009, and May 2010. Also, the implementation trip I mentioned earlier in March 2011. During our implementation trip we installed 853 meters (2800 feet) of pipe and we are currently working with an agricultural engineer from Fort Collins, Colorado. His job is to design an irrigation stem based on the contour lines we imposed on an image of fields based on survey data we collected on a previous implementation trip. He has also been trying to determine which spices would be the most effective to grow and sell at Santa Maria.

Our plan is to return to Santa Maria in October 2011 to complete the pipeline including the connection at the lower reservoir with the submersible pump. Following this we will focus our efforts on the irrigation system. We as a club enjoy working on and actually implementing the projects we propose. However, the most common and restricting obstacle we encounter as a club is money. The typical required money to cover airfare for eight students is \$6,000. Also, the bus fare and living expenses mount to around \$1,000. This does not even include the materials and installation which, for this particular project, has been calculated to cost \$32,500. Therefore we need all the help we can get whether it is actual physical help, attending our fundraisers, or just placing a donation. We apply for grants yearly from companies such as Caterpillar and Boeing.

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Through all of this, our overall goal is to acquire the sufficient funds to asses, implement, and ultimately complete the projects we work towards and care so much about. Engineers without Borders-USA envisions a world where all people have access to adequate sanitation, safe drinking water, and the resources to meet other engineering and economic development needs. This vision brought me to EWB, and this vision has opened my eyes to a world unlike my own, a world that needs the focus and determination of each one of us, because it is up to the young minds of today to ensure the better good of tomorrow.

If you would like to get involved or make a donation you can contact me via email at tgrimstad@carroll.edu. Seeing as I am the treasurer of our student chapter at Carroll College, I can ensure that whatever help you may offer will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. ~Tanner Grimstad

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MSAWWA produces **Newswaves** twice yearly for the water supply community. Our subscribers include professionals in the water supply industry including Montana cities and towns, engineering firms, and suppliers.

We certainly would like to hear from the education community. For each newsletter we encourage submission of student papers of 1000 words or less. If more than one article is submitted, they will be judged and the top pick will be printed in the newsletter. In addition, the student will receive a \$200 scholarship along with a 1 year membership to AWWA. The next **Newswaves** will be published this coming winter/spring. Articles must be received by January 15, 2012 to be considered. For more information, please contact Robin Matthews at 406-546-5496 or by email at: Info@montana-awwa.org

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Thank you to MSAWWA Past Chair Tina Whitfield (left) and MWEA Past President Allen Kelm (above)—being relieved by Logan McInnis and Terry Campbell, respectively.

2011—2012 Committee Chairs

Below is a list of the members of MSAWWA and MWEA that volunteered to chair each organization's committees at the 2011 Joint Conference. Volunteers are always welcome, so if you wish to help your association and serve on a committee you may still sign up by contacting the chair of that committee or Robin Matthews at Info@montana-awwa.org or (406) 546-5496.

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Please Support Your Association's Committees

Please remember that the committees cannot survive without member participation. You can sign up to be on a committee at any time during the year, however, the Joint Conference is the ideal time to do so and there will be sign-up sheets in your registration packet. Please consider participation in at least one committee. If you have questions about the committees, please contact the chair of that committee to find out more about how you can help.

If you are currently serving on a committee and wish to continue serving, please be sure to sign up at each conference. The slate is wiped clean after each conference, and unless we have the new sign-up form, we do not know if you wish to continue serving.

Thank you to everyone for making our Associations so great!

Introducing...the 2011-2012 Junior Trustees:

MSAWWA—Steve Wonacott Steve Wonacott is a registered professional engineer in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Washington with nearly 25 years experience in water and wastewater engineering and consulting. He is a Senior Water/Wastewater Engineer with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. in Missoula. Steve holds a BS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Washington. Prior to joining Morrison-Maierle, he was an independent consultant in Jackson, Wyoming, specializing in small public water systems. Earlier in his career he spent a number of years with Brown and Caldwell in Seattle. He and his wife Nancy have been married for more than 30 years and enjoy flyfishing, skiing, and hiking in Montana, and travel in Mexico. He is looking forward to serving the members of MSAWWA and contributing to the organization.

MSAWWA—Greg Lukasik Greg recently started work for Great West Engineering in Billings, following a 9-year term with Morrison-Maierle Inc. in Billings and Kalispell. After graduating from Montana State in the Spring of 1998, he spent four years in Denver working with construction and engineering firms on projects all over Colorado. Greg is a licensed PE in both Montana and Colorado. Greg is “married to a wonderful wife and I have three of the greatest children anyone could ever hope for. My family is thrilled to be moving back to the Billings area and we are excited to begin this new chapter of life”. Good luck to Greg and his family.

MWEA—Michelle Marsh Michele grew up outside Buffalo, New York. She has an Associate's degree in Engineering Science from SUNY at Alfred, a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Penn State, and a Master's degree in Sanitary Engineering from Iowa State. She started working for the Montana DHES Subdivision Program in 1986. While raising three children, she worked part-time for the DHES (and then DEQ) Subdivision and Public Water Supply programs and several Montana engineering firms. She has been back permanently with the DEQ for the last 7 years and is currently working in the SRF Wastewater Program.

\$5184.00 Raised for “Water For People” in MT AWWA Fund Raiser

~John W. Camden~

Bob Church and Great West Engineering donated a Winston Fly Rod and Reel for the main raffle and other items were purchased for a silent auction hosted by the Montana Section of the American Water Works Association (MT AWWA) during the May Joint Conference with MWEA and RMC-APWA.

The silent auction raised \$1835.00 and the raffle raised \$2349.00 for Water For People, a nonprofit international development organization dedicated to improving the lives of people in the developing world by supporting sustainable drinking water, hygiene and sanitation projects. The balance of the total raised was through donations.

“On behalf of AWWA, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who donated and purchased items for this special event”.

Water For People was established in 1991 by members of the AWWA and is endorsed by many of the leading water-related associations in North America — including the Water Environment Federation (WEF), National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), Water Quality Association (WQA), Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), and others. The mission of the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization is to help the 1.1 billion people — one in six worldwide — who do not have access to safe water and the 2.6 billion — a third of the world’s population — who lack adequate sanitation. It is estimated that approximately 6,000 people, mostly children, die each day in those countries from waterborne illnesses such as dysentery and cholera. For more information about Water For People, go to www.WaterForPeople.org.



2011 MWEA Stockholm Junior Water Prize Awardees

Congratulations to Miranda Tornatore (left) and Markie Kindred (right) who attend Sentinel High School in Missoula on a job well done! The two girls were awarded the honor for their project entitled “A Comparison of Algae Growth in Wastewater Versus Standard Bristol Media”. Keep up the good work!

The 2012 MSAWWA-MWEA Annual Joint Conference is just around the corner! The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings. The Preconference will be hosted by MSAWWA on Tuesday, May 1st. The Conference will take place Wednesday May 2nd and Thursday May 3rd. More information will be available on the website soon.

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