



## From the CT-Section AWWA Chair...



Well, we survived a scare from Isabel but she gave us plenty of unplanned work activities for the week. Many of us spent time reviewing, updating and modifying emergency response plans, identifying and scheduling resources/staffing and just plain watching the weather channels. Fortunately for us, the track remained well to the west and we were spared the brunt of damage. Not so fortunate

were our neighbors to the South. Our National Director, Len DeJong, by way of e-mail, sent the Section's best regards and offer of support to AWWA former VP and Presidential candidate Terry Rolan and the North Carolina Section. Now we look toward the turning leaves and crisp air of autumn. Along with that change of season comes a number of Section related activities and notices.

The 9th Annual Water for People Fall Classic was held on September 9th and was a grand success. There are details and some photos in this edition of the newsletter. Next year will be a milestone tenth annual and we hope it will be the best tournament yet.

The Fall Education program was mailed to members and classes are filling quickly. Jack Keefe and the Education Committee have once again provided a full program of broad-based subjects to meet our member's educational needs. Don't be shut out of receiving those required training hours; sign up soon. Anyone wishing to offer suggestions on topics for the spring program should contact Jack or another member of the committee directly.

Greg Leonard, Small Systems Committee Chair, is making efforts to re-activate this committee and is scheduling a strategic planning session for late October. He is looking for participating members for the committee and in this planning process.

This is only a small indication of current section activities; it is a very busy time for the Section. Check out our newly revised website for more committee information and activities. As mentioned earlier, fall is upon us and soon the winter will be here. I want to wish you all a happy holiday season and healthy and productive new year.

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## WHAT'S IN THE CWWA, CT-AWWA NAME?

### Contest Launched To Establish Newsletter Identity

Association members, are we **On the Mainline?** Are we **Piped In?** Is **Connecticut on Tap?** Are we **Tapped In** or **Tapped Out?**

Sound a bit desperate? We are.

Now that the Connecticut Water Works and the Connecticut Section American Water Works Associations have launched a newly designed newsletter to help inform and educate members and other interested parties of utility and related matters, the question, again, is: What should we call it?

Right now its tag as CT-AWWA/CWWA News is certainly simply stated and straight to the point, but many members of both associations would favor a new name to help enhance its new look and identity, hence the announcement of a "Name the New Newsletter Contest."

This is what we'd like to do. Association members interested in participating in the contest for the new name are asked to submit entries to Adrienne C. Vaughan at [avaughan@aquarionwater.com](mailto:avaughan@aquarionwater.com), Marcey Munoz at [mmunoz@themdc.com](mailto:mmunoz@themdc.com) or Pam Monahan at [grdsuccess@aol.com](mailto:grdsuccess@aol.com) by Friday, November 14th. The group will decide on the winning entry and the winner, and honorable mentions will be announced and congratulated during the Annual Technical Conference and Vendor Expo (ATCAVE) in early 2004.

By the way, the grand prize, courtesy of CWWA Past President Larry L. Bingaman and Aquarion Water Company, is an evening in the Aquarion Bluefish Skybox at the Harbor Yard Ballpark in Bridgeport for the winner and up to 19 guests. That's a \$300 value.

So, let's get those creative juices flowing. 💧

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## CWWA President's Corner



CWWA is making significant progress in implementing its strategic plan.

### **Organizational Subcommittee** –

Completing a major overhaul of CWWA's bylaws to ensure that we have the operating structure needed to continue to grow the organization. The subcommittee has also developed a recommendation for the Board's consideration to recruit asso-

ciate members to join the organization.

**Legislative/Regulatory Subcommittee** – Finalized a plan for strengthening CWWA's role in shaping public policies affecting our public water supplies and quality. As part of this plan, the subcommittee has created a Legislator of the Year Award to recognize the outstanding efforts of legislators who actively "Work for Quality Water."

**Communications Subcommittee** – Identifying ways of improving CWWA's communication with its members to keep them up-to-date with new and pending laws and regulations as well as other information of assistance to the water industry, such as grant programs and compliance assistance. The subcommittee is also charged with updating CWWA's website so that our members can access critical information with the click of a mouse.

In addition to strategic planning, CWWA is busy preparing for the upcoming legislative session.

**October 17 – Legislative Planning Workshop** – CWWA will be developing its 2004 Government Affairs Agenda. We will review the Water Planning Council subcommittee reports, the Program Review and Investigations Committee's streamflow report as well as other potential legislative and regulatory issues affecting the water industry. If you have any ideas for legislation, please contact CWWA's Executive Director, Betsy Gara, at 860-547-0566.

**November 12 – Water Utility Lands Conference** – This conference will address important issues, such as: What are the laws governing the abandonment of reservoirs? Should the legislature impose permanent conservation easements on water company lands obligating municipal and investor owned water utilities to become land trusts? Are there ways utilities, interest groups and lawmakers can work together to find mutually agreeable ways for utilities to preserve their lands as open space?

**Streamflow Study** – The legislature's Program Review & Investigations Committee is expected to make recommendations relative to the state's policy on streamflow as well as the state's overall capacity to address streamflow and other issues. CWWA testified at a September 16 public hearing, encouraging the state to adopt an overarching governing authority to develop a comprehensive water resources management, planning and allocation program.

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## New EPA Security Product Guide Available On Line

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has developed a "Water and Wastewater Security Product Guide" especially for drinking water and wastewater utilities to assist treatment plant operators and utility managers in reducing risks from, and providing protection against, possible natural disasters and intentional terrorist attacks. The first version of this guide can now be viewed on the EPA water security website at [www.epa.gov/safewater/security/guide/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security/guide/index.html).

The website notes that this Security Product Guide is a work in progress and will be updated at regular intervals to ensure that the most recent information on security technologies is available. Users should check back frequently for the latest updates. At present, the EPA has no plans to develop a "print friendly" version of the guide. 💧



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EPA offers free security posters for download.

See Page 7 for details.

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## Connection Section Clambake is a big hit



Brian Fuchs, Calgon Carbon; Khalil Ghassemzadeh, Aquarion and Tracy Fuchs enjoy the Summer Clambake in Old Saybrook on August 21.

The Summer Clambake took place at Clark Memorial Field in Old Saybrook on a very hot August day. More than 40 CT-Section AWWA members enjoyed traditional clambake fare, including lobsters and steamers provided by David Grant Caterers.

A pick-up volleyball and basketball game took place with a cheering section shading itself away from the sun. Past chair Jim McInerney joined other past chairs, current board members, committee chairs and members for an afternoon of networking and fellowship.

“We’re very pleased with the turnout,” said Rob Olejarczyk, Chair of the Membership Committee. “The venue change and the return of the clambake fare set the background for a terrific day.” 💧

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## CWWA FOI/Security Bill Adopted in Special Session

CWWA won passage of a key measure during the legislature’s special session that protects security-related water company information from disclosure under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOI), including vulnerability assessments, risk management plans, operational plans, inspection reports and portions of the water supply plans that may pose a security risk. In the wrong hands, this information could be used to disable or contaminate water systems or supplies.

HB-6806 requires public agencies subject to FOI to forward requests for security-related water company information to the Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW will consult with the water company to determine whether the information does in fact create a security risk and therefore should not be released to the public.

Since September 11, water utilities have responded to the urgent need for greater security. The FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies have instructed water utilities to implement security procedures to protect safety sensitive information from disclosure.

CWWA will be scheduling workshops to inform members and others about the new FOI procedures called for in the bill. For more information, please contact CWWA’s Executive Director, Betsy Gara at 860-547-0566.

## Annual Fall Meeting & Luncheon Held on October 23

The CWWA/CT Section AWWA Annual Fall Meeting & Luncheon was held on October 23 at the Wallingford Country Club. This information packed meeting included speakers on a wide range of topics, including:

- Connecticut’s SWAP Update – Where Are We Going?
- Finding Hidden Talent – Hire the Best!
- Diversity – How Inclusive is Your Organization?
- The Sausage Factory – How a Bill Becomes a Law
- A Success Story – The Transformation of the Massachusetts Water Utility!

Attendees received a free summary of new laws affecting the water industry. If you were unable to attend, contact CWWA’s Executive Director, Betsy Gara, at 860-547-0566 for a copy of the summary. 💧

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## CWWA President's Corner (continued)

**Water Planning Council** – CWWA has continued its work with the Water Planning Council. Several members are serving on the WPC's Advisory Committee, which was created to assist the Council in its mission of developing comprehensive water policies for the state. In addition, CWWA members are actively serving on the WPC's Small Systems; Land Use Inventory, Stream Gauging and Water Conservation subcommittees.

Before closing, I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in finding out more about CWWA's issues and activities or would like to know how to become involved, to call CWWA's Executive Director, Betsy Gara, at 860-547-0566 or GaraLLC@hotmail.com.

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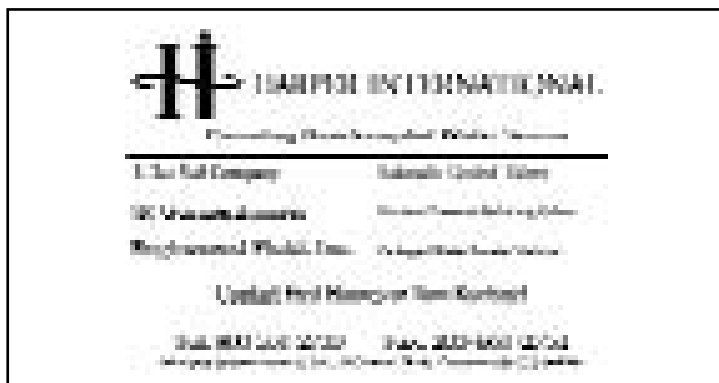
## Membership Committee – Baseball

For the Red Sox fans, September 6th proved to be a day of glory. CT Section AWWA members and their friends and families boarded a bus for the annual pilgrimage to Yankee Stadium for a Yankees/Red Sox game sponsored by the CT Section AWWA Membership Committee.

Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Haines of Harper International who boarded the bus with boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts for the passengers.

"This trip sold out within two weeks – it's a very popular outing. Even with a few last minute cancellations, the spots got refilled very quickly," said Pam Monahan, Member Services Coordinator. "The event has garnered much enthusiasm over the years – we need to think about a second bus next year."

Fifty people enjoyed picture-perfect weather and, with a final score of 11 to nothing, a great day of baseball for Red Sox fans, at least. 💧



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## EDUCATION SCHEDULE

The fall semester is already underway for the Connecticut Section AWWA. A variety of courses offered in full day, half-day sessions are available to members. Most carry CEUs needed for operator certification. Registration for courses that are in partnership with NEWWA need to be registered with NEWWA by calling Lisa Klein at 508.893.7979. Registration for CT Section sponsored courses can be done through Pam Monahan, Member Services Coordinator – phone/fax 203.757.1855.

*Remaining full day courses are as follows:*

### Hands-on Bench Top Laboratory Skills

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Offered by CT Section AWWA & NEWWA  
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### Well Rehabilitation and Maintenance

Offered by CT Section AWWA & NEWWA  
January 27, 2004 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
MDC Training Center, Hartford  
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*Remaining half-day courses are as follows:*

### Identifying and Correcting Sanitary Deficiencies in Drinking Water Systems

Offered by CT Section AWWA & NEWWA  
October 15, 2003 – 8:30 AM – 12:45 PM.  
Regional Water Authority, New Haven  
.4 CEUs awarded  
Designed for treatment and distribution

**Teleconference – Utility Case Studies: Facing Everyday Challenges Offered by CT Section AWWA**

November 6, 2003 – 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
 Rensselaer at Hartford  
 Application pending - .35 CEUs  
 Designed for treatment & distribution

**Sound Procedures for Drinking Water Sampling**

Offered by CT Section AWWA & NEWWA  
 December 16, 2003 – 9:00 AM – 12:45 PM.  
 Groton Utilities, Groton  
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 December 9 and 10, 2003 – see brochure  
 AM sessions: 8:30 AM – 11:45 PM  
 PM sessions: 12:30 PM– 3:45 PM.  
 MDC Training Center, Hartford  
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*And finally, those taking the DPH operator review exams can sign up for the*

**Review course**

Offered by CT Section AWWA  
 October 30, 2003 – 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Waterbury Water Department

**2003 AWWA Recruitment Campaign Takes Off**

This year's new section competition for the AWWA member-to-member recruitment campaign, Share the Source, is heating up. The midyear rankings are out, but all sections are still in the running for the final award. Our section can take the lead and win the new Club 7 Award and a \$500 prize for attaining the highest percentage gain in new members.


Congratulations go to the following sections in the lead as of August 1. Each was awarded \$100.

**Winning Section**

		% GAIN NEW MEMBERS
Puerto Rico	REGION II	17.11%
Mexico	REGION IV	16.51%
Ontario	REGION III	15.05%
Hawaii	REGION VII	12.64%
British Columbia	REGION VI	12.50%
New York	REGION I	12.37%
South Dakota	REGION V	8.61%

What's required to take on the challenge here in Connecticut?

Our members' participation is the key. Contact The Connecticut Section Membership Chair Rob Olejarczyk at the Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511-5966 (203-401-2622, Fax: 203-624-6129, Email: rolejarczyk@rwater.com) to find out more and to receive recruitment flyers with a personalized letter/application form.

Our section appreciates your support as we continue to grow and provide valuable services to our members. For information about the recruitment competition, individual participation and to see monthly updates, visit [www.awwa.org/membership/share](http://www.awwa.org/membership/share). Place the Connecticut Section in the lead for 2003! 



**In Memoriam**

DAVID R. BERNATATS, 46, of Hillsboro, NH passed away on Friday, May 16, 2003. As a 24-year employee of the Layne Christensen Company (Dracut, MA), Dave dedicated his career in the water supply industry to servicing and maintaining many of the potable water supply wells throughout New England. His knowledge and hands-on approach to his work earned Dave his reputation as one of the best in the business. He was a true professional and will be sorely missed by all those who knew him. Dave is survived by his wife and two daughters.

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## Security Committee Update

Out of the events of September 11, 2001, an ad hoc committee was formed at CT Section AWWA to address general issues of security. Two years later, it is still in effect and will be for some time to come.

Chaired by Tom West of Southington Water Department, the committee responded immediately to the events of September 11 with informative seminars and an effort to increase communication between section members and local and state agencies.

Now working in conjunction with the Department of Public Health Security committee, members respond to security guidelines proposed by DPH. They are also working with DPH to produce a series of regional security seminars.

The committee has created a telephone tree, provides educational information at various meetings, coordinates with the NEWWA security committee, and responds to CWWA requests for input on legislation.

Members of the committee include: Scott Simard, Manchester Water Dept.; Tom Daniels, Aquarion; Marcey Munoz and Tom Chappel, MDC; Tim Hawley and Robert Piascyk, RWA; Dave Radka, Connecticut Water Company; and Pam Monahan, Member Services Coordinator for CT Section AWWA. 💧

## EPA Makes Drinking Water Security Posters Available for Download

The EPA now has available four attractive color posters that encourage the public to be alert to suspicious activity around reservoirs, utilities and water mains. The posters can be downloaded from [www.epa.gov/safewater/security/flyers/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security/flyers/index.html). As an option, a utility or security organization can add local telephone numbers to the posters before downloading.

The site also offers information for the general public on how to determine suspicious activity and suggests calling local utilities to offer help has a volunteer. 💧

## Connecticut Couple Raises Money for Water For People by Building a House.



Ben Orvedal in front of the house he is building in Niantic, CT to help benefit Water For People

Late last year, Connecticut homebuilder Ben Orvedal and his daughter Ingrid traveled with *Water For People* on a country tour of Guatemala. Moved by the conditions he saw there, Orvedal decided to help by raising money for *Water For People* back in Connecticut.

The project that he and his wife Libby devised was to have their company, Orvedal Builders, build a new house at 1 Gooseberry Lane in Niantic and to solicit labor, materials and services needed to build the house.

They will then contribute the market value of the contributions to *Water For People*. The Orvedals have also generously agreed to match contributions up to \$25,000.

At this point, the project is well underway but even after the house is completed, the Orvedals will continue to accept contributions.

In a letter about the project distributed by *Water For People*, Orvedal says, "Participation in *Water for People* provides an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to making the world better for all humanity. Sharing one's wealth and expertise to support this kind of program should be a priority goal for all." 💧

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## The Water For People Golf Classic

The 9th annual *Water For People* Golf Tournament, held at Tunxis on September 9 was a huge success. With the help of 45 sponsors and 216 golfers the tournament raised more than \$13,000!


Since its inception, the CT Section *Water for People* Committee has raised more than \$100,000 for *Water for People* and touched the lives of over 24,000 people in third world countries. Proceeds from this year's *Water For People* golf tournament are targeting a variety of integrated water, sanitation and hygiene projects in Malawi. The funds will make drilled well with hand pumps, pit latrines, rainwater catchment tanks, hand washing stations and health education a reality for thousands of schoolchildren and their families. Access to clean water and basic sanitation helps give these communities a chance to meet other development goals.

Thanks to all who sponsored the event and to all who helped make it possible. For more information, visit the *Water for People* web site at: [www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org) 




## DPUC Renders Favorable Draft Decision On Groton Utilities' Cable TV License Application

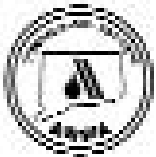
The State of Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) has rendered a draft decision that Groton Utilities be granted a license to operate a Cable Television service. In its draft decision, the DPUC recommends that Groton Utilities be awarded a nine-year franchise term. The DPUC expects to issue a final decision at its regular meeting scheduled for October 29, 2003.

Groton Utilities plans to initially offer cable television and high speed Internet service over a state-of-the-art Hybrid Fiber Coaxial (HFC) network in Groton, Ledyard, Stonington, North Stonington and Voluntown. 

## Opflow Authors Win Award

"Don't Take Filter Performance for Granted," which appeared in the December, 2001 issue of *Opflow*, has been awarded first place in this year's *Opflow* Award Contest. The article was written by Gary M. Huntley, Water Treatment Manager at South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority in New Haven and co-authored by Peter J. Grabowski, P.E. and David E. Pinsky, P.E., both of Tighe & Bond, Westfield, MA.

*Opflow* annually honors authors in the areas of science, technology and water supply operations. An award plaque was presented to Mr. Huntley at the 2003 AWWA annual conference in Anaheim, CA. 



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