

# LETTER FROM THE CTAWWA CHAIR

**What a difference a year can make. Remember last year at this time we were all crying about the consistent pattern of rain and a deplorable revenue stream? Well who's crying now?**



For those of you who were unable to attend this year's CTAWWA / CWWA Joint Annual Conference, I can tell you it was great! With the down economy there was concern that the level of participation might be significantly affected. The Cranwell Resort in Lenox, Massachusetts was the ideal meeting location, reasonably priced, and in close proximity to Connecticut and I think this helped to make for such a successful event. I am happy to report that over 100 people attended, and so I thank John Herlihy, our past chair, the Program Committee, Pam Monahan, Kevin Barber, and all of those that worked hard behind the scenes to make this a very enjoyable event.

A number of well deserved awards were handed out at the conference including:

- Life Members (30 years of service): Leendert DeJong, Robert Lundgren and Debralyn Marshall-Baker
- Gold Drop Award (50 years of service): Herbert Ahrens
- Fuller Award (for distinguished service): Don Carver
- NEWWA Leadership Award: (for significant leadership in the water industry): Kevin Walsh
- CTAWWA section appreciation awards: Len Assard and Kathy Fortin
- Section Chair Award (formerly the Past Chair Award): John Herlihy

And in the category of sports:

- Bocci Winners: John Herlihy and his team members Kathy Fortin, Suzanne Herlihy & Steve Pratt
- Golf Winners: Low gross score, Fred Rogers and Jane Hodgson. Low net score, Ron Bata. Closest to the Pin, Dave Riter and Dan Lesnieski. Longest drive, Tom West.

New members who were elected to the board this year include: Mark Anderson, Associates Council Chair, Peter Bocciarelli, Administrative and Policy Council Chair, Steve Melanson, Trustee, Steve Rupar, Trustee at Large and Marcey Munoz, National Director.

And last but not least, I am proudest to report that the Connecticut Section came home with the Water for People "Smarts Game" trophy this year. I believe we owe a debt of gratitude to Jack Jolls for this one... he could easily compete on Jeopardy!

As always, we have a very busy year coming up and there are a

number of great events that you will want to note on your calendars:

- AWWA Regional Meeting for Section Officers, October 22-23, 2010 Saratoga Springs, NY
- CWWA/ Ct Section Joint Annual Fall Meeting, October 29th
- Board Training Session – Time and date will be announced soon
- Annual Technical Conference and Vendor Exposition (ATCAVE) – February 23, 2011

A number of great educational programs are being offered again this year and I suggest you take a look at this issue of *Inflow-Line* for the complete list and reserve your seat as soon as possible.

This year we will be working hard to achieve the goals that were established at our strategic planning session, they include: Expansion of Education Programs, Increasing the Section's Membership, Increasing Conference Funding and Assisting in Developing the Future Workforce. One of my personal goals is to work hard to re-establish the Young Professionals Committee. Our organization relies on constantly bringing in new members. Young professionals will be the future leaders of our organization, so it is important to get them involved as early in their careers as possible.

I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year working with the Board, and I also look forward to continuing our great relationship with CWWA and their new President, Dave Medd,

Sincerely,  
William J. Kennedy, P.E.  
Chair, CTAWWA, 2010-2011