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## Chair's Corner

**Tim Nelson**



Wow, it has been a great year in Indiana! Fall is here. Leaves are changing and the heat and humidity have been replaced with pleasant days and cool nights. Summer is history and the golf outing countdown is ticking away to its final destination at the end of July 2016 (woo-hoo)! We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015—that means buckle down, wrap up any ongoing projects and finish well.

This summer, did you take an opportunity to travel across Indiana, cool off in a city pool, camp at a state park or simply enjoy a cookout at the neighbors? How was the water? It was safe and probably not something you specifically recall. That's because of the work your peers and you dedicate your lives to everyday—providing quality drinking water to the communities you serve. Thank you!

When a call comes in at 2:00 A.M. to report a broken main or backwash failure at the treatment plant, you rush to the scene and work tirelessly to correct the problem with all of your effort. Much like a firefighter or police officer, often you place your responsibilities above your family. Continue the great work you have aspired to, growing and learning, even as new obstacles, techniques and regulations hamper your way. Challenge the status quo. Along with your peers in the American Water Works Association, you will succeed. Together, "we've got this."

Recent fall district meetings and educational seminars have provided learning and networking venues across Indiana. Hopefully, you took advantage of one or more of these events. Others are available and more will be offered in the future. Several committees have been selected and tasked to arrange future educational seminars. This is a new initiative requested earlier this year by the Chair Committee and agreed upon by the Executive Board. Our aim is twofold, first to provide greater learning opportunities for our members and second, to encourage our committee members to be actively involved in their area of interest. Details about upcoming seminars and events are currently available on the Section's website -<http://www.inawwa.org/events/>.

Plan now to attend the **108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** at the Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis— JANUARY 25-28, 2016.

**ACE16** will be closer to home next year, returning to **Chicago, June 19-22, 2016**. Make plans now to attend and get involved. Buses will be available for Operator Day!

Enjoy the remainder of 2015.  
Be passionate. Finish well.

## Special points of interest:

- Section Officer Nomination list, page 3
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# Direct from the Director

**Duane Gilles**

Greetings my friends! It feels like I have just laid my pen down from writing the last article and now it is time to write another News Leaks article. As a water operator, writing news articles is not my field of expertise; however, I will share my experiences as your Director.



Since my last article, I attended the New Director's Orientation which was held at the American Water Works Association in Denver in July. At this meeting, I joined with the other 18 new Directors who make up the AWWA Class of 2018. We started this meeting with a history lesson of how the AWWA was formed by 22 water professionals from Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee who cared about water quality and health. These first members adopted a constitution that stated that the purpose of the organization is, "For the exchange of information pertaining to the management of water-works, for the mutual advancement of consumers and water companies, and for the purpose of securing economy and uniformity in the operation of water-works."

Now, 134 years later, the AWWA is a non-profit, scientific, educational and international organization with more than 50,000 members in 43 Sections whose vision is, "A better world through better water".

As Directors, we are tasked with protecting and upholding this noble heritage by setting the policies for the AWWA's program to continue to improve water quality and service to our communities. We are responsible for setting the management of and reviewing major policies of the AWWA. Director duties also include approval of the budget, bylaws and policies, strategic and business plans, election of officers and the approval of the Treasurer.

At the New Director's meeting, I gained a greater appreciation of the workings of the AWWA and met my peers from the other sections and councils who are embarking on the same three-year mission as I am, "To disseminate information from the Association to improve water quality and service to our Sections."

Immediately following that meeting, I attended the Summer Workshop which was also held in Denver that same week. The Summer Workshop was well attended by representatives from 32 AWWA Sections from the United States and 3 Canadian Sections. There were 21 AWWA staff members, including AWWA President Gene Koontz, who planned, coordinated and administered the workshop. This workshop was very informative and comprehensive in scope. The subjects covered in this workshop included the AWWA2020 Education Strategic Theme, Section Management, Member Engagement and the Water Campaign, among other topics. There was also a mini-exhibit hall with displays about the various services offered by the AWWA. This exhibit hall was maintained by a well-trained staff who were qualified to provide details about these services.

On to the Indiana Sections District meetings, a great place to get your continuing education credits and meet with your peers, colleagues, vendors and friends. I am a member of the Southwest District and attended the meeting in French Lick on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Hurty Awards were presented to members with 25 years and more of service in the water industry. This meeting was very well attended and a lot of fun.

I cannot keep from sharing the success of the AWWA Indiana Section's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Water For People Concert, held in Evansville on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Gary Puckett and the Union Gap and Herman's Hermits with Peter Noone played to a sold out audience. Mr. Noone concluded the evening by bringing the entire crowd to their feet with a standing ovation with his performance.

I hope I have conveyed the mixture of education and fun that the AWWA offers. Attending the various meetings, joining committees, volunteering to help at the annual meeting and running for various offices will expand your knowledge of the water industry. These experiences will build a network of friends throughout Indiana and North America, which will provide you with a wealth of resourceful relationships that will prove to be priceless in your career.

**Let's all get involved with the AWWA!**

# ***Nominations***

**Duane Gilles, Chair**

The Nominating Committee of the Indiana Section AWWA has duly selected and is pleased to present the following proposed slate of Officers for the 2016-2017 term:

<b>Chair</b>	<b>John Seever</b>
<b>Chair Elect</b>	<b>Randy Russell</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Mark Brace</b>
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<b>Director</b>	<b>Duane Gilles</b>
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## **Indiana Section AWWA Annual Conference is moving!**

The Indiana Section AWWA's Annual Conference is moving beginning in 2016. Please mark your calendars for **January 25-28, 2016**. The conference will be held again at the Marriott Hotel-Downtown Indianapolis. Registration is now available online at <http://www.inawwa.org/event/108th-indiana-section-awwa-annual-conference/> and mailers will be sent out soon. Hotel reservations can be made at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AWWA2016>. Rooms are \$135/night. Parking is not included in the room rate and is to be paid by attendees.

If you have never attended our annual conference, are a student, or a retired AWWA member, your registration price is FREE.

Contact hours will be available for water and wastewater. The anticipated maximum is 13.5 technical water hours. Also, abstracts can be submitted until October 15, 2015. If you have a case study, panel discussion, or presentation, we encourage you to submit an abstract through the online submittal process which is available at the Registration link provided above.

Plan now to attend this exciting event.

### ***Dates for future conferences are as follows:***

***January 30-February 1, 2017***

***January 22-24, 2018***

***January 21-23, 2019***

***January 27-29, 2020***



## **BESOZZI YOUTH DELEGATE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

### **INDIANA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Grant Goal: To send “a young delegate or delegates who have never been to an annual meeting of this Association...to gather water supply and water treatment information accented toward innovative and cost-control methods. This information shall be for their own use but shall also be relayed to Indiana communities for possible use.”

Who May Apply: Individual in or interested in a career in the water industry who has never attended the Annual Conference and is no older than 30 years of age.

Amount of Grant: For conference registration, conference meals, hotel, travel and miscellaneous expenses.

How to Apply: Submit application to:  
Indiana Section AWWA – Besozzi Grant; 5265 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 310, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250; phone (866) 213-2796; email dawn.keyler@inawwa.org.

When to Apply: The Young Professionals Committee will review all applications. Applications will be accepted until **December 20, 2015**. Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision by January 5, 2016.

#### District Contacts: (Trustee or President):

Central: Jaimie Foreman (jforeman@carmel.in.us) or Sarah Hudson (shudson@recurry.com)  
Northeast: Justin Stouder (jstouder@townofhamilton.org) or Justin Shaffer (justinshaffer@centurylink.net)  
Northwest: Mark Geskey (mgeskey@valpo.us) or Matt Vanderstar (mvanderstar@upvinc.com)  
Southeast: Phil Bonneau (pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com) or Danny Standiford (Danny@silvercreekwater.org)  
Southwest: Todd Williams (twilliams@huntingburg-in.gov) or Roger Johnson (roger.johnson@amwater.com)

#### Young Professionals Committee Contact:

Young Professionals Committee Chair: Jeremy Hardy (jhardy@contactcei.com)

### **BESOZZI YOUTH DELEGATE GRANT HISTORY**

Mr. Leo Besozzi was born in Massachusetts in 1902. In 1926 Mr. Besozzi departed Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Graduate of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He then settled in Hammond, Indiana, where he spent his professional life planning and supervising the construction of numerous public works projects for the City of Hammond and many other cities and towns in Lake County. Mr. Besozzi held lifetime memberships in the American Water Works Association along with several other professional associations.

Mr. Besozzi passed away, at 95, in December 1997. In his will he instructed that \$10,000 of his estate be given to the Indiana Section AWWA to invest. The interest from this investment is to be used to “pay the expenses of a young delegate or delegates to the annual meeting of the American Water Works Association. The executive committee of the Indiana branch of the American Water Works Association is to select a young delegate or delegates who have never been to an annual meeting of this Association. They are to gather water supply and water treatment information...” This \$10,000 has been invested in a mutual fund, and the earnings are anticipated to be \$500-600 per year to be given as grants.

### **INDIANA SECTION AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION**

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, non-profit, scientific and educational society dedicated to the improvement of drinking water quality and supply. Founded in 1881, the Association is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Our 55,000 plus members represent the full spectrum of the drinking water “community”: treatment plant operators and managers, environmentalists, scientists, academicians, and others who hold an interest in water supply and public health. Our membership includes over 3,900 utilities, which represents approximately 75 percent of the nation’s drinking water supply.

The Indiana Section AWWA was organized in 1908. Presently the membership consists of about 1,300 members. The Indiana Section is one of over 30 sections who are a part of the international organization of American Water Works Association, headquartered in Denver, Colorado.

The Indiana Section AWWA is organized to advance and disseminate knowledge and to improve the practice of designing, construction, operating, and managing water works to provide safe, potable drinking water.

**APPLICATION FORM**

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Operators Certification Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend the conference? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other Indiana Section education opportunities attended (i.e., District Meetings, Webinars, Operator's School):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Indiana Section AWWA District Officer Recommendation (Required): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

District Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Our InWARN network continues to expand. We are looking for volunteers for our Operations Committee for InWARN and also the InAWWA Emergency Response Committee. If you are interested in either or both, please email Jaimie Foreman at [jforeman@carmel.in.gov](mailto:jforeman@carmel.in.gov).

## EPA Tabletop Exercise

We are very excited to announce that on October 29, 2015 at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, InWARN, in conjunction with all supporting organizations and agencies, hosted an EPA sponsored Table Top Exercise. This exercise was beneficial to all water and wastewater utilities, first responders, political officials and local representatives. The full day exercise was FREE to all attendees and CEU's were offered. Copies of the information presented are available. Please contact me at the email address provided above.

## EPA "Water Utility Response On The Go"

This is a mobile website to consolidate and make accessible from the field, critical information and tools that water utility operators and their response partners may need during an emergency.

<http://watersgeo.epa.gov/responseotg/index.html>

InWARN Chairperson and InAWWA Emergency Response Chair, Jaimie Foreman, represented the InAWWA Section and InWARN at the "AWWA Water Infrastructure Conference & Exposition" in Bethesda, MD October 13-16.



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## ***Small Systems***

**Odetta Cadwell, Chair**

InAWWA's Small Systems Committee continues to focus on our mission of serving and educating small to medium utilities and training associated with water treatment and utility management. It is the intent of our Committee to facilitate and empower utilities to become effective stewards of our water resources.

Our current issue of "FYI-Small Systems" should have already hit your mailbox. If you are not currently receiving this bi-annual publication, please let us know and we will add you to the mailing list. You can also access copies on InAWWA's website ([www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org)) under the "Resources" tab.

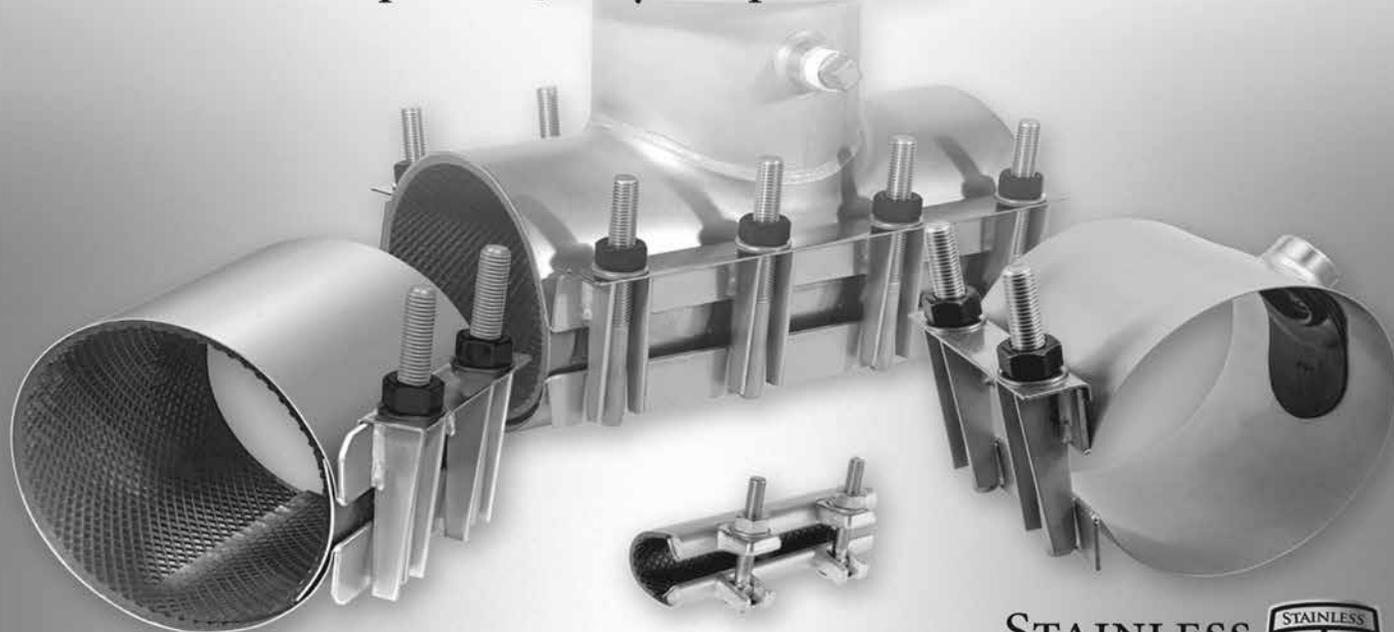
Since the summer issue, our Small Systems Committee worked with Indiana Rural Water Association to assist with two successful Operator Boot Camps – one at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru and one at Jackson County Water Corp. in Brownstown. Additionally, we conducted three workshops on Backflow Prevention / Cross Connection Control.

We are looking at other initiatives to help small systems. As always, we would love to hear your ideas on how we can better serve small systems and/or topics you would like to see addressed in our newsletter or a workshop setting.

Feel free to contact any of our Small Systems Committee members at <http://www.inawwa.org/about-us/committees/small-systems/> with your thoughts and ideas.

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## ***Southeast District***

**Phil Bonneau, Trustee**

Greetings from the SE District! We had a good meeting down south again, with a very good discussion regarding the use of hydrants by local responders—volunteer or municipally funded, and the concerns about training proper techniques, hosted by Scott Ham with Silver Creek Water Corp. so you know it was lively!! We continued the hydrant theme with discussion and demonstration of maintenance by Eric Nugent of Utility Supply. Our final presentation was in regard to tank mixing and a good discussion of loss of chlorine as a result of stratification in a tank—presented by Marc Hansen of Utility Service Group.

Elections also took place with President Danny Standiford, Silver Creek Water, Vice President Mark Brace, Ramsey Water, Sec/Treas Julie Berry, Midwestern Engineers, and Trustee Shawn Kietzman, Sensus

And our Meter Madness winner, competing against the ever popular Scott Ham, was Bill Jones, Edinburgh Water Utility, with a time of 23.19 seconds.

A location for the spring meeting hasn't been finalized, but please give us some feedback to help in deciding where to go!! Please go to the AWWA Section website, find our officers, and voice an opinion—this needs to be your meeting!!



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The Indiana Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is pleased to announce an opportunity for young professionals (YPs) to participate in the 2016 Indiana Section AWWA Conference and share the results of their work and/or academic projects through the **Fresh Ideas Poster Competition**. YPs are defined as those who are in the water industry and are under the age of 35 including but not limited to engineers, operators, designers, technicians, distributors, manufacturing representatives, faculty and students. This opportunity provides presentation experience as well as a chance to learn more about the rapidly evolving drinking water industry through interactions with drinking water industry professionals.

The Young Professionals Committee is requesting applications for poster presentations, which will take place during the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Applications are due by **Wednesday January 4, 2016** and should be submitted to:

AWWA Fresh Ideas Poster Competition  
c/o Lindell Reust & Claire Sieradzki  
7256 Company Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46237

Selected applicants will be notified by January 11, 2016. They will receive free registration to the Annual Conference on January 26 to present their poster to other industry professionals. The top presentation will have the opportunity to present at the 2016 AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition (ACE16) in Chicago, IL on June 19-22, 2016. The lead author of the winning poster will receive a full ACE16 registration and a stipend. In the event the lead author is unable to attend ACE16, a co-author may take his/her place.

Questions may be directed to Lindell Reust at [lreust@contactcei.com](mailto:lreust@contactcei.com) or Claire Sieradzki at [csieradzki@contactcei.com](mailto:csieradzki@contactcei.com). Additional information including rules of competition can be found at <http://www.inawwa.org/young-professionals/>.

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# Membership

**Erich Nugent, Chair**

## New Members

During July, August and September 2015, the Indiana Section added 2 Utilities, 4 Named Representatives, 6 Individual Water Professionals, 4 Operations/Administrative and 2 Students, for a total of **18** new members this quarter!!!!

### Utilities

Ellis Water Company

Liberty Water Works

### Named Representatives

Cheryl Begley - Liberty Water Works  
Tammy Selby - Petersburg Water Utility

Larry Arnt - Ellis Water Company  
Richard Stiles - Town of Georgetown

### Individual Memberships

Kate Braunschneider - Peerless-Midwest, Inc.  
Nick Jacobi – Covalen  
Larry McIntosh - Jackson County Water Utility, Inc.

Michael Clouse  
Dan Koo - School of Engineering & Technology  
Brandy Ranard - SAIC

### Operations and Administrative

William Arvin  
Francisco Ochoa - Indiana American Water

Mary Cossey - Indiana American Water  
Tara Still - POET Biorefining in North Manchester

### Students

John Cox

Yan Duan

Please join me in welcoming these newest members to AWWA and the Indiana Section!

## Indiana Section Membership Snapshot as of 9/25/15

**Utility Memberships – 191**

**Individual Memberships – 1,030**

**Service Providers – 15**

**Total Section Membership, including multi-section members – 1,236**

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At least 60 years of age

Substantially retired from all gainful employment

### *CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:*

The Membership Committee is looking for more volunteers to join.

Any questions on how you can become a member or help regarding your current membership, please email me at erich-nugent@utilitysupply.com.

# Northeast District

**Justin Stouder, Trustee**

Well I must report some sad news....

This will be one of my last News Leaks article as Trustee for the Northeast District, but before you get extremely sad, please keep in mind I will still be submitting articles. I will be taking over as the Young Professionals Chair as of 2016, so don't worry, you will still be able to read my great, entertaining, delightful and fun articles.

I want to personally thank you for all the support you show us and AWWA. Without your commitment we would not exist. We encourage you to spread the good news.

The 2015 fall meeting was held in Fort Wayne at the Tin Caps Stadium. This was an excellent meeting and many of the attendees went on a tour of the stadium afterwards. The staff at the stadium were fantastic and we all enjoyed it so much that the district is planning to hold the spring meeting there too.

New officers were elected during the meeting with the following results:

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chris Harrison – Trustee          | Tim Brown – Trustee Elect      |
| Justin Shaffer – President        | Linda Sanders – Vice President |
| Jamie Allen – Secretary Treasurer |                                |

On a side note, it was odd that during the elections, I heard at least three times to impeach the current trustee. The love in the Northeast District is by far the best in Indiana.

The plans for the spring meeting are already in the works. Justin Shaffer is already ironing out the details. We expect this to be another great meeting.

Please note the Northeast District always holds meetings on the third Thursday of May and September. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Fort Wayne on May 19, 2016.**

Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact any officer or get on the website at [www.inawwa.org](http://www.inawwa.org).

# Safety

**Jennifer Coon, Chair**

It is hard to believe that it has been nine months since the last Indiana Section meeting. To say that it has been extremely busy for everyone is probably an understatement. Hopefully, though, everyone has had a safe year so far.

The Safety Committee members are currently preparing for our big event, the Safety Booth at the Indiana Section meeting in January. As usual, we are planning to make safety education informative and enjoyable. We intend for everyone to walk away with two things:

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We are looking for fresh ideas and enthusiastic people to help get the word out about safety. If you have a heart for safety and would like to share it with others, the Safety Committee can use your help. If you are interested, you can find us on the web at <http://www.inawwa.org/about-us/committees/safety/>.

Keep working safely and we will see you at the Safety Booth in 2016! Think Safety!

## **Central District**

## **Jaimie Foreman, Trustee**

Our central district meeting was a successful one. We were able to partner with the Indiana Groundwater Association once again to put on a Well Abandonment Field Day, hosted at the Carmel Water Utility Operations Facility. We offered both morning and afternoon CEUs, a total of 6 hours possible. Although the weather was not completely cooperative, at the end of the day, we were able to educate our attendees and Lawrence Utilities received an abandoned well that was no longer in use.

Each year, prior to elections of officers, the existing Central District Officers recognize their outgoing Trustee with a plaque, thanking them for their time serving the membership in the Central District. This year was no exception. The 2015 Central District Officers, Jaimie Foreman, Carmel Water Utility, John Solenberg, Lawrence Utility and Sarah Hudson, Curry & Associates, presented our Trustee's plaque to Sandy Morris and her two sons, Eric and Louie for Jeff Morris. Because of Sandy's years of assisting Jeff, we felt she was just as deserving and included her name on the plaque. We felt it was important to recognize those that work behind the scenes, never asking for recognition, but always offering a hand to keep things moving.

### **A special thank you to our wonderful sponsors and host:**

**Wyo-Ben, Knapp Supply, Dilden Brothers Well Drilling and Peerless Midwest** for donating the well abandonment materials. **Water Solutions Unlimited** for cooking and providing the meat for our lunch. **Carmel Water Utilities** for allowing the use of your facility.

### **2016 Central District Officers**

President - Sarah Hudson, Curry & Associates  
Secretary - Carla Mann, GRW Engineering

Vice President - John Solenberg, Lawrence Utility  
Trustee - Jaimie Foreman, Carmel Water Utility

### **2016 Central District Meter Madness Champion**

Eddie Alvarez, Carmel Water Utility

## **Northwest District**

## **Mark Geskey, Trustee**

The Northwest District held its annual fall meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville. The meeting was attended by 72 people. The presentation topics were:

Choosing the Right SCADA Telemetry System,  
Corrosion Control – water and wastewater systems  
Water Policy and Sustainability in Indiana.

There was only one participant for the meter madness competition. Jim Walsh, Valparaiso City Utilities, will be representing the Northwest District at the annual meeting in Indianapolis next year.

The 2016 slate of officers elected are as follows:

President:	Matt Vanderstar Underground Pipe & Valve
Vice President:	Tony Kenning DLZ Indiana
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Bruce Long Hammond Water
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As we head into winter, I would like to remind everyone to be safe out there!



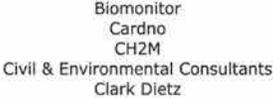
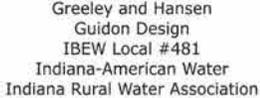
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# Water For People

**Jim Williams & Duane Gilles, Co-Chairs**

On Saturday, August 22nd, supporters of Water For People enjoyed a cool morning run at the 9th Annual Run for World Water 5K in downtown Indianapolis along the canal. It was another record year! Over 680 participants registered to participate and raised a total of \$40,525! This participation represented a 17% increase in attendance and a 27% increase in proceeds from 2014! Thanks to more than 30 volunteers, the race couldn't have gone any smoother.



Twenty-six corporate teams brought approximately 560 of the registrants the event. Wessler Engineering came in first with 87 participants, American Structurepoint was second place with 61 participants and VS Engineering was third with 51 participants. Thank you to all of the corporate challenge teams!

Many of the race participants gathered for an after party at the Fresco Italian Café on the canal to relax with drinks and appetizers.

The committee would like to thank all of our generous sponsors. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Water For People to support their mission of providing clean water for everyone, forever.

Planning has already begun for 2016, which will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and bigger than ever!

The success continued on September 24<sup>th</sup> with the AWWA Indiana Section's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Water For People Concert in Evansville. Gary Puckett and the Union Gap and Herman's Hermits with Peter Noone played to a sold out audience. More than 2,000 people attended the concert. This was a night of music and partying! Fun was had by all!

We want to thank all of our sponsors for making this the largest Water For People fundraiser in North America! The net proceeds from the concert are expected to exceed \$100,000.

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## Southwest District

**Todd Williams, Trustee**

Congratulations Scot Osborn! The Southwest District entertained nominations to elect a new Vice President at our regular fall meeting held in French Lick. The candidate chosen for the position was Mr. Osborn, who has a much decorated past working in the utility trenches and recently joined the EJP Team as a Marketing Representative. With the induction of a new Vice President, the current representing officers also transitioned into new positions: Roger Johnson became our new President, and Jeff Cunningham moved to Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations also to Wade Friedman from Dubois Water Utilities who was the winner of our Meter Madness competition and will represent our district at Indianapolis in January. Good luck Wade!

We had a good turnout and great speakers for the fall meeting. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us in our district meetings. Speaking of district meetings, the 2016 slate looks pretty exciting! We are officially scheduled to go to Crane Naval Base on May 4<sup>th</sup> for our spring meeting. Mark your calendars now. We are hoping to find a way into Holiday World for our fall meeting! Yeah, don't you wish you were from the Southwest District? Thank you to all our District Officers and wonderful members for another great year. God Bless.



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**Nomination packages are due to the Staff Secretary, AWWA Water Resource Sustainability Division on Wednesday January 15, 2016.** For more information about the award and requirements including nomination forms, visit:

<http://www.awwa.org/membership/get-involved/awards/award-details/articleid/90/exemplary-source-water-protection-award.aspx>



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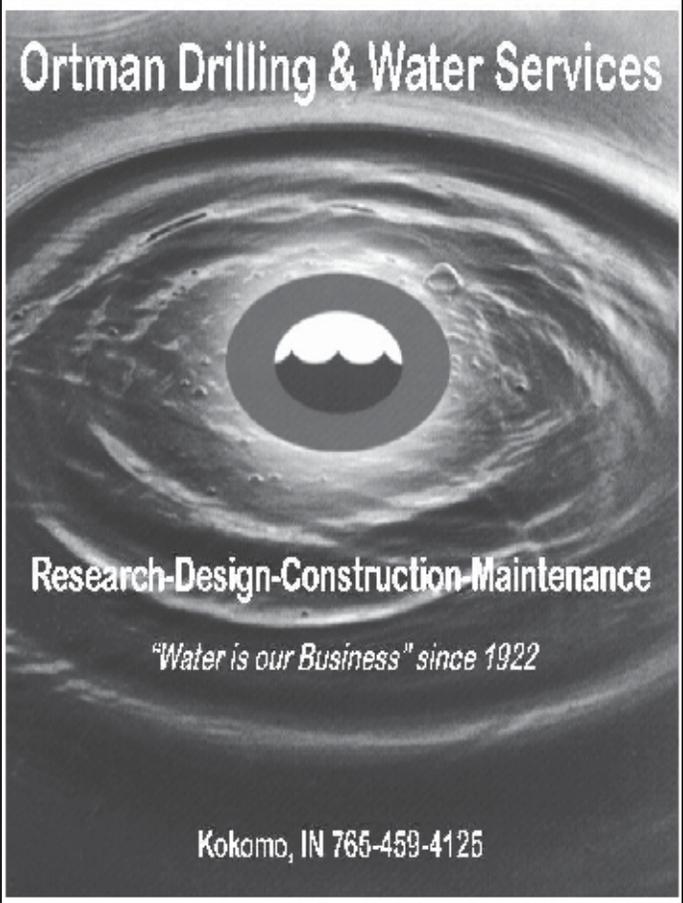
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# AWWA Golf Outing

**Jeff Cunningham, Chair**

Wednesday, July 29th was another one for the record book. Not only did Mother Nature give us a “pass” with the weather, we raised a record tying amount for Water For People. This year, our golfers, sponsors and volunteers contributed to one of our best events ever. Not only was an awesome time had by all, but we raised a whopping \$30,000. The Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis was filled to capacity with water professionals from across the state. Many of these folks claimed the only thing that could have been better was their score. If you have never participated or been absent for a few years, you must sign up early next year and get in on the fun. Nowhere else can you have this much fun while raising money for such a worthwhile cause. Each and every person who participated deserves a huge pat on the back for contributing to such a great cause! Also, please offer kudos to the following “pros” for their golf achievements and winning other contests during this year’s outing:

## The Pines Course

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ortman Drilling	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ortman Drilling
Most Honest	M-COR	Prize Drawing Winner	Shrewsbury Assoc
Closest-to-the-Pin #4	David Borden	Longest Drive #9	Kent Swinehart
Longest Putt #18	Brandon Hines		



## The Sycamore Course

1 <sup>st</sup>	Smith-Blair	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wessler Engineering
Most Honest	Mueller	Prize Drawing Winner	GRW Engineering
Closest-to-the-Pin #16	Jimmy Wyman	Longest Drive #7	Linda Sanders
Longest Putt #18	Franklin Crist		

Peerless-Midwest Water Ball Contest – M.E. Simpson Team 4A

Citizens Energy Group Putting Contest – Troy Ellis

50/50 Pot Drawing Winner – Terry Hamburg. Special thanks to Terry for his donation.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arnold Plumber Putting Contest – William Kirby

Utility Supply Company and GRW Engineers, Inc. again provided their Hole-in-One/Closest-to-the-Pin Game on each course. The winner from each course received a Fitbit. The Pines Course winner was Gary Justice and the Sycamore Course winner was Matt Brown.

Special recognition goes to Matt Brown of the M.E. Simpson Co Team 4A who had a hole-in-one! Thanks to Eagle Creek for providing a special prize for Matt. As of press time, the Section Golf Committee has not made the final determination as to whether Matt will be able to retain his amateur status for next year’s event.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors. Without their generous support, this wonderful event could not take place. Also, thanks to Eagle Creek Golf Club for their hard work in providing a great facility. Finally, I want to thank all of the volunteers who work so hard to make this event a success.

Please mark your calendar for next years outing. We will meet again at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. See you then!

*The editors were fortunate enough to find this picture of Jeff Cunningham as a young golfer!*



# Calendar of Upcoming Events



**Note:** If you have any water industry related events you would like to add to the calendar, please contact Phil Bonneau at [pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com](mailto:pbonneau@ortmandrilling.com).

## **Indiana AWWA**

- January 25-28, 2016—Section Conference, Sheraton Hotel & Conf Ctr, Indianapolis

**Please see [inawwa.org](http://inawwa.org) for additional dates of significance**

## **Indiana Rural Water Association**

- December 7-9, 2015—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus
- April 18-20, 2016—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus
- April 18—Annual Golf Outing, Otter Creek, Columbus
- December 5-7, 2016—Water Institute, Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr, Columbus

**Please see [IndianaRuralWater.org](http://IndianaRuralWater.org) for additional opportunities.**

## **Alliance of Indiana Rural Water**

- March 16-17, 2016—Spring Conference, French Lick Springs Resort, French Lick
- May 19, 2016—Southern Expo, Huntingburg
- May 26, 2016—Northern Expo, Akron
- September 21-22, 2016—Fall Conference, Grand Wayne Ctr, Fort Wayne

**Please see [inh2o.org](http://inh2o.org) for additional training opportunities.**

## ***Hoosier Water Drop***

**Jennifer Bailey**

Included in the last News Leaks issue, Hoosier Water Drop will be an ongoing feature to inform our IN AWWA membership of public service announcements such as change of employment, responsibilities, awards, death notices, etc. It is not intended to provide free advertising. Submissions will be reviewed accordingly by News Leaks for inclusion in upcoming issues. If you would like to submit a posting for Hoosier Water Drop, please email information to [jbailey@citizensenergygroup.com](mailto:jbailey@citizensenergygroup.com)



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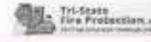
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