

Bath, Electric, Gas, & Water Systems Honors: 'Guy McGlynn'

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Scripture teaches us to pay tribute to whom tribute is due (Romans 13:7) and Bath Electric, Gas & Water Systems wishes to do so by proudly recognizing and honoring an outstanding, able and dedicated employee: Mr. Guy McGlynn.

On June 19th, 1972, yes, the year of the flood, (sounds Biblical doesn't it?)

Guy began his employment with Bath Electric, Gas and Water Systems as a maintenance person operating a backhoe. He was eighteen years old at the time. He was promoted to Working Supervisor on March 31st, 1980.

Guy was one of the first water operators in the area to obtain a water operator's license as per the Department of Health. He received his IIB operator's license in June of 1980. In addition to the Water Utility, Guy's crews install mains and service lines for the Gas, Electric, and Sewer Utilities as well. On June 28th, 1982, he was again promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and today his position is listed as Supervisor of Underground Lines and Maintenance Department! Whew! I would imagine a little financial consideration (?????) accompanied these title changes. (Guy's not talking.) I doubt that even Guy himself could give us a complete listing of all the things he is responsible for today!

He has served as Past Exalted Ruler of the Bath Elk's Club among other civic duties. Anyone who has known Guy for ten minutes or more can testify as to what an avid sportsman Mr. McGlynn is. He belongs to the Wild Turkey Federation having obtained his 'Grand Slam' here a few years ago. A member of 'Ducks Unlimited', and more! I enjoy his stories of Far Northern and Western hunting trips for moose, elk, bear, etc. Perhaps one day soon, Guy will finally settle the 'Big Foot' mystery for us.

For several years now he has served as an active officer on the board of *The Southern Tier New York Water Works Operator's Conference*.

Having known Guy personally for many years now, I, myself can testify to the validity of the here mentioned character traits pertaining to Guy McGlynn. He has always demonstrated a high degree of professionalism to me, and I have always had continued confidence in referring new operators in the water/wastewater industry to seek his counsel, guidance, and instruction when facing an issue new to them in the utility field.

Guy has never been one to build himself up at the expense of another. I have never known him to treat or speak of someone else in a disparaging way. He is more than willing to share his expertise and knowledge with any one, new or

familiar to the industry, interested in benefiting from it.

They say that ###! runs downhill. Well, I think that attitude and work ethic do as well. The people I have watched on Guy's crews have demonstrated a standard I believe any employer would be proud to have representing them in the public eye. While I'm sure these folks hold themselves accountable and trustworthy, the type of leadership Guy brings to the worksite is invaluable, as well as, influential. Guy is proud of his community and has served it well.

There are many, many unique and rewarding ways we employees of New York Rural Water Association proudly provide service to our membership and others, but one of the most satisfying for me is when we can truly sing praises about a deserving water professional such as Mr. McGlynn!

Well, our aim is not to embarrass him, so in closing, Bath Electric, Gas & Water Systems together with New York Rural Water Association wish to pay tribute to Mr. Guy McGlynn, recognize his many years of dedicated service, and thank him for the example he has set for each of us.

Godspeed Mr. McGlynn!

Till next time,
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