

Message From the President

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NYRWA President



Ahh, the heat of the summer is past. Living in the Adirondacks usually provides ideal summer weather, but this past summer even the mountains were not spared from the 85 plus temperatures. Autumn brings truly ideal conditions here. The temperatures have moderated, as well as, the population. Those of you

who live in a community where tourism is the main industry will understand this concept.

This October finds the NYRWA staff in Sacramento, California, for the National Rural Water Conference. What great opportunities for our people from NY get together with their counterparts from other state associations and renew their friendships. It is similar to our New York Technical Conference with training provided, vendors, etc. Some of you may not realize that the National Conference does accept registrations from anyone who works in the water and wastewater industry. If your system has fewer than 400

connections, your conference registration is complimentary.

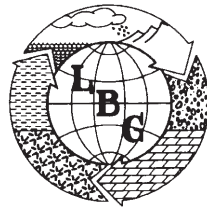
With the autumn months upon us, we should take time to reflect back on the year and to look ahead in preparation for the winter months. The summer months saw the United States return to space flight, London celebrating being awarded the Olympics for 2012, and reeling from the attacks by terrorists, we still have soldiers around the world in harms way. The summer also brought heartache and loss to those of us who worked with and knew John Hraska. John had taken ill shortly before our conference in May, and in July, he passed away. As many of you know, Shelley Koester was suddenly taken from us. We will miss these dear friends. None of us know the number of our days, but we do know that both John and Shelley touched the lives of many people and will always be remembered for their kindnesses.

In closing, I would like to remind you to utilize your membership in our organization. Do not hesitate to call any of our staff if you have questions regarding the association or are in need of assistance in any area. ♠

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