

Message from the President

What Is Operator's Corner?

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My Summer issue of Aquafacts just arrived and I see I focused on the Board Members of NYRWA for my article. This quarter I would like to write about our operators, wastewater and water, that work for our member systems throughout New York State. Working in this industry for 20 + years, I have met quite a few operators and traveled to many rural communities for various reasons.

Of all the operators I have met, I don't think there is anyone who can't say, "You wouldn't believe what happened at the plant." I have heard some "doo zees" and could probably contribute a few of my own as well. I know one aspect of our conferences and expos that we particularly enjoy is the opportunity to get together and swap stories, or "network", to use the politically correct term.

Aquafacts has an apparently little known section, entitled "Operator's Corner". You can find a contribution to this section in this issue. For all operators, this is your place to tell your story. Operators are the support group for this association and we earnestly encourage contributing to the "corner". You could contribute something on the

lighter side, a solution to a common problem that most plants experience; it's a place to put suggestions for rural water, topics of interest to operators or an opportunity to rally communities to address a common problem. This is your corner of the publication to introduce what you have learned. Operator's Corner can be an opportunity to offer topics for future training sessions. So much can be gleaned from actual experiences, and the Corner is the place to bring your experience to the staff and members.

As with any publication, Aquafacts does have deadlines so if you are interested in contributing to the Operator's Corner, contact Cheryl and she will guide you through the process of submitting an article. NYRWA does reserve the right to edit content and reject any subject deemed inappropriate.

I will be attending the H2O XPO in Louisville, Kentucky, in October, sponsored in part by National Rural Water Association. This is a first time event with National Rural Water offering the conference training and Association of Equipment Manufacturers presenting a monumental array of equipment. I look forward to sharing this experience in the Winter issue. ●