

WHAT'S UP AT NYRWA by Pat Scalera, CEO

The NYRWA Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to announce our 24th Annual Technical Conference “***Provide, Prepare, Protect***”. This year’s event is being held May 18-21, 2003, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY.

We are pleased with the training agenda for this years’ conference, which you will find in this issue of Aquafacts. For your convenience, you can pull this section out and register for the conference. You will see that this year’s conference benefits all water and wastewater personnel. It also includes topics of interest for your elected officials, managers and office personnel, so be sure to bring everyone who could benefit from these sessions.

We will have close to 100 exhibits in Buffalo to present the latest technology and services available to you and this industry. Don’t miss this opportunity to gain the knowledge necessary to continue to provide safe drinking water to your friends, neighbors, families, and community members. This event provides the opportunity to discuss with your peers similar problems and solutions while enjoying the fun events scheduled in the evenings. Ask anyone who has ever attended our conference in the past and they will tell you, “You get the best bang for your buck at this conference”. Sign up today.

Included in this issue of Aquafacts, you will find our Founder’s Scholarship for 2003. Years ago, the NYRWA Board of Directors set up this Scholarship to help member system students with the expense of their college education. This one time grant of \$500 will be made to two students planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning approved by the NYRWA. Please be sure to tear out this application and distribute it to your local school district. The child only needs to be a part of the community system to apply. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our toll free number at 1-888-697-8725. Applications must be received by April 10, 2003. Give the children of your community a chance to win this scholarship, pass it along.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest employee, Eddie Dancz. Eddie joined our team of professionals on January 21, 2003, as Circuit Rider for the Capital Region. As you are all aware, John Hraska retired back in December and although he will be greatly missed, we ask that you help us welcome Eddie and take advantage of the technical assistance and training Eddie will be offering to your community.

Hope to see you all at the conference, take care and let’s hope spring arrives early –
WHAT A WINTER THIS WAS!!