

Celebrating What You Do

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I like setting goals and getting results, which is just the way I am. When I was finishing up school I wasn't sure what course my life would take, but I was sure I wanted to travel and do something that made a difference, that helped others.

Growing up, my father was always making lists of things

he wanted to accomplish around the house and he would always check them off as they were completed, to this day he still does this. That was his way of reaching goals and seeing results. It's funny what you get from your parents. I am a list maker too. So when it came to deciding what career could provide me with travel and helping others, I made a list. Reflecting back, not every one of those on the list makes sense now, but at the time I certainly thought they did. What do you really know at that age, "if we only knew then, what we know now"..... How many times have you said this?

I am fortunate to be a part of the New York Rural Water Association. What a great group of people, our members, our Board and our staff. This August, I will be with NYRWA for 24 years and enjoy looking back at where we started, seeing where we are now, and looking forward to what's to come. Together, we have set goals and can reflect on those results and we will continue to do so. What an exciting future we have to look forward to together. This May, the NYRWA will celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Our Technical Conference theme is "25 Years of Protecting and Conserving Rural Water Resources".

Again, be proud of your accomplishments, each and every one of you is a big part of this. I do hope you plan to join us in Kerhonkson to help celebrate. In this issue of Aquafacts, you will find all the information necessary on the conference.

Recently I received an email that was being passed along over the Internet and I would like to share some of the quotes:

- The greatest joy.....Giving*
- The most satisfying work.....Helping Others*
- The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of Mind*
- The world's most incredible computer.....The Brain*
- The two most power-filled words.....I Can*
- The most beautiful attire..... A SMILE*
- The most prized possession.....Integrity*

Remember, what you do matters. You give every day of your existence, you help others, you have a can do attitude, you protect those in your community, you provide a valuable asset, and all of that, should provide you with peace of mind. Sleep well.

As my daughter is deciding which college she will go to and what her life will become, I recall one more of those quotes "Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth." Let's continue to encourage them to do the things that will make a difference and help others. To all our members, we celebrate and recognize your strengths and your talents. Keep up the good work. In closing, The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm. 💧