

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.

2022 Technical Conference review and THE COUNTDOWN Begins!

By all measures our Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition was a huge success, we had record high attendance and some excellent training sessions. I was very pleased to see many new faces throughout the conference, especially in the training sessions. A heartfelt thank you to all the vendors for their help and participation, without your support we would not be able to put on such a large-scale event.

Congratulations to all the award winners, you deserve recognition for your dedication to our profession and you truly represent what we do as professional operation specialists every day without looking for accolades or awards. We do it because we are a special breed of people who ultimately save more lives than any other profession on this planet!!!!

The biggest thank you of all goes to our dedicated staff here at NYRWA who are truly the ones that make our conference run as smoothly as it possibly can. As I have stated many times, you are the best in the business, bar none.

I have reported in previous articles, the effects of the global Covid-19 pandemic are still being felt in every aspect of our industry/profession and all walks of life. I am still very concerned with the supply chain issues. We are being told by manufactures in the auto

and truck industries that we will be looking at 2023 and 2024 model years when ordering vehicles due to a lack of workforce, materials, and parts supplies. Fuel costs have risen dramatically as have the costs of materials for the products we use in our industry.

The Countdown to NYRWA history is in full swing at this time, our President emeritus John O'Connell, III will be taking over the Presidency of the National Rural Water Association this September at the annual WaterPro Conference in National Harbor, MD. Kudos to you John for all your hard work and dedication to this association and the national association, along with our profession!!!!!!

Please be safe and may God bless all of you and your families.



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