

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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By Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.

## **2022 Technical Conference and history in the making @ NYRWA**

As you read this President's message our Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition has come and gone. I want to thank all those who attended, making the event a big success. A special thank you to all of our vendors for all of their support. Without them we would not be able put on such a great event. Last but not least, a truly heartfelt thank you to our NYRWA Staff. YOU ARE THE VERY BEST IN THE BUSINESS!!!

In September at the National Rural Water Association's Annual WaterPro conference, my friend and immediate Past President John O'Connell will become the President of the NRWA. This is a history making milestone for this Association. The NRWA is the largest utility membership organization in the USA with over 30,000 members. Needless to say this is a BIG accomplishment. John has served on our board and as our National Director for the last 24 years. He has worked very hard for this association at the national level, built the respect of the National Directors and their executive committee through the years and made lifelong friends in the process. May God bless you and your family as you take this role. You know I always have and will "have your back my brother".

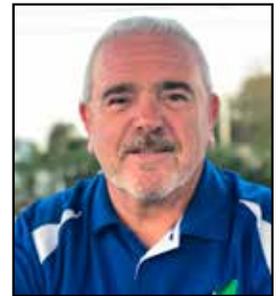
As we all thought Spring was here, Mother Nature throws us a curveball bringing us here in New York anywhere from 2-16" of snow on April 16th from the Hudson Valley to North Country. Just as we were

ready to get into spring operations here at home in the Hudson Valley. We went from 2 large rain events with flooding and road closures the week before. Just a reminder as to who's the boss!!

As you all know, our supply chain issues are still persistent and getting worse in some instances. With the rising fuel costs and manpower issues, thus our materials costs have escalated immensely and who knows when we will see improvement. For those who are getting ARPA money, this infusion of cash is a blessing, but we may actually only be able to do 50% of the projects planned for this money because of these increases. Time will tell, I'm trying to keep faith that it will get better sooner rather than later.

To all, please keep the faith and do what you do best, serve your consumers with safe quality drinking water and the best possible wastewater treatment available to them. Remember we SAVE LIVES and promote public health 24 -7-365.

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



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