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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Kaufman

Dear IGWA Members,

Every year, as the old year ends and a new one begins, I sit down to evaluate the past year and how I think it went from a business perspective. I ask myself if I accomplished the goals set last January, did I serve my customers well, did I take care of my employees and finally, did I make any money. If the answer to any of these questions is no, then I have not done my job.

This past year was different for me in many ways, I had to step out of my comfort zone and do some things either that I had never done or hadn't done in a long time. I imagine you are the same. 2008 was a year with many challenges, but rewards as well. In 2008, I had the opportunity to work side by side on two different occasions with my good friend Beehler Keiser of Tatay Well Drilling in South Bend on two projects. Two different companies one job site, working together to complete the job. We wondered if this may have been the first time the president and vice president of our association worked together on a project.

Also in 2008, I had the opportunity to talk to kids in school about our industry; we even had a fifth grade class visit our jobsite and watch as we drilled a well. In 2008, we saw fuel eat heavily into our bottom line, material prices rise, and work became harder to come by at times. But still with all that, 2008 was a good year.

I don't know what 2009 has in store for me, or you, or our industry, but I do

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IGWA 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

The IGWA rings in the New Year with a great line up of events!

Many of us are happy to see 2008 behind us and are looking forward to a more uplifting 2009. Although we may have challenges ahead, now more than ever is the time to stay in touch with your peers in the industry, supporting one another and sharing what works, new ideas and working together when projects allow. Mike Kaufman of Kaufman Well Drilling in Fort Wayne and Beehler Keiser of Tatay Well Drilling in South Bend have successfully worked on a number of projects.

One of the key objectives of the board is to focus on "greening" sustainability and partnering with other organizations on educational programming (for example PHCCA, Indiana Rural Water Association). If you have other suggestions, please let us hear from you. Sign up today for our February 27th seminar, *Geo Thermal and Water Furnaces Workshop*. Complete the registration form on page 2 and send in by February 20, 2009.

Save the dates for the following:

Friday, February 27, 2009: **GeoThermal and Water Furnaces Workshop** with Baroid and Loopmaster (See enclosed registration form on page 2.)

March 23-24, 2009: **NGWA Fly-In**

Saturday, August 8, 2009: **2nd Annual Scholarship Trap Shoot**

Thursday, November 12, 2009: **IGWA Bi-Annual Convention and Annual Meeting**
We surveyed our exhibitors and attendees on the best dates for our convention and November came out the winner.

IGWA Board Meetings will be held at each event plus a conference call to be scheduled for October prior to convention.



GeoThermal session with Bo Yordy of Baroid at the annual membership meeting. See page 3 for more event coverage.

IGWA'S GEOTHERMAL/WATER FURNACE SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Learn about the growing demand of GeoThermal and Water Furnaces and educate your staff on some of the specifics of benefits, installation and what to avoid.

Speakers: Bo Yordy, Baroid — **GeoThermal Grouts 101: Maintaining A Stable Bore Hole for Proper Loop Installation**
Mike Kapps, Loopmaster — **Benefits and Profitability of Geothermal Installation**

When: Friday, February 27th, 2009

Location: Burlington Community Center (located approximately 12 miles west of Kokomo, taking Sycamore/State Rd 22 West to Fifth St. in Burlington, IN at Burlington Park) Street address: 425 E. 5th Street, Burlington, 46915.

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (IGWA board meeting 8:30 – 9:30 am)

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REGISTRATION (lunch included):

Register by February 20, 2009 and attend for \$10 per person

Register after February 20, 2009 and attend for \$20

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know this, 2009 will be a great year to be in the ground water profession even if it means we have to step out of our comfort zones and do things we have never done before. Keep drilling, be safe, and remember it is ok to make money.

Sincerely,

Mike Kaufman, Kaufman Well Drilling
President IGWA

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IGWA'S 2008 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual membership meeting, luncheon and education session was held on November 6th at the Johanning Civic Center in Kokomo. Our speaker was Paul Ludwig, Redman Ludwig, P.C. "Getting Paid for Your Work"

Mr. Ludwig owns a private practice emphasizing civil litigation and business law. His philosophy of practice is to provide advice and representation in a cost effective manner to individuals and business clients both locally and nationally. Should you need his services, you may reach him at 317-685-2426 or pludwig@redmanludwig.com. We have copies of his handout if you would like to have one. Just give us a call.

Monique Riggs, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water proctored the state drilling exam and addressed those in attendance on updates at the DNR.

The luncheon was followed by a GeoThermal session with Bo Yordy of Baroid.

Luncheon sponsors — we thank you!

- Baroid IDP
- The DeHayes Group.

The new board of directors was elected by all in attendance. Many of these individuals have served as officers and directors for more than one term. Without their commitment there would be no IGWA. We need strong leadership with fresh ideas and a renewed commitment to serving the industry. Serving as a volunteer board member not only helps you serve your industry, but it can help you in further developing your business. Take time to serve on a committee. Contact one of our board members to find out how you can become involved. You won't regret it.



Attendees of the IGWA's 2008 Annual Membership Meeting



Brad White, standing in for Beehler Keiser, welcomes the new IGWA president, Mike Kauffman.



(Left to right) Benny Brewer, Mike Jones, Randy Ausderheide, and Fred McAninch.

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IGWA'S FIRST ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT/SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Brad Helvie chaired this first time event at the Deer Creek Conservation Club in Jonesboro. The IGWA board met prior to the Trap Shoot and then the fun began.

We had more than 40 participants on a beautiful sunny day. Best shot was...Brad Helvie, however, there were many other great shots....Keith McGrew and his Dad, Bob, were awesome.

We raised over \$2,000 with the help of our wonderful sponsors and individual donors:

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*Above: (left to right)
Scott McAninch, Ron Shipe, Fred
McAninch.*



Left: Bob McGrew taking aim.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

NGWA Fly-In March 23-24, 2009

Joe C. Armstrong and Joe A. Armstrong will attend this annual event. Each year we offer an opportunity to a member to attend this annual legislative conference in Washington DC accompanied by a member that has attended in the past. This will be Joe C's first visit. The NGWA reimburses the IGWA up to \$1,000 for attending. When the budget allows, IGWA assists with expenses over and above the \$1,000. If you are interested in attending as an IGWA representative in the future, just let us know. It's a great opportunity to see our government at work and meet with our Senate and Congressional Representatives.

Sponsorship Challenge

At the December board meeting our board split into two teams. They have challenged each other to raise \$6,000 each by basically splitting the state in half. What a competitive bunch!

The teams are:

East

Captain: Mike Kaufman

Team: Ron Shipe, Brad Helvie, Brad White, Jeff Pikel and Benny Brewer

West

Captain: Bruce Moss

Team: John Baker, Keith McGrew, Joe Armstrong, Dan McCreadie and Beehler Keiser

If you would like to receive information on sponsorship opportunities, contact one of the team members above or the IGWA office at 888-443-7330 or ingroundwater@msn.com.

IGWA 2009 Convention *Save the Date ...* Thursday, November 12th

Joe Armstrong is once again chairing this bi-annual convention. Committee members are Brad White, Mike Kaufman and Dan McCreadie. Joe is also seeking committee members that are not board members. If you are interested, give him a call at 765-863-4445 or email armstrongdrilling1@sbcglobal.net

IGWA Membership Renewals

It isn't too late to renew your membership dues. We've sent reminders, but they may have been misplaced over the holidays. The IGWA board has agreed to contact those members who have not renewed as yet. Membership renewals will receive a certificate, thank you letter from President Mike Kaufman, membership list (we will send it to you in excel if you just ask) and this newsletter.

IGWA 2008 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jessica Shipe is the 2008 annual scholarship winner and a first time recipient. Jessica's family owns Shipe Well Drilling and her parents are Rick and Brenda Shipe (included in photo). Jessica received \$500 to assist with the purchase of books or tuition while she attends the University of Indianapolis to study physical therapy which is a doctorate degree. Jessica graduated from Prairie Heights High School in May. She participated in 3 sports and learned the value of hard work, respect and cooperation. Congratulations, Jessica! We will be rooting for you and your success!

Applications for the 2009 scholarship are available at www.indianagroundwater.org or you may contact the IGWA office at 888-443-7336 or ingroundwater@msn.com

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Brenda, Jessica and Rick Shipe

IN THE NEWS...

Westfield has eye on federal money ...Trail work among local proposals for stimulus funding

By Robert Annis Indianapolis Star. Posted: January 2, 2009 — Excerpt — for the entire article visit www.indystar.com

The economic stimulus package that the Obama administration is proposing could extend the Monon and Midland trails, improve Westfield roads and fund a variety of other projects. The federal government has asked local governments for shovel-ready projects that could benefit from money from Washington.

Westfield has listed more than \$35 million in requests, including \$2 million for the trails. Collectively, Hamilton County entities hope to snag more than a quarter-billion dollars through the massive infrastructure improvement plan the next administration is putting in place to stimulate the sluggish economy. Hamilton County Highway Engineer Jim Neal said the planning group was given little guidance about the process for requesting funds so it was unable to give his department much direction on the types of projects to submit. "We just picked projects that we thought could be shovel-ready in 180 days. Some of them would have to go through some pretty quick engineering, but it wouldn't be insurmountable" Neal said. If funding is approved, city officials estimate, nearly 3,500 jobs will be created from the public-works projects. Proposed projects for Westfield (water-, sewage-related are noted below).

- Hill Crest water main replacement, \$80,000.
- Well water line installation, \$22,600.
- Well 14 installation, \$300,000.
- 146th Street water tower building, \$10,000.
- Maple Knoll water tower, \$1,000,000.
- Adios Pass force main replacement, \$100,000.
- Merrimac lift station lining, \$130,000.
- Sanitary sewer manhole lining, \$100,000.
- Lift station updating, \$200,000.
- Three-phase power to Merrimac lift station, \$90,000.
- Beechwood storm water improvement, \$350,000.

Call Star reporter Robert Annis at (317) 444-5572.

6 states tackle Ohio River water quality

(Dec 29, 2008 Charlestown, WV) Indiana is working with five other states and the federal government to clean up about 475 miles of the Ohio River that is sometimes unfit for swimming because of sewage.

An analysis of more than 14,000 samples taken from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill., revealed high fecal counts following heavy rains along almost half of the 981-mile river. The study was conducted by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission.

According to the study, much of the sewage is coming from treatment-plant overflows, groundwater runoff from farms and slaughterhouses, and tanning, pulp and paper factories.

The commission is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to develop a remediation plan.

Public hearings are scheduled next month in all six states.

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