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IGWA Newsletter

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IGWA SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT DONATION AND PROCESS UPDATE

The IGWA scholarship was renamed the *Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship* after Joe Armstrong Sr. passed away in 2013. In 2017, his wife Betty passed away on November 15. This year, Joe and Betty's son and IGWA board member, Joe Armstrong and his family graciously and very generously donated \$50,000 to the scholarship fund.

With this donation, the Board moved the scholarship fund to the Howard County Community Foundation. This move will allow the fund to grow and become a perpetual fund which the Board is very excited about.

This year the scholarship deliberation will be conducted in-house by the Board of Directors. Starting in 2020 however, the application process and decision process will move to the Community Foundation under an agreement with the IGWA. The guidelines will be the same as they have been in the past although timelines will move to be in line with most other scholarship deadlines in the state. Scholarship amounts will be based on the annual growth of the fund. The principal in the fund will be left untouched to grow each year.

The move gives the fund a great opportunity to grow and become a wonderful legacy of the Armstrong Family and of the IGWA. It will also make applying easier as this will be an online application. Giving to the fund will also be easier with the addition of an online donations. A link to the fund's new online donation page will be added to both our website and our Facebook page.

With the addition of the Armstrong Family's \$50,000 donation, the scholarship fund total rose to \$68,592.11. The good news doesn't stop there though. The Lily Foundation is currently matching donations with a 25% match. This means that an additional amount of \$16,023 was added to the fund. The total now in the fund is \$84,615.11.

The Board hopes the membership will be excited and happy about this news. We will continue to fundraise through events and the donation portal.

Thank You!
Thank you Armstrong Family
for thinking of the IGWA
scholarship. We greatly
appreciate your
generosity and
thoughtfulness.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE FUND ONLINE:

1. **Go to the Foundation's donation site:**
<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CommunityFoundationofHoward/OnlineDonation.html>
2. **Choose "CF Carroll – List fund name below"**
3. **Fill in your information and donation**
4. **In the comment section state, "IGWA Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship"**

It's a great time to donate. Currently there is a 25% match in effect. This will end once the foundation has used up its allotment of matching funds.

Annual Meeting, Continuing Education Classes, and TOPGOLF Event!

October 24 – 25, 2019 | Fishers, Indiana

OCTOBER 24: SOCIAL EVENT AT TOPGOLF IN FISHERS, INDIANA

Join your colleagues and manufacturers and suppliers at our Topgolf event! You do not need to know how to golf to have a great time. Everyone can enjoy themselves. You can bring your own clubs if you choose. Spouses are welcomed. This is an 18 and older event.



OCTOBER 25: ANNUAL MEETING WITH CEU CLASSES

October 25 will feature 3 hours of CEU classes and our Annual Meeting. There will be a new Executive Board slated that day. We have two board member positions open. *Please see the board nomination form on page 6 in the newsletter to nominate someone for these open positions.*

A Backyard Barbeque Buffet with non-alcoholic drinks is part of the event. Alcoholic drinks are available on site if you would like to purchase your own drinks.



AGENDA

October 24: Topgolf Event

Location: Topgolf (9200 E. 116th Street, Fishers)
<https://topgolf.com/us/fishers/>

Time: 6:00 – 9:30 pm

After the event concludes, you are welcome to play on but will need to sign in with staff and pay for additional time.

October 25: Annual Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn Express Fishers
(9791 North by Northeast Blvd., Fishers, IN 46037)

CEUs: 3 hours CEU for both Well Driller & Pump Installer

8:00 – 8:30 am: Registration

8:30 – 10:00 am: 811, Safe Digging, Documentation

10:00 – 10:30 am: Annual Meeting

10:30 – 12:00 pm: Indiana Geology

Annual Meeting Hotel Information on page 4.

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October 24 – 25, 2019 | Fishers, Indiana



HOTELS

Two room blocks have been reserved. Each hotel has complimentary breakfast.

Please be aware — all hotel deadlines are firm. Make sure to identify yourself as with the Indiana Ground Water Association to receive the discounted room rates. Hotel reservation links are on our website as well.

Hampton Inn Fishers

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\$104 for standard room

Reservation Deadline:

September 23, 2019.

20 rooms blocked for our use.

Reservation Link:

<https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/I/INDFSHX-IGW-20191024/index.jhtml>

Holiday Inn Express Fishers

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IGWA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

Nominations Due October 1, 2019

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone to serve on the IGWA board of directors, please submit your nominations by October 1, 2019. The 2019-2020 board members will be elected during the Annual Membership meeting on Friday, October 25 during the Annual Conference in Fishers. The final ballot will be available on October 25 at the annual meeting.

There are two board positions that are up for election. Note: Please request the approval of the person you wish to nominate. They must be present at the October 25, 2019 meeting.

Nominee(s) information:

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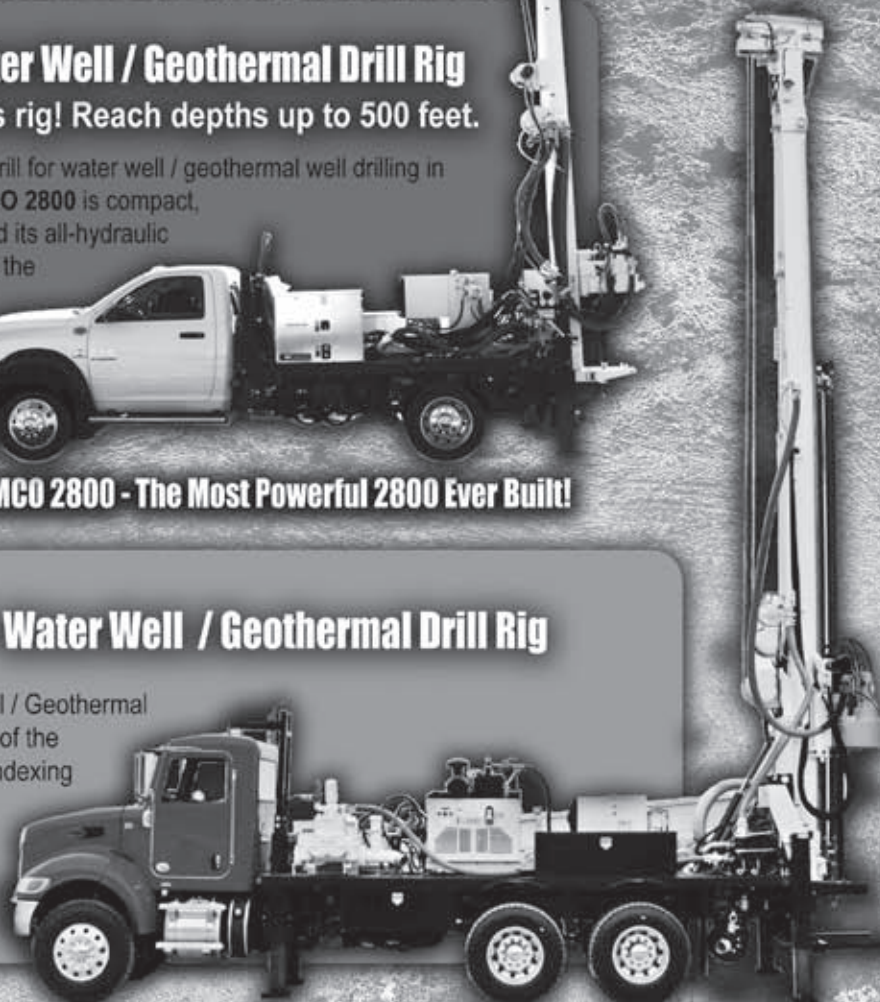
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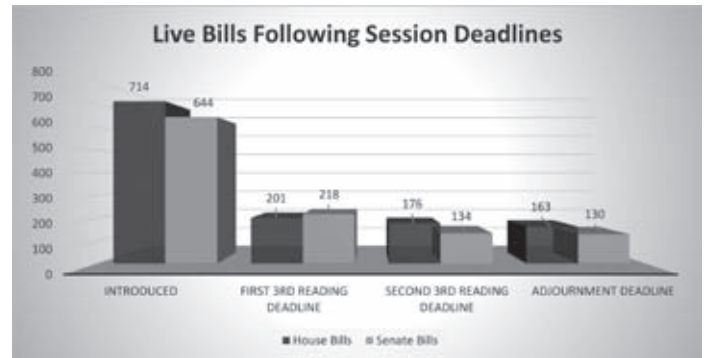
IGWA currently subscribes to Hannah News Service to watch legislation. The paragraph below is courtesy of the service:

- 1,358 bills and joint resolutions were introduced at the beginning of the 2019 legislative session.
- 31% of bills advanced out of their chamber of origin.
- 73% of those bills received a successful 3rd reading vote in the opposite chamber (310 bills).
- Of the 310 bills that passed both 3rd Reading, deadlines, only 17 (5%) did not become eligible for Governor's signature — leaving 293 total bills (163 House; 130 Senate) eligible to become law.
- This equates to a pass rate of 22% of all introduced bills.

While there were some bills that affected the Department of Natural Resources, none affected water well drillers or pump installers this session.

The following link to the Indiana General Assembly site shows all the enacted bills this session:

http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/session/blpl_report/#



While the state session is over, many cities, towns, and counties pass legislation all year long. It is up to each of you to follow your local areas to watch for impending legislation and bring it to our attention.

This is an election year for most municipalities. Make sure you know what your local leaders stand for. Go to meetings to voice your concerns and opinions. You need to be your advocate and watchdog for local laws!



Indiana State Capitol (on Wikimedia)
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well it's that time again for another president's letter. I hope everyone has enjoyed the long winter and took some time to enjoy the "fruits of your labor." I also hope that every is ready for a prosperous spring and summer. With the promise of spring eventually coming in Indiana, we hope this will brings about a very busy time for everyone. I wanted to take a moment in this letter to reach out to our sponsors and thank them for a wonderful 2018. Their support should be recognized more often than we do!

We have some great suppliers and manufacturers that support IGWA and Indiana as a state. We are fortunate to have two pump companies as well as manufacturers for water conditioning, drilling rigs, and other great products for our industry located right here in Indiana. And, let's not forget all of the other great manufacturers that are not located in the state but still support our association. We truly appreciate each and every one of them. Our bi-annual shows are a great opportunity to meet with these individuals to see how each other's families are and what's new in the industry.

Being one of these guys, I and my 'compadres' look forward to meeting each of you at every event as well. We enjoy what we do for our industry and the friendships we have created along the way with our customers. Without your support we would not have the jobs that we rely on to be able to support our families. We wouldn't be able to enjoy the "fruits of our labor!"

We have some great innovators within our water well family with rich experiences from working in the industry. If there is a will, then a distributor/manufacturer salesperson will find a way! Today, I was working with one of my friends on a water tank system where we needed level controls. We were able to work together to find the best possible solution. Sure, our final solution had one less of my products, but it will work out in the long run because our customers come first. When you guys can stand behind your work, we can stand behind ours.

If you find some time today or tomorrow, reach out to one of our sponsors to say hello and thank them for their support throughout the year.

Wishing each of you a successful spring,

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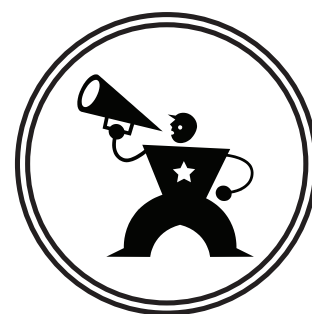
24–25 Topgolf & Annual Meeting with CEU Classes, Fishers, IN
See page 2 for preliminary schedule and page 4 for hotel information.

November 2019

- 15 Environmental Driller Continuing Education Class, Greenwood, IN
- 15 Drillers and Pump Installers Testing, Greenwood, IN
- 30 Dues Due

December 2019

- 31 License Renewal through the IDNR



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