



IGWA Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Mumma

Hello IGWA Membership,

Once again, it's hard to believe another year has closed so quickly. I'm certain many of us have work

schedules filling up our calendar for 2024. What an exciting time to be a water well professional in Indiana! I remember hearing from our membership on several occasions this past year using the term "Crazy-Busy." Enjoy this growth in our business.

Let me remind everyone to focus on arriving safely to work, to be the courtesy one to other drivers, and at the end of the day to return home safely. We all can make this happen.

Topgolf training event was great! I was especially glad to see new members attending and enjoying the fun and food. Thanks again to our several sponsors. We couldn't succeed without them! Please see page 2 for event summary and photos.

Hope you enjoyed the holiday season. Please remember those whom are without, and may world peace arrive soon!

Stay Safe!

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IGWA 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

• IGWA Family in Business Scholarship Application Deadline

January 31, 2024 • See page 6 for details

Please share with your employees and family members as applicants must be an IGWA member, immediate family of IGWA member, employee of IGWA member, or immediate family member of employee.

• Winter 2024 Education Class

March 22, 2024 • Valley Vista, Greenwood

The IGWA is busy getting our first class of 2024 set up. Watch the website, Facebook, and your email for registration details.

• IGWA Biannual Convention

October 31 – November 1, 2024 • Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City

Be sure to reserve these dates for the Biannual Convention. We're working on the schedule and plan to provide many great seminars, speakers, and opportunities to network again this year. More information to come!



Thank you Jennifer Alexander!

IGWA Executive Director Retires

After 11 years of serving as IGWA's Executive Director, Jennifer Alexander retired in July of 2023.

During her tenure – 2012 to 2023 – she guided us through many excellent events and transitions. In particular, we are grateful for her extraordinary efforts during the pandemic to keep us informed and safe.

The IGWA Board and Members thank Jennifer for her long-standing dedication to the continuation of IGWA and to the drillers and pump installers of the state of Indiana.

We wish her all the best in retirement!



Please see page 6 for Executive Director Update.



IGWA TOPGOLF EDUCATION EVENT RECAP

IGWA provided an educational course (3 CEUs) free to members on Friday November 3rd at Top Golf in Fishers which also included free golf play, food, and drinks. IGWA is grateful to the three speakers, **Dan Painter with Flint & Walling** (presented topic: Submersible Pump Sizing), **Brant Ziegler with Valley Farms Supply** (presented topic: Water Treatment 101), and **Todd Feenstra with Tritium** (presented topic: Water Resource Management). Thank you for your involvement and presentations.



In addition to gaining CEUs for the 2023 - 2024 years, members and their spouses enjoyed golf play, food, and drinks (free beer and wine bar courtesy of **Preferred Pump** and **Valley Farms Supply**)! During golf play, attendees were entered into drawings for Door Prizes provided by **Valley Farms Supply, Preferred Pump, Franklin Electric, RJM Sales,** and **Hole Products**. Thank you IGWA Manufacturer Members for making this event an enjoyable end to a long week and successful year!

For all IGWA members, be sure to look for our upcoming events for education and recreation!



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Groundwater Week 2023 Draws Largest Attendance in NGWA History



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December 11, 2024 – Groundwater Week 2023 concluded last week and drew its largest attendance in the history of NGWA.

The event, which was held December 5-7 in Las Vegas, Nevada, saw 6,642 groundwater professionals take part, making it the biggest show in Association history. Attendees came from 40 countries and all 50 states.

The second largest show took place in 2006 with 6,612 attendees.

“We’re proud to have celebrated our 75th anniversary with the largest ever show attendance and thank everyone for making this historical milestone possible,” said NGWA CEO Terry S. Morse, CAE, CIC. “The groundwater industry is essential and, as such, extremely busy. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to be at Groundwater Week 2023.”

NGWA celebrated 75 years of serving groundwater professionals with a booth on the exhibit hall floor. NGWA past presidents and former staff members who helped the Association reach the milestone were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. A closing party, “Popcorn and Pilsners,” wrapped up Groundwater Week 2023 in the exhibit hall.

Attendees took in nearly 40 water well contractor workshops and visited 303 exhibitors on a crowded exhibit hall floor. Dozens of educational sessions in the Science & Engineering Forum took place concurrently. There was a total of 81,600 square feet of exhibit space, the most in NGWA history.

The groundwater industry’s top concern — workforce development — was covered in a variety of workshops, including a roundtable discussion on passing knowledge to the next generation. Two certified industry veterans and one younger professional shared what has worked for them over the years in recruiting, hiring, and maintaining their employees.

Geothermal technology was showcased again as the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association featured a pavilion for the third consecutive year in the exhibit hall along with its track of workshops. A workshop on NGWA’s ongoing geothermal retrofit detailed the design of the closed loop system. Morse and industry partners discussed different parts of the system and products that will help the Association generate more than \$250,000 in energy savings and a reduction of 640-plus tons of carbon dioxide over the next 30 years, according to design estimates.

For the second consecutive year, two events took place to aid young and early-career groundwater professionals. A tour of the

exhibit hall led by seasoned groundwater veterans took place explaining how the tools and machinery seen on the floor are used daily in the industry. There was also a coffee and continental breakfast where young people had a chance to meet and network with each other.

The NGWA Delegates Meeting saw three incumbents get reelected to the NGWA Board of Directors:

- Jeremy Bach of Bach Drilling Co. in Ellensburg, Washington
- Robert Keyes, CWD, of Associated Environmental Industries Corp. in Norman, Oklahoma
- Chauncey Leggett, CWD/PI, CVCLD, of Lake Valley Well Co. in Tarboro, North Carolina.

Chip Nelson of GEFCO/BAUER Equipment America Inc. in Conroe, Texas, was elected to the secretary position on the Manufacturers Section Board and will also serve as a director on the NGWA Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Davis, PE, CGWP, was elected to the vice chair position on the Scientists and Engineers Section Board and will also serve as a director on the NGWA Board of Directors.

David Traut, MGWC, CVCLD, of Traut Companies in St. Joseph, Minnesota, became the NGWA president.

For the first time, NGWA elected someone from the Manufacturers Section as president-elect — Eric Macias of LORENTZ U.S. Corp. in Slaton, Texas.

Traut, who was interviewed earlier in 2023, spoke of his 2024 goals:

- Establish **NGWA University online training** powered by Oklahoma State University to meet the industry’s pressing workforce development challenges. (https://cas.okstate.edu/ngwa/ngwa_university.html)
- Launch **NGWA Business PRO**, a cloud-based software system to help groundwater industry firms run a profitable business. (<https://ngwabusinesspro.com/>)

Keynote speaker Daniel “Rudy” Ruettinger, a former University of Notre Dame football player whose life story was immortalized in the 1993 film, *Rudy*, motivated attendees during the Keynote Presentation and Awards of Excellence Ceremony.

NGWA is returning to Las Vegas next year. Groundwater Week 2024 takes place December 10-12.



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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

Scholarship Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

Joseph L. Armstrong's family has been a member of the Indiana Ground Water Association since its inception in the 1930's and we wish to recognize his many years of support and dedication by naming our scholarship program in his honor. He contributed regularly to this program. He will be missed by all who knew him.



IGWA Family in Business Scholarship Rules

- Applicant must be a member, immediate family of IGWA member, employee of IGWA member, or immediate family member of employee.
- Applicant must be accepted at a college, university or trade or technical school. (Student may be full or part-time)

The Carroll County Community Foundation Scholarship Board has absolute discretion in selecting recipients of the award and in determining the amount of said award. The Board may make such amendments and modifications of the rules and regulations pertaining to the selection of award recipients, the amount of each award and the payment of awards as they, in their sole discretion, determine.

When an applicant has been named as a recipient of the award he or she shall, present to the Foundation satisfactory evidence of his or her acceptance or continued enrollment at a college, university, trade or technical school. Failure to do so will forfeit the scholarship.

To apply: Go to www.cfcarroll.org and click on the link to the [online scholarship application](#). You will need to first create an account and follow the instructions to complete your profile. You can then complete and save your application.

Scholarship Fund

We were able to raise more dollars at our 2022 convention for the scholarship! Thanks to all who donated!

Remember you can donate online anytime of the year at the Community Foundation of Howard County Indiana website. **The link is:** <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CommunityFoundationofHoward/OnlineDonation.html>

Make sure to put **IGWA Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship** in the comments section.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

The new Executive Director for IGWA, **Deanna Ortman**, began transitioning into the position in July.

With this change, IGWA's mailing address and fax number has changed. In addition, IGWA has experienced issues with the original email address – ingroundwater@gmail.com, so a second email address has been implemented to lessen delays in communication. Both emails are monitored so feel free to use either at this time.

Please reach out to Deanna with any questions or concerns you may have!

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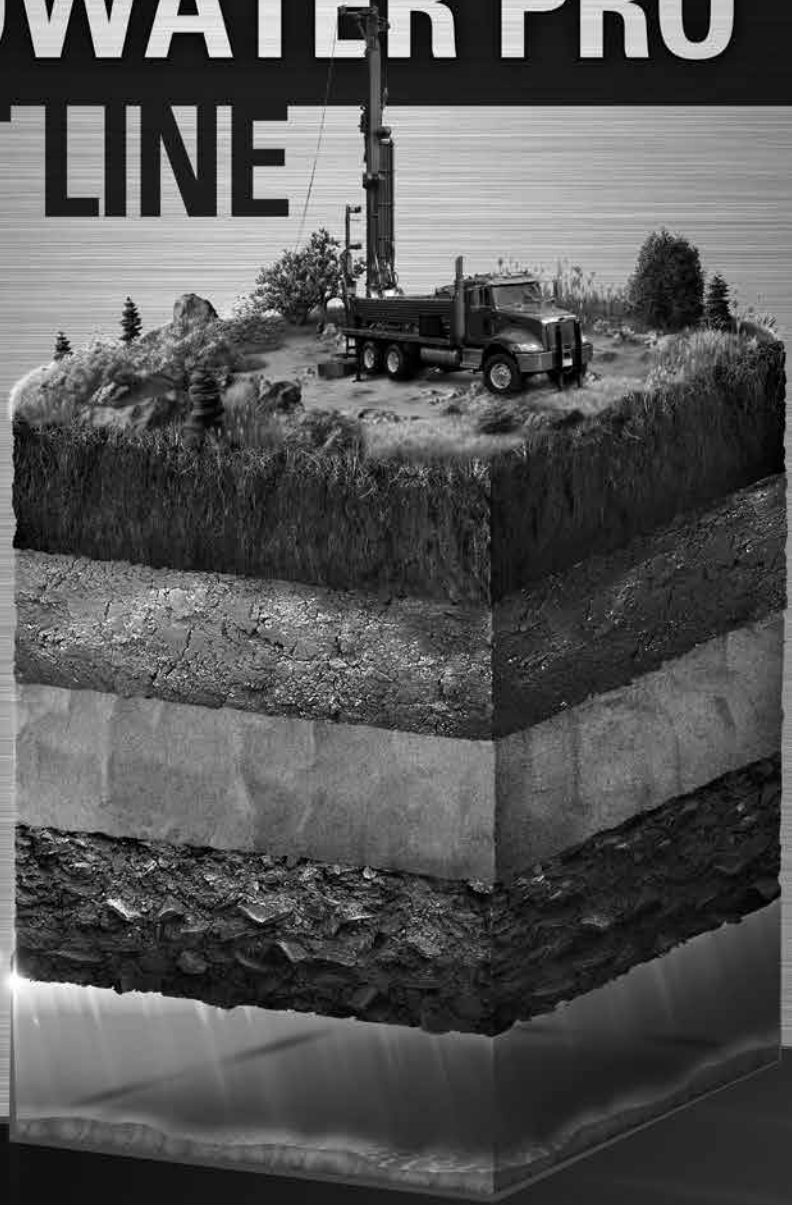
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Just a reminder that dues were due on December 31. As a member you are listed on our website for customers to find and it allows you to save on registrations to IGWA events. This is the only organization representing water well drillers in the state of Indiana. It is important that your voice is represented with your fellow drillers. If you are not a member, please consider joining the IGWA.

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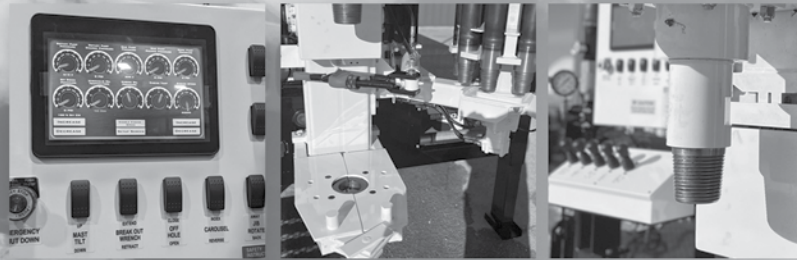
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