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Greetings to all;

As we embark on 2011, we find ourselves faced with many of the same challenges we faced last year: more work with less employees, budget cuts, and the numerous state, federal, and local reports that need to be completed.

Once again, we will be faced with adapting to many rules and policy changes that will ultimately affect our budgets, personnel, and the way we conduct business. This is why we have to continue to show our professionalism as water purveyors, and continue to get our employees involved. Unfortunately, most of our workforce thinks of their work as a job and not a profession. I urge you to get them involved. If possible, bring them along to one of our monthly meetings. This will give them the opportunity to hear firsthand the challenges our profession is currently facing as well as how important their work is.

"Water, like religion and ideology, has the power to move millions of people. Since the very birth of human civilization, people have moved to settle close to it. People move when there is too little of it. People move when there is too much of it. People journey down it. People write, sing and dance about it. People fight over it. And all people, everywhere and every day, need it." -Mikhail Gorbachev

If you have any suggestions as to meeting locations or meeting topics, please do not hesitate to send me an email or call my office at (508)-999-0742

In closing, I am proud to serve as President of this great organization for another year.

Happy New Year

Steven M. Sullivan
President



2011

January Birthdays

Birthday Drawing winners receive a \$25 Hess Card courtesy of Ti-Sales, Inc of Sudbury, MA

PCWWA would like to wish the following members a very happy birthday:

Kerry Semple (4) Onset Water Department • Eileen Commane (6) Dedham-Westwood Water District • Robert A Marquis (7) Swansea Water District • Patrick Murphy (7) Plymouth Water Department • Edmund T Lavin, Jr (8) American Water Services • Paul Gibbs (12) North Sagamore Water Dist • J Cary Parsons (12) Woodard & Curran • Brutus Cantoreggi (13) Town

of Franklin • Brian Carlisle (15) Town of Milton • Dorian A Jefferson (19) Dighton Water District • David F Young (19) Camp Dresser & McKee • Joseph Figuerido (21) Stoughton DPW • Andrew P Fontaine, P.E. (22) Town of Weymouth DPW • Timothy Stinson (22) SEA Consultants • Michael Chernicki (23) Town of Pembroke DPW • James Barlow (24) Dartmouth Water Division • Jason Federico (24) Polaris Consultants • Robert Bernardo (27) Seekonk Water

District • Joseph Coulter (28) Ti-Sales, Inc • Keith Badore (30) Halifax Water • Parker Stiles (30) • Michael F Valenti (31) Town of Pembroke DPW



Paul Gibbs is the winner of the January birthday drawing - Congratulations!

Web Winners

Web Winners receive a \$25 Gift Card to the 99 Restaurant courtesy of Weston & Sampson, Inc

Winners - December

Robert Zora - Marion Water Division

Not Claimed/Expired

Brian Carlisle - Town of Milton
Robert Langill
Douglas Reed

Go to www.pcwwa.org to check your membership number - **you** could be a winner!



The Education Committee is currently developing training programs for 2011. Any suggestions for training topics or locations to hold classes can be directed to Erica Lotz at elotz@fstinc.com

A note for our members on our new Special Projects Committee...

Plymouth County Water Works Association is an all volunteer organization of water works professionals that are dedicated to the ideal of sharing information and educating one another for the purpose of better serving our communities. We understand the importance of potable water - we have all built our livelihoods around it - so what better initiative to embark upon but to take our associations model to aid one another and look outwards towards others in need.

Embracing this characteristic, PCWWA formed a new Special Projects Committee in the Fall of 2010. Our first project is working with El Porvenir to rehabilitate an existing well in the village of Bijague, Nicaragua. Our contribution will empower the villagers of Bijague to improve their living standards through the sustainable rehabilitation of their well. As our committee continues to raise funds, we anticipate further assisting in Bijague to improve sanitation standards.

We currently have three fund raisers planned to benefit our endeavors. The first is the raffle at the January 26th meeting at the Chateau. Next, the PCWWA website will have a donation page. We are looking for 10 of our vendors to make \$250 donations specifically to cover the cost of the well rehabilitation. The third fundraiser currently planned is a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament to be held in New Bedford at Café Funchal on Saturday April 2nd. This will be a fun event to invite your friends to while supporting a good cause.

There is a lot going on in PCWWA, make 2011 your year to get involved. Even if you are not a usual attendee to monthly meetings there are always committees or special events that could use help with varying levels of commitment needed. It is a great opportunity to network with people in our field that you may not otherwise have the chance to work with. The Special Projects Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the current fund raisers in progress and those still in the brainstorming stage. Thank you in advance for your support!

Leanne Monaghan
Analytical Balance Corp.
PCWWA - Special Projects Committee Chair

*Well to be
rehabbed
in Bijague*

