

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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Greetings from the President, Ray Busch

Oh What A Night

The stars were out and magic too. January 16th was the date, and the Walnut Creek Marriot was the place, for the San Francisco Bay Section to stroll its best of the best. The stars of our industry and the stars of our organization were duly acknowledged and awarded.

There was some magic in the air as well. Jack Evans 92 years young was awarded a special award from CWEA President Larry Tolby for being the oldest member of the elite Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers. Rumors had it that volunteering with the CWEA, and particularly the San Francisco Bay Section, is not only good for your soul, but will likely lead to a longer life expectancy.

The magic followed Jack and was again present as Desiree Santos bravely went up to the stage and listened, (while beaming a big smile), as Leo Gonzalez led almost two-hundred Bay Section members and friends singing Happy Seventh Birthday to her.

Knowing a few of the individual winners made it seem more satisfying as I saw them walking to receive their award. I also liked knowing the surprise that awaited them. The SFBS Board made this the first year where individual award winners will receive custom San Francisco Bay Section jackets. So, if you are anywhere at all and see one of these sporty jackets, with the big SFBS logo on the back, well you can be assured that there is some professional who is among the best of the best.

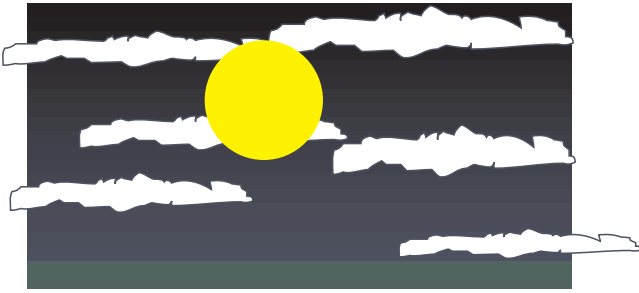
I would also like to give big congratulations to the agencies and firms that also took away the gold. Additionally the biggest thanks go out to the two super performers that were awarded for their contributions to our section; Walt Lund took away the Andy Stametalos Service award, and Kevin O'Toole received the Al Ditman Professional Development award. Knowing the works of these two gentlemen allows me to be confident that the best men won.



SPANNING THE GENERATIONS.
CONGRATULATIONS TO...
JACK EVANS AND DESIREE
SANTOS

OUR PAST PAST-PRESIDENT DOES
THE BIRTHDAY CAKE HONORS
FOR DESIREE SANTOS...
OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT(?)





Musings from the Editor...

Ah, yes. What a wonderful night, indeed. Last Friday's Annual Awards Banquet was surely a treat. It was one of the largest turnouts that we've seen for a long time. Nearly 200 people! Also, it was one of the best programs that I've ever attended. So... of course I must ponder on what made it such a special night. And, what I've come up with (thus far) is the personal touches that were part of the evening. Three personal touches, in particular:

- Honoring Jack Evans as the Senior 5-S member.
- Honoring Desiree Santos on her 7th Birthday.
- CWEA's President, Larry Tolby's, unique and thoughtful gifts to the outgoing Board.

Ray Busch spoke of the first two in his "Greetings"; I'd like to touch a bit more on the third...

As I've come to know Larry Tolby, I have come to know a man who embodies class and thoughtfulness. One of Larry's goals during his presidency was to attend all the 17 Local Section Awards Banquets. I believe he's going to be successful at doing this. For Larry to take the time to do this... and to take the time, energy, and resources to have his organization (National Clay Pipe Institute) custom-make business card holders for outgoing Boards of all the Local Sections... what this demonstrates to me is a CWEA President who knows the value of the Local Sections and the myriad of volunteers who make CWEA a great organization. I believe that the strength of CWEA is still its Local Sections and the volunteers who work diligently for each of their Section's members. Larry shares this belief. And Larry lives his belief. If I were wearing a hat, I'd take it off to Larry. If any of you happen to run across Larry, please take the time to thank him for all that he's done for the Local Sections during his presidency.

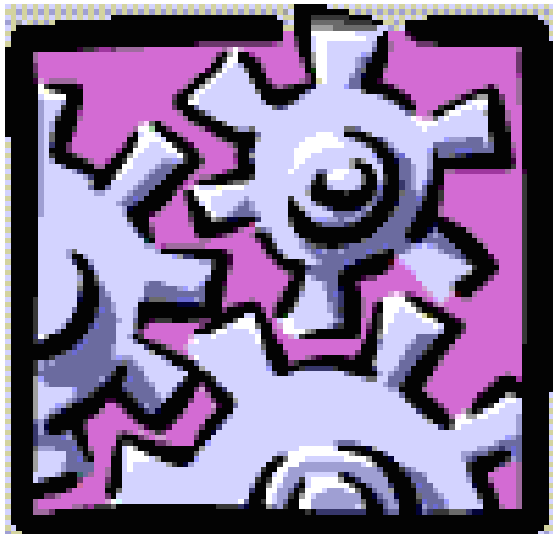
On another note, I want to thank Leo Gonzalez for his dedication to the Bay Section over the years. I also want to thank Sandeep Karkal for his participation and leadership last year, as president. And, last but not least... I look forward to the Bay Section's upcoming year under the leadership of Ray Busch.

Last but not least... I need to get a bit of philosophizing into this month's musing. It will be short, I promise. This month's musings are about relationships (yes, I know... I've written to this before). I was at the CASA (CA Association of Sanitation Agencies) conference recently. One of the panel discussions related to "How to Build a Better Relationship with your Regulators". Bob Shanks, from Sacramento Regional repeated a statement that one of his Regional Board members spoke: "Relationships are primary; everything else is derivative." So, remember. Life is all about relationships: how we build them, how we nurture them, how we strengthen them. No matter the arena, relationships are a critical aspect of how we thrive in our world and our lives.

That's it! Take care and be safe. And, most of all... challenge yourself and grow!

It never fails . . .

. . . or does it?



*Join us to find out how
“the 4 R’s” can help you prevent
premature failure of plant components
and the downtime that results.*

*Dr. Manuchehr Shirmohamadi
of Material Integrity Solutions, Inc.,*

*will outline “the 4 R’s” as they relate to
“Failure Prevention Engineering.”*

*If you work with equipment,
you’ll want to hear this presentation.*

The San Francisco Bay Section of the
California Water Environment Association
 – February Dinner Meeting –
 Thursday, February 5, 2004

Hs Lordship Restaurant

at the Berkeley Marina

4:30p.m. Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. No-Host Social Hour
 6:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Program

Chicken Pomodoro with Potato

Baked Salmon with Rice

Pasta Primavera

(plus Caesar salad and, for dessert, New York cheesecake)

Member cost: \$25.00 per person

Non members: \$29.50 per person

Students: \$15.00 per person

To make your reservation:

contact Roseanna Barrett no later than Monday, February 2
 at (925) 229-7155 or roseanna@centralsan.dst.ca.us

with your name, agency and menu selection

(and please remember, “a reservation is a financial obligation”)

The San Francisco Bay Section congratulates our...

2003 Award Winners and New 2004 Board

2003 SFBS Award Winners

Al Ditman Professional Development Award

Kevin O'Toole, Whitley Burchett & Associates

Andy Stamatelos Memorial Service Award

Walter Lunn, Stege Sanitary District

Collection Person of the Year

Tim Helton Sr., Castro Valley Sanitary District

Collection System of the Year

>500 miles **Union Sanitary District**

Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year

Rajesh Kumar, City of Livermore Water Reclamation Plant

Engineering Achievement Award

EBMUD, Alameda Naval Air Station Wastewater Interceptor Replacement System

Operator of the Year

Steve Hudson, Pinole/Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant

Plant of the Year

Small (<10 mgd) **City of Livermore Water Reclamation Plant**

Large (>10 mgd) **City of San Francisco Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant**

Plant Safety

Medium: (26 - 76 Employees) **City of Livermore Water Reclamation Plant**

Public Education

Small Budget (<\$20,000) **San Francisco PUC, EBMUD**

Research Achievement Award

San Francisco PUC, (Mechanical & Biological Foam Management)

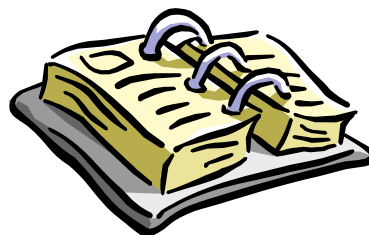
Supervisor of the Year

Sergio Ramirez, Castro Valley Sanitary District

San Francisco Bay Section Board

The new Board of Directors was officially installed by Larry Tolby at our Banquet. It's a surly looking Board, but one that is looking forward to an exciting and fun year! Names...

<<<<<<< Watch in Next Month's Inkspot for Photos of the Grand Event >>>>>>>

SFBS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2004	
30-31	CWEA BOARD MEETING, San Diego
FEBRUARY 2004	
23-25	PRETREATMENT POLLUTION PREVENTION & STORMWATER Conference
26	PIPE USERS GROUP SEMINAR-Sharing Technologies, Berkeley
MARCH 2004	
16-17	CONTROL OF FATS, OIL & GREASE SEMINAR, Call WEF for info. 703-684-2442
APRIL 2004	
27-30	CWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Fresno Convention Center
SEPTEMBER 2004	
12-15	NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GO ONLINE TO
www.cwea.org/sfb/committees/membership.htm

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.cwea.org/sfb

MORE ON THE NEW CAN-SPAM LAW...

Recall last month's Inkspot paragraph on the Can-Spam Law... effective January 1, 2004, new legislation has been put into place that limits the ability of email promotion and marketing. The CWEA office staff developed language with our attorneys to determine guidelines that can be used by the Local Sections, Committees, and CWEA. You'll still receive notices for dinner meetings and seminars, but there will be language at the bottom that allows you to "opt out" of receiving the notices. Use it, if you don't want to continue to receive email notices of our Section's events.

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