

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

INKSPOT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004

Greetings from the President, Ray Busch

WASTEWATER OLYMPICS

I have been staying up late the past couple of weeks watching the Olympics.

Now as I write this, my ninth Greetings from the President, my mind is on our own San Francisco Bay Section version of the Olympics that will be here in no time.

That's right it's **awards time!** Time to line them up and see who is the most deserving to be put in the field of contenders for the best of the best awards as individuals, projects and organizations. I hope that you will take the time to make a nomination. The process itself is definitely a learning experience. Award winners appreciate the effort as well.

I remember several years ago our web master,

Bill Slenter, won the Section's Andy Stamatelos Service award. I thought back then how much he deserved the award. Bill had put us on the map with a web site when most other sections still did not have one. He has improved the site regularly, and has found ways to utilize it in new ways for the section. Aside from his service for the SFBS members, I can say that Bill is also an all around good guy with above average piloting skills. It is a safe bet that when all this good stuff is being said about someone that they have either passed away or are leaving I am happy to report that the latter is the case here. Our loss is the Sacramento area's gain. Bill departs us with one last class act; he has found a promising replacement. Welcome aboard Mark Takemoto.

Important S.F. Bay Section Dates...

October 7 - Dinner Meeting at Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley

October 29 - Deadline for SFBS Award Nominations





Musings from the Editor...

I am struck, this month, by the cycle of birth, life, and death. I have had the opportunity this year to be present for the birth of my goddaughter. I have had the opportunity this year to be present for the dying process of my 4th mother.

I know several people who are in the process of understanding, living with, and being present for the deaths of intimate connections... friends, spouses, family. I know several people who are undergoing serious illnesses and living with the specter of death.

Rather than becoming morose or fatalistic with the challenges that sickness, dying, and death bring, I see the beauty and sanctity in this process. What this brings to me is an understanding of the criticality of Life and the essence of what Life means. How that is defined and what that means for each of us... is for each of us to determine. I would never propose to speak for anyone other than myself to the meaning of life. However, I would propose that we each take a moment... or many moments... to ponder what it means for us to live.

Life is so vulnerable, so precious, and so tenuous. It is not something to be taken for granted. It is not something to be squandered. Neither is it to be taken too seriously! We have to be able to laugh at ourselves, to walk with a light heart, to understand that we dance the Fool's dance. Life wants to be lived. Our souls want to be fulfilled. Our spirits want to soar. Our hearts want to love and be loved.

Many years ago, I stumbled into a credo for myself. This credo is that there is no limit to the love present in the world. I can choose to not be a pauper in love; I can choose to live a life where love is my guiding premise. Many years ago, I wrote something that I, now, always strive to live my life in accordance with. It is:

I can choose to follow the path of fear or the path of love... which path will I follow?

The opposite of love is fear, not hate. The only thing that keeps me from a state of love is fear. My fear is derived from my egoic need for stability, power, order, control. Yet... the ego is not me in my totality. No, it is only one aspect of myself. One very small aspect; yet one with a very loud voice.

And, so, my fellow workers in this wonderful profession of ours... I know and I understand the power of words, intention, risks. Therefore, I purposely make this month's musing a personal accounting of truths that I hold dear. I am weary of the stance of caution and timidity. These only serve to hold us back from being our true selves... and of living Life that we were brought here to live. Indeed, it is time to live! When I die... I want to know that I can truly and honestly say that I have lived Life to its fullest potential and that I have left the world a better place for my being here.

May each of you have an Autumnal season full of wonder and contemplation.



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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

October 2004 Dinner Meeting

Featuring: Andy Morrison, Union Sanitary District.
"2003 COLLECTION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR"

Join us to hear all about Union Sanitary District's award winning collection system, winner of the 2003 CWEA San Francisco Bay Section Collection System of the Year.

Where:	Spenger's Fish Grotto 1919 Fourth Street Berkeley, California	Dinner:	\$30.00 CWEA Members \$38.00 Non-CWEA Members
When:	Thursday, October 7, 2004 5:00 – Board Meeting 6:00 – Social Hour 7:00 – Dinner 8:00 - Presentation	Choice of:	Grilled Chicken Breast with Mustard Tarragon Sauce Halibut Florentine with Creamy Fresh Spinach Vegetarian Entrée

Contact: Deanna Tanner at (925) 210-2436 or dtanner@brwncald.com for dinner reservations.
Reservation deadline is Friday, October 1, 2004.

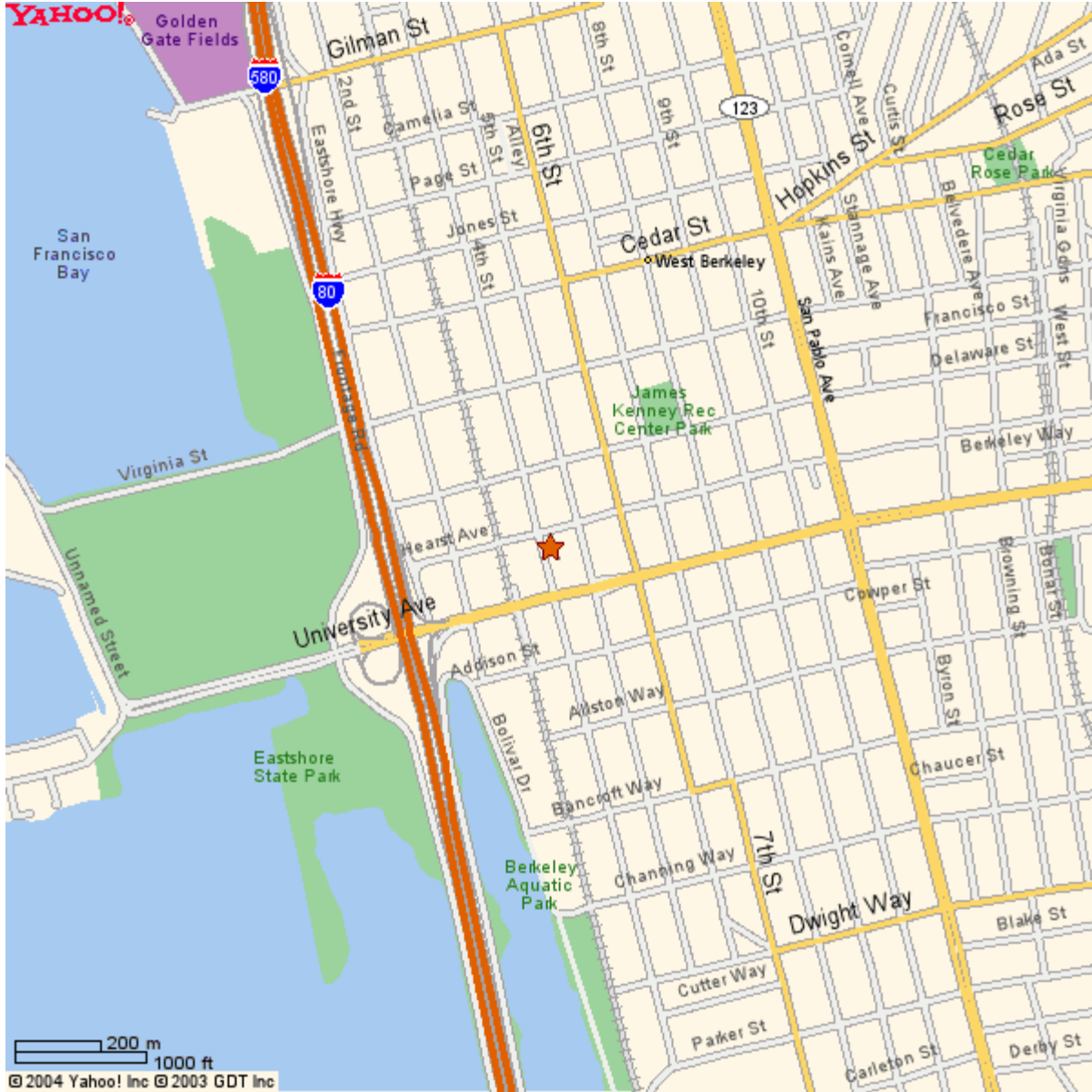
REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

Directions:

Take I-80 to University Avenue in Berkeley. Exit at University, and follow the frontage road on the east side of the freeway (Eastshore Hwy) north to Hearst St. Go Right on Hearst St. to Fourth St. Go right on Fourth St. to the restaurant.

Please see the map on the following page.

Spenger's Fish Grotto
1919 Fourth St., Berkeley, CA 94710
510-845-7771



We Went...

FOR THE GOLD



Northern Regional Training Conference 2004

Now we're back and all the comments about this year's Northern Regional Training Conference indicate it was a Great Success! On behalf of Leo Gonzalez and me (Teresa Herrera), Co-Chairs of 2004 NRTC, we want to acknowledge the Conference Committee volunteer members and their agencies/firms for making this one of the absolutely BEST Conferences!

Paul Louis - CCCSD

Tom Edwards - Duke's Root Control

Logan Olds - Susanville CSD

Roy Wilson - retired

Larry Tolby - Nat'l Clay Pipe Institute

Phyllis Powers - STPUD

Jigar Shah - Placer County

Walter Lunn - Stege SD

Karl Royer - EBDA

Zoanne Tafolla - VSFC

Shane Carlson - City of Woodland

Jennifer McNutt - B&V

Delores Trebotich - STPUD

Mike Marandi - Interface Engineering



Safety ~ PASS IT ON

Northern Regional Safety Training Day

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Yolo County Fairgrounds
Woodland, CA

Registration – 8:00 a.m.

Hosted by CWEA & the San Francisco Bay Section Safety Committee

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Friday, October -15, 2004

*Come to Woodland for a day of Safety Training. Expand your knowledge.
Attend a variety of training courses. Visit with more than 40 vendors.*

**A Fantastic Lunch will be provided by:
“BUCKHORN CATERING”**

<i>Schedule of Events</i>	
Times to be determined	
<p><u>Topic:</u> “Accident Investigation”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Larry Oliven, Oro Loma Sanitary District</p>	<p><u>Topic:</u> “Job Safety Analysis, a direction to a safer workplace”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Maria Sandoval, Monterey Water Pollution Control Agency</p>
<p><u>Topic:</u> “Survivor Safari Style-The Safety Challenge”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Zoanne Tafolla, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District</p>	<p><u>Topic:</u> “Fall Protection, Options when working on roofs and in empty basins”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Andy Bull, CH Bull</p>
<p><u>Topic:</u> “Upcoming Crane Certification Requirements”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Louis Trujillo, Occupational Safety Training Systems</p>	<p><u>Topic:</u> “Confined Space Rescue for the Technical Rescuer”</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Kent Freeman, California Health & Rescue</p>
<p>State of California Approved</p> <p><i>Approved for CWEA Contact Hours and Working with SWRCB for credit towards Continuing Education Units</i></p>	

REGISTRATION FORM

On-line Registration is available at www.cwea.org
Pre-registration deadline – Friday, October 1, 2004

- Member Pre-Registration: \$35.00
- Non Member Pre-Registration: \$83.50
- I am a member of CWEA, WEF, CA-NV AWWA Member Number: _____
- Member on site Registration: \$45.00
- Non Member on site Registration: \$93.50

Name:	Agency:	Phone #:	Fax #:
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Emergency Contact Name & Phone #:			
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Email:	Address:	Job Title:	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone #:			

Registration Instructions:

Payment by check or money order should be made payable to: Northern Regional Safety School 2004. Pre-registration MUST be postmarked no later than October 1, 2004. Those who submit payments for pre-registration fee after October 1, 2004 will be billed for the difference. Conference registration fee must be paid in full at the time of pre-registration. Full payment may be made by personal check, or company/agency check. Purchase Orders are acceptable. Registration received by CWEA without full payment of purchase order will be returned. Credit Cards are also being accepted for this event.

Written cancellation notice is required and must be received at least 30 days prior to the conference date. A 25% service fee shall be retained on all cancellations. No refunds will be given for cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the conference.

Payment Method: (please check all that apply)

- I am enclosing a check, made payable to CWEA
- I wish to use my charge card to pay for my registration in the amount of \$ _____
- Visa Mastercard Discover Card American Express

Credit Card Number: _____
 Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____
 Name on Card: _____ Expiration date: _____
 (please print)

Please check to be sure that you have completed all sections and signed this before mailing. This form must be returned with your payment to:



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Greetings from the PAST President, Sandeep Karkal

Awl righty, once more into the breach.....pumps to the right of him, blowers to the left, volleyed and thundered but yet he blundered on...OK, maybe a little mangled Charge of the Light Brigade is not the best way to announce your return to writing form, but hey, if you have any better ideas you know where (not) to send them...

Awards, awards, awards.....

Now, listen up, especially those of you who live a supervisory existence. Our Section's annual awards program is underway. There are a lot of folks in our Section that deserve the recognition of being nominated for a Section Award by their supervisors, fellow inmates, and SF Bay Section members.

Awards packets are available from the CWEA office in Oakland (hard copy or on disk), and at the CWEA website

(http://www.cwea.org/mlr_member_awards_forms.shtml). Note that CWEA expects our Section to use the awards nomination forms generated by CWEA for our local Section awards as well, no exceptions. If you have any questions, please contact our Awards Chair (that being yours truly) or Ray Busch, our esteemed Prez. And by the way, the deadline is October 29, 2004 for getting everything in, so you might want to start hacking away at your computer, pronto, ASAP, and right away.



Nominations for SFBS Board

On another note, this is also the time of year that your Section looks to fill the position of Second Year Director on its governing Board. This position also initially serves as the program chairperson for the Section, and is created by the moving on and moving up of the current crop of Section officers on an annual basis. If you know of someone (including possibly, yourself) that you feel would be a good candidate for the position either this year or in the future, please send either Ray Busch or myself a name and contact information (post office style picture posters will do just fine too, in a pinch).

Anyway friends, short and sweet, I hear our editor scream, and thus I cease my drivel stream... 'til again we ourselves seat, at some not-so-distant dinner meet. Thank you...thank you very much.

8/24/2004 - "Changing of the Guard"

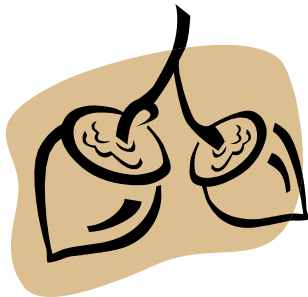
by Bill Slenter

After four years as the San Francisco Bay Section Communications Committee Chair and Website Editor, I am handing the baton to another very capable and enthusiastic volunteer, a coworker of mine, Mark Takemoto. I've moved to Sacramento and transferred to my company's office in that area. However I will stay involved as Assistant Website Editor. Please use this new email address to contact both of us with questions, article and event flyer submissions, and other web-related requests:

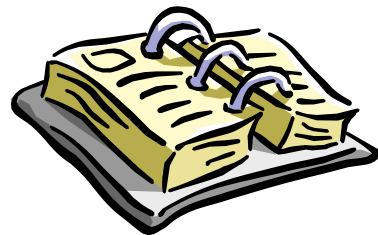
cwea-sfbay@rmcengr.com.

The last four years have been an interesting and fun experience for me! I've really enjoyed playing a role in the Bay Section's very successful transition to the electronic age. This wouldn't have been possible without the enthusiasm and support of the Board, committees, and members. The website would not have succeeded without a steady stream of contributions and an interested audience. So you should all pat yourself on the back for helping to bring the Bay Section to the forefront of using the internet as a key communication tool.

So please continue to look to the website and your email inbox for the latest happenings in the Section, and join me in welcoming Mark Takemoto as the new Communications Chair and Website Editor!



SFBS CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER 2004	
22	Autumn Equinox
OCTOBER 2004	
7	SFBS Monthly Dinner Meeting - see flyer
2-6	WEFTEC - New Orleans, LA
19	No. Instrumentation Control and Elec. Conference. San Ramon. Call Bill Hendrix 916-875-9127 for information
20	No. Safety Conference, Woodland, CA - see flyer
29	SFBS Award Nominations Due - see article
NOVEMBER 2004	
4	SFBS Monthly Dinner Meeting - USS Hornet - see next month's Inkspot

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