

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I can't believe this, but I am sitting here writing what is to be my final newsletter to all of my friends in the SFBS section. Twelve months and many meetings and many training sessions have transpired and we are all better off today than we were a year ago.

That can't happen without the help of a great group of people working together. The executive committee for the past year... Kevin Calderwood, Rick Chan, Kevin Krajewski, Kevin O'Toole, and Ray Busch worked together with all of the committee chairs to put forth a great year. We did it together and we trained hundreds and hundreds of people; we even ended the year with some money in the bank, so we can do it again this next year. Special thanks go out to Teresa Herrera for making sure this newsletter got put together each month and to Leo Gonzalez for getting it to the folks that still like snail-mail.

One of the most fun and most formal evenings of the year is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar... January 13th, 2006... for the Annual Awards and Installation Dinner. This is a Friday night and it is at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek. If past years are any indications of a great time, you will not want to miss this year's.

Once more "Thanks" for a great year and I hope to work with you all for many more years at SFBS and CWEA events.

YOUR PRES.

Paul Louis



DON'T MISS it! The...

Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

Friday, January 13, 2006

Walnut Creek Marriott

See flyer for details...

Musings from the Editor...

Yesterday's storm was so incredible to behold; all I could do was sit and witness in awe. The new house in which I reside is high atop the hills of Berkeley, view looking westward to my beloved city of San Francisco and beyond to the Golden Gate out to the ocean. Yesterday, as I looked out, all I could see was whiteness. No world existed beyond the green trees standing 10 feet from my windows. The fury of the winds and the insistence of the rain, conjoined with the mist and fog, created a magical realm unto itself. No, nothing existed except for the weather. I was drawn to go outside and face the storm's fury; to just stand there and feel the incredible power inherent in the weather. It was a way to partake of nature's potency, to just let it infuse me. And, yes, I was drenched in mere moments. Still, the satisfaction of being covered in the wetness was profound.



So, where does that experience take me in my musings for this month? Well, when I looked out my windows and saw only white, it was a feeling of aloneness and comfort. I was wrapped in this blanket of white and nothing else existed. I could have felt isolated and far away from the rest of the world but instead I felt a deep peace. Why? I suppose it was because usually, there is so much interaction with the world, so much hustle and bustle, so many encounters with people that to feel alone brought a huge sigh of relief. I didn't have to interact, even the interaction inherent in looking out onto the world and seeing the cars and people moving hither and thither.

We are all social beings and, yet, sometimes we just need to be alone. This can bring us the space for introspection as well as rejuvenation. Without this space, we become almost like automans... just living life as if on auto-pilot. Living life this way causes us to react to life rather than to create our life. If we don't introspect, taking that time to muse upon our lives, what do we have? We have ourselves reacting to external input moment-by-moment. But if we take the time to introspect, we have the opportunity to respond to life from a deep, still, center-point of our beings.

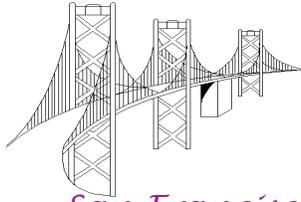
So, my holiday wishes for all of us: let us find time to be alone. Let us take a break from the hustle and bustle of life. Let us go for a walk at our local park or even around the block. Or sit in front of our fireplace or on the couch in quiet space when everyone else has gone off to run their errands. Let us take some time out from all the Doing-ness that fills our lives. Just take some time out to breathe and to be. Believe me, we will be able to be more fully present with people around us if we just take time out for ourselves.

As the Winter Solstice, the darkest time of the year, brings the promise of light, may we each bring our light and love into the world. And, as the calendar changes from the year 2005 into 2006, may we each be carriers of peace.

Take good care; be safe.

My greatest wealth is the deep stillness in which
I strive and grow and win what the world
cannot take from me with fire or sword.

~GOETHE



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San Francisco Bay Section - California Water Environment Association

cordially invites you and your guests to attend its

Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

Friday, January 13, 2006

at the

Walnut Creek Marriott Hotel

(North Main Street at Parkside Drive)

6:30 p.m. No-Host Social Hour
(with complimentary hors d'oeuvres)

7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program
Installation of 2006 officers
and
awards to individuals and agencies

Menu

Grilled Free-Range Chicken
New York Strip Steak
Grilled Fillet of Salmon
Open-Faced Grilled Vegetable Lasagna
(includes salad, dessert, and coffee)

Member Cost: \$50 per person
Non-Member: \$55 per person
Students: \$25 per person
(remember: "a reservation is a financial commitment")

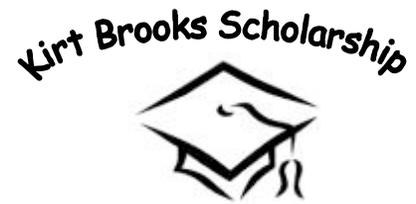
To make your reservations:

Email Rick Chan at sfbs@carollo.com no later than Friday, January 6, 2005
with your name, agency or company affiliation, and menu selection



Silent Auction

CWEA Annual Conference 2006



April 5-7 in Sacramento

We are excited to announce that the 2006 California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Annual Conference will be hosting a Silent Auction benefiting Water for People and the CWEA Kirt Brooks Scholarship Program. Water For People and the CWEA Kirt Brooks Scholarship Program are 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations supported by CWEA.

We are asking for donations which will be listed in this silent auction. All donations are welcome. Your name and/or logo will be displayed on a large poster with a photo of the donated item at the Exhibit Hall. Some ideas include golf shirts, professional memberships, services, tickets to sporting events, electronics such as iPods, and company logo items. Remember the better the item the more bidders you will get and the more name recognition you will receive. Anyone wishing to participate may contact:

Beth Gentry at beth.gentry@sanjoseca.gov or

Phil Scott at pscott@burlingame.org

SFBS CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2005	
21	Winter Solstice...
JANUARY 2006	
13	SFBS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet!!!
18-21	CASA Conference, Indian Wells - www.casaweb.org
27 & 28	CWEA Board Meeting, San Diego - call CWEA office for information
FEBRUARY 2006	
1	CWEA Scholarship Application Deadline
27-3/ 1	P3S Annual Conference, Burbank
APRIL 2006	
4-7	CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento - www.cwea.org

Kirtland Brooks Scholarship

The Kirt Brooks Scholarship is provided to CWEA members and their families to assist in the high cost of higher education.

If you or a member of your family is going to a community college, trade school, or are getting a bachelors, masters, or doctorate in a water quality field (or to further your career in water quality) during the 2006-2007 school year, apply now.

This scholarship is given for the school year starting in the Fall 2006. Become one of many who have benefited from the CWEA Kirt Brooks Scholarship program.

More information, including the application, can be found at www.cwea.org/cwq_cwea_glance_desc_scholarship.shtml.

The deadline is coming fast! All applications are due in the CWEA office no later than February 1st.

Don't forget - the application deadline is February 1st.

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