



NCGWA
Celebrating 70 Years
1946-2016

Water Words

A Letter From The President

Happy New Year!

Wow, 2017! Where did 2016 go? When I was younger, a day seemed like a week, a week like a month, and a month like a year. Now it's the opposite. I wonder why?

I hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas. Christmas has always been a special time of year for me. The excitement and anticipation of Christmas can bring a whole bag of emotions. As I filter through these emotions I always end up feeling full of gratitude. The time between Christmas and the New Year I find myself taking a mental inventory of accomplishments and set backs in my life; in my family, in my business, this great State of North Carolina, and this awesome Country. The accomplishments are nice, but it is the set backs and detours of this road of life we travel that seem to have greater meaning at the end of the day.

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is just a mystery. But today! Today is a gift from God. That is why we call it the PRESENT!" So what are we going to do with this present, today? What are we going to do with this NEW YEAR? I know it will be filled with hope and possibilities. For me one of my resolutions is to be more engaged in the many activities of life. I am learning when I make an effort, I end up taking much more from it than I have ever thought I would.

The winter show on February 3 in Greensboro is a great time to reengage in the Association. Building relationships between people in the industry is so important. It's a great place to come talk about new products and better ways of protecting, providing and preserving our groundwater. This year will be extra special because we are celebrating 70 years as an Association. "**Sometimes you do not know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory**". Don't miss the moment; hope to see you in Greensboro. Happy New Year!!

Chauncey Leggett

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS — 1946-2016

February Convention To Celebrate **NCGWA's 70 Years**

SIGN UP NOW!

WHEN: February 3, 2017 (Visit www.ncgwa.org for a registration form/ agenda)

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Save The Dates!

- ◆ NCGWA Conference and Trade Show - February 3, 2017 - Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC
- ◆ National Ground Water Awareness Week - March 5-11, 2017
- ◆ Worth Pickard Scholarship Deadline - April 15, 2017
- ◆ South Atlantic Jubilee - June 10-12, 2017 - Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

Don't Forget to Purchase Your Raffle Ticket!

The NCGWA will be holding its 3rd Annual Gun Raffle this year at the Annual Trade Show and Conference in February. Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased from any of the board members or by calling the NCGWA office at 919-876-0687. You may also purchase your ticket when you send in your registration form for the conference. Just indicate the number of tickets you are purchasing. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the trade show.

Flood Victim Rebate Program - Make Your Customers Aware

In an effort to assist home owners that have been affected by the Hurricane Matthew, the NCGWA is offering a rebate program to home owners impacted through the storm.

A home owner of an occupied residence in need for well chlorination or disinfecting will be able to apply for a \$100 rebate. \$2500 has been allocated by the NCGWA for this program.

Once work has been completed, the homeowner will submit a paid invoice from a certified well contractor to the NCGWA office for processing of the rebate. Only one rebate per residence allowed. Rebate check will be forwarded to the homeowner once work has been completed.

“Bacterial contamination is to be expected in a flooded well, so disinfection of the well system after it has been pumped out and cleaned will be necessary, said Cliff Treyens, NGWA director of general public outreach. NGWA recommends that water well system professionals be used to assess and service the well.”

Well owners can search for a certified well contractor through the NCGWA www.ncgwa.org or <http://www.wellcontractors.nc.gov/web/eh/find-contractor>

For more information, call the NC Ground Water Association- 919-876-0687

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Legislation Requires Deeper Consideration of Water Wells in Federally Funded Water Supply Projects

In the waning hours of the 114th U.S. Congress, the House of Representatives and the Senate passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), which included several provisions important to NGWA members, including the Savings Act. The president signed the legislation on December 16.

The Savings Act ensures small communities consider wells and well systems when considering community water systems and also ensures communities have the technical resources available to make the most cost-effective decisions. The Savings Act effort was led by the Water Systems Council with support from NGWA.

The legislation was passed on a broad bipartisan basis and includes several items of interest to NGWA members beyond the Savings Act. In addition, the legislation authorizes support for drinking water infrastructure

improvements in communities impacted by lead-contaminated drinking water — such as Flint, Michigan. It also authorizes spending for investment on major water infrastructure projects through the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act, which supports funding for managed aquifer recharge projects.

The legislation also contained compromise provisions to address the drought in the West. The compromise would include an increase in water deliveries to drought-stricken agricultural communities in the West, which drew concerns from environmental groups who believed the move violated the Endangered Species Act. In exchange for this provision, funding for water recycling, water reuse, and desalination projects were authorized.

Taken from www.ngwa.org.

Why Do I Need To Belong To This Association

“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fiber’s connect us with our fellow men.” (Herman Melville)

Why do I need to belong to this Association? What is the Association going to do for me? After much thought to those type of questions my one and best response would be OPPORTUNITY.

Yes, there have been many people in this profession and many other professions that had decided to be a loner and not participate in there fields. That works too, I have done it, but I can say from experience, one misses out on many opportunities.

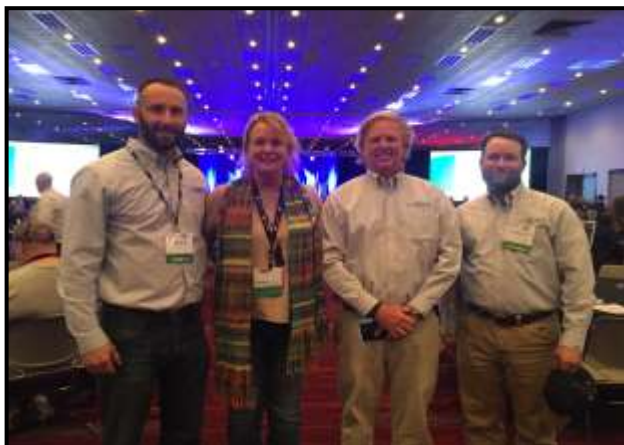
By being a member of this Association, it speaks to the public by saying; I have chosen by taking an extra step by being a professional and be apart of a group of professionals that have been helping protect, provide, and preserve this natural resource we all must have to live. By being a member sends a message to my peers saying, I have chosen to participate for the good of the industry and not just

for good of my personal gain. Being apart of this group allows me to have a stronger voice on issues that affect my livelihood. The Association can act as my liaison. Through our newsletter “Water Words”, I stay current with new laws, rules, and regulations that affect my business. This Association helps create a platform to meet other people in the industry and build relationships, which in return has the potential for long-term friendships. Job opportunities are created through networking. Most importantly this Association creates the opportunity to further my education. Education creates knowledge. Knowledge can create power. Power creates control. Control creates stability. Stability creates security and peace of mind.

“The larger the island of knowledge creates more of a shoreline of wonder.”

So yes, this Association will give you an opportunity. The question is, will **you** apply action to this opportunity.

Chauncey Leggett, Member NCGWA



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Pictured Left to Right:

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