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Annual conference will be one to remember

Are you ready for some excitement, entertainment, and enlightenment? I sure hope so because our annual conference is just around the corner. This year’s conference promises to be one to remember. The sub-theme of the conference is ‘Football Fever.’ I know your mind is wondering, but the spouses wanted a festive sub-theme. I learned a long time ago: “if the ladies are not happy, nobody is going to be happy.” So, we will ‘warm up’ on Sunday with the traditional Water For People Golf Tournament. The course for this year’s tournament is The Links at Cottonwoods. Champion golfer Hale Irwin designed this course. The course’s signature trait is its gently rolling hills, which provide the feel of the Scottish links. We also have a sporting clays competition for you non-golfers. The Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center will host this event. This center was the site of the 2010 US Open, Sporting Clays Championship. Both of these events, the golf tournament and the sporting clays competition, are fundraisers for our chosen charity . . . Water For People.

We will ‘Kick off’ Sunday night at Bluesville. Chris Gill and the Sole Shakers will be the entertainment for the evening. Although they specialize in contemporary blues, their performances are filled with several genres of music. Dinner will consist of a variety of traditional southern foods served buffet style. The dress for the evening is jeans and jerseys, so support your favorite team by wearing your team’s jersey or colors. If live music and dancing does not suit you, relax at the Founders Club Lounge overlooking Bluesville. You can be a ‘spectator’ of the evening’s event from there. Regardless, come to Bluesville relaxed and ready for fellowship while listing to live music and dining on some of the best traditional southern food you will find.

In the spirit of ‘Football Fever,’ a motivational speech will be given by Bobby Humphrey. He is a former University of Alabama football star and was a first round draft pick for the Denver Broncos. Bobby is currently the vice president of business development for Bryant Bank in Birmingham, Alabama. He will speak at the end of our annual business meeting. The keynote speaker for the conference is Rocky Bleier. Rocky is a four-time Super Bowl champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Although he achieved greatness on the football field, the obstacles he faced off the field may seem even greater. Rocky’s life is so amazing that it was depicted in a made-for-television movie Fighting Back: The Rocky Bleier Story. As a speaker, Rocky is known for motivating audiences with his speech ‘Be the Best You Can Be.’ Rocky will be speaking at our annual awards banquet on Tuesday night. There are several conference activities that I have not mentioned . . . educational opportunities, Young Professional activities and competitions to name a few. Let me just say, “Come to this year’s conference; I am sure you will not be disappointed.”

This has been a very active and productive year for our Section. One of the high points was our Birmingham Water Works Tapping Team being crowned as the World Water Cup of Drilling and Tapping (WWC) champions . . . congratulations guys. Although not all of my objectives have been achieved, we have made great strides in adding value to being a member of our Section. The board of Trustees and I set some lofty goals, and we are pleased with what we have accomplished thus far. The true impact of our achievements will be realized in the years to come as operators began to take advantage of our new online training program and as individuals enter our industry for the first time after being scholarship recipients. This is my last Chairman’s Report and to everyone who contributed to making this a great year for our Section let me close by saying: “Great job and I truly thank you.”

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The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing policies for the overall management and direction of the affairs of the American Water Works Association. The Board is comprised of the President, who acts as chair; President-Elect; Immediate Past-President; Treasurer; the Chair of each Council; Chair of Water Research Foundation; one or more Directors elected by each of the 43 AWWA sections, six of whom also serve as Vice-Presidents; four Directors-at-Large; and the Executive Director, who serves as secretary. Board members serve for three years, and the terms are staggered so that approximately one third of the Board will rotate off the Board every year. Regular Board meetings are held twice each year, in January and at the annual conference.

In the process of becoming acclimated with being the director, I attended the Board of Directors meeting as a guest for both the January meeting in Nashville and also the Board of Directors meeting held during ACE13 in Denver. During the Denver meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan for AWWA. More information regarding the plan will be forthcoming, but the plan continues AWWA’s vision of ‘A better world through better water.’

Our section was well represented at ACE13 by the World Champion Birmingham Water Works tapping team. The Tapping Team won its 10th national championship to go with its fifth World Championship in April of this year. The utility’s Top Ops Team also won its third national championship. The Top Ops competition is similar to Jeopardy where teams answer questions about the water treatment process. Congratulations to all of the team members and to Birmingham Water Works for this exceptional accomplishment!

Our national guest at our Section’s annual conference in October will be John Donahue, who is the President Elect of AWWA. John is the General Manager of the North Park Illinois Public Water District and he will be joined by his wife Debbie at our meeting. There is additional biographical information related to John and Debbie elsewhere in this issue of Pipeline. Please extend a warm welcome to John and Debbie.

Frances and I look forward to seeing all of you in Tunica. If you have any questions or other comments related to AWWA, please let me know.
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Greetings, Section members

A few of you already know I was plagued with an unexpected recurrence of health issues that began just after July 1. Following a hospital stay of a week, I was released July 14, and should have fully recovered by that month's end. Most are aware (as is Pipeline Editor Harry Gong), that I tend to ramble on & get a little long-winded in these articles, so I will hope you enjoy a shorter message this issue, appreciating the fact my creative juices have waned somewhat.

As summer winds down for the year, I am sure we are all looking forward to cooler weather … maybe even dryer in some places? The upcoming Alabama-Mississippi Section of AWWA's Annual Conference & Business Meeting in Tunica is also something most members look forward to at the beginning of each autumn. Hugh and his planning group have been working all the past year to prepare not only an outstanding conference agenda but we’ve all noticed the builds of educational venues these many months and will soon be pleasantly surprised to see what’s upcoming on an upgraded Section website where learning, earning (CEU/PDH’s) and much more will be available to all the membership.

I will leave it with you on a request you go to www.almsawwa.org and check out our most recent information on the conference. While there, take the time to take advantage of early registration prices on our easy-to-use sign-up.

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John Donahue
President-Elect (2013-2014)
American Water Works Association

John is the General Manager of the North Park (Ill.) Public Water District, a groundwater system with 33,000 customers. He continues to hold water and wastewater operator licenses and advocates for operator involvement.

An AWWA member since 1987, John has been an active member of the Illinois Section for more than 20 years. He has served on numerous committees including the Section Water Utility Council, Manufacturers Associates Council and represented the Section at the “Water Matters” Fly-in. He also served as Chair of the Section in 1996 and was honored with the Fuller Award in 2009.

At the Association level, Donahue has served as an Association Vice-president, represented the Illinois Section as a member of the Board of Directors, and has chaired and/or participated on numerous Association committees including the Distribution Plant Operations Division, Heroism Award and Operator Involvement Committees.

He is past-president of the Kane County Water Association and the Northeast Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. Donahue also belongs to numerous other professional organizations.

John and his wife Debbie reside in Roscoe, Illinois with their son Johnny. They have a married daughter Jill (Todd) Johnson and are the proud grandparents of Sadie Johnson who reside in Geneva, Illinois.

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DEVELOPING A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REDUCING TOC LOADING INTO YOUR WATER SUPPLY

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The Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) provides drinking water service for more than 200,000 people in the Mobile, Alabama metropolitan area. Their water supply consists of a 3,600 acre, 17 billion gallon reservoir (Big Creek Lake) that is continually fed by groundwater, streams and rainfall from the 103 square mile watershed. To protect lake water quality, MAWSS owns the lake and close to 9,000 acres of land around the lake perimeter.

During the late summer months the lake becomes thermally stratified with dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations approaching 0 mg/L at water depths greater than 20 ft. Lake water is slightly acidic with low alkalinity and conductivity, and elevated iron, manganese and organic carbon. A primary concern for MAWSS is the amount of reactive organic carbon in the lake water, which when chlorinated results in elevated levels of disinfection by products (DPB). Decaying terrestrial plant material from the forested areas in the watershed appears to be the primary source of reactive organic carbon in the lake water. There is a concern that lake eutrophication will continue due to increasing nutrient loads further increasing algal concentrations and degrading water quality.

MAWSS has undertaken the development of comprehensive, long term Watershed Management Plan (WMP) which defines an effective and sustainable approach to continuously achieve the highest water quality in the lake. The WMP is developed specifically for the unique environmental characteristics of the Big Creek watershed and include the most appropriate tried and proven and cost effective Best Management Practices (BMPs). The plan focuses on reducing the concentration of reactive organic carbon in Big Creek Lake to reduce the concentration of TTHMs and HAA5 in the water distribution system. The Watershed Management Plan (WMP) includes elements to ensure that the concentration of reactive organic carbon does not increase in the future due to management or land use changes. This requires the identification of primary sources of reactive organic carbon in the watershed, understanding the attenuation and transport in the tributary system, and development of management actions and BMPs which can be implemented to reduce the concentrations in the lake. Additional water quality monitoring provides a better understanding of the origin, transport and fate of reactive organic carbon in the watershed. Since the forested land use is the primary source of reactive organic carbon, an important element of the plan is a Forest Management Plan to control and reduce the amount of reactive organic carbon entering the tributaries and lake from forested areas.

This paper will provide other utilities with items to consider in assessing their water supply sources with the approach of reducing TOC levels. The presentation will include identification of methods of controlling pollutants in the watershed, recommended water quality monitoring programs, tips on developing a watershed land acquisition plan and forest management plan, as well as considerations for security, public relations, and the development of policies and ordinances. The paper will also provide techniques for establishing metrics to establish baseline conditions and assess improvements during implementation. Reducing TOC in the source water should be a technique of water quality management that every utility considers as it can be a cost effective technique to comply with the Stage 2 DBPR.

Presenter Biography
Jeff Herr has over 28 years of environmental engineering experience in watershed and stormwater management, surface water monitoring and assessment, and stream and lake restoration, from contract preparation through study, design, QA/QC, value engineering, permitting, bidding, construction administration, startup, and operation and maintenance. Mr. Herr’s primary areas of expertise include: surface water quality monitoring, assessment and restoration; development of surface water hydrologic and pollutant budgets based on water and sediment field monitoring; stormwater and sediment characterization; stormwater treatment performance efficiencies; watershed pollutant sources and loadings; TMDLs; NPDES; structural and nonstructural stormwater BMP evaluation, design, permitting and construction oversight; regional stormwater retrofit including wetland and chemical treatment; development of enhanced land development regulations, stormwater design criteria and O&M procedures. He has successfully completed over 160 water quality projects including over 50 regional stormwater retrofit projects (35 chemical stormwater treatment projects) for public entities. Mr. Herr is a Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers, and is a registered Professional Engineer in six states.

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Abstract: Water and wastewater utilities, health and private laboratories are required to test for either total coliforms, E.coli and or fecal coliforms for drinking and waste waters to be in compliance with government regulations. Presently there are methods such as multiple tube fermentation and membrane filtration that are based on lactose fermentation requiring confirmation that can take up to four days. The methods are time consuming and if a positive is found it can take several days before results are known. It is important to obtain results as quickly as possible to implement corrective action.

An innovative MPN enzymatic method based on defined substrate technology is a rapid, easy method for the simultaneous detection of total coliforms and E.coli and/or fecal coliforms. The method allows the test to be performed as a Presence/Absence (100ml) or quantitatively as MPN/100ml. The time to results is 18 to 24 hours and is specific for total coliforms and E.coli or fecal coliforms requiring no confirmation.

The following will be presented:
An introduction to water microbiology
Review of Methods: MTF, MF and Colilert/ Colilert-18
QC/QA

Presenting Author: Gil Dichter
Contact Email: gil-dichter@idexx.com
Phone No: (207) 556-4687 (work)
(207) 329-7073 (personal)


**CONFERENCE VENUES**

**The Links at Cottonwoods**

Guests can enjoy a round of golf like no other by playing The Links at Cottonwoods. This Hale Irwin designed 18-hole championship Tunica golf course, evokes Scottish links with three lakes, gentle rolling fairways, and beautifully landscaped cart paths. Cottonwoods is a par-72, 7,000 yard challenge for seasoned players while offering a sense of adventure and fun for the novice.

Holes at Cottonwoods are inspired by numerous British Open courses. The fairways are wide, offering different angles into large putting surfaces that are broken up by bold ridges, swales and mounds. The openness of the course exposes the golfers to the strong seasonal winds. The Links at Cottonwoods offers golfers a challenging layout and a special experience for all players.

This venue serves as the location for the Water For People Golf Tournament on Sunday. Tee-off time is tentatively scheduled for 11:00am.

**The Founder’s Club**

An exclusive lounge featuring top-shelf premium cocktails and liquors. The refined upscale décor of the Founder’s Club caters to guests who enjoy the good life. With a classy, yet casual setting and soothing music, the Founder’s Club is a retreat that produces an ambiance of relaxation. The Founder’s Club serves as a retreat from the casino action and offers VIP seating for 300 overlooking the Bluesville Showcase Nightclub. This venue will serve as the location for the Wine and Cheese Reception from 6:00-7:00pm Sunday evening at the Horseshoe Casino.

**The Willow’s Sporting Clays**

On over 660 acres of Mississippi delta, Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center offers 14 automated sporting clay shooting stations with three shooting levels each, as well as trap and skeet shooting and a rifle and pistol shooting range.

The venue serves as the location for the YP Clay Shooting Event from 1:30-4:30pm Sunday afternoon. All ages are welcome to register for this event and proceeds will further support Water For People. If you plan to bring your own firearm for the event, it must be checked in at the hotel for security.

**The Bluesville Showcase Nightclub**

The Bluesville Showcase Nightclub has featured your favorite acts from country, rock and pop music, bringing the biggest names in music for concerts you won’t soon forget. Bluesville is the hottest ticket in town, and the second-floor Founders Club offers VIP seating for 300. This venue will serve as the location for a southern buffet style dinner with a full service bar from 7:00-10:00pm Sunday evening at the Horseshoe Casino. After dinner, Chris Gill and the Sole Shakers will provide an evening full of musical entertainment.

**Harrah’s Mid-South Convention Center**

The Mid-South Convention Center makes any meeting or social event memorable. Our convention center’s prime location and premier services make this an ultimate destination. Guests will enjoy luxurious amenities in the over 45,000 square foot facility which includes wireless high-speed internet access and strong cell phone reception.

This venue will serve as the location for a majority of the Conference activities on Monday and Tuesday including Registration, Exhibition Hall, and Meeting Room Sessions, all leading towards the Tuesday Evening Awards Banquet.

**Veranda Hotel**

The Veranda Hotel at Harrah’s Tunica is nestled in stunning surroundings overlooking The Links at Cottonwoods Golf Course and Harrah’s Lake.

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The hotel includes a contemporary lobby that gives way to 568 spacious rooms and suites starting at 338 sq. ft., a sparkling outdoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi. In-room features include either two queen beds or a single king bed, a coffeemaker, refrigerator, hair dryer, and an iron w/ironing board. The hotel is not connected to the casino and is approximately a half mile from the casino with free 24-hour shuttle service provided. The hotel is located adjacent to the Mid-South Convention Center and is within walking distance.

Block Rooms for the Conference are available until Wednesday evening, September 18. Room rate is $75 per night for single or double occupancy with an additional $10 charge per person per room per night over two guests. Hotel tax rate is ten percent (10%). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (866) 635-7095 and giving the Group Code S10AMS3. Reservations may also be made online using the following link: http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=GTU&groupCode=S10AMS3

**AL/MS AWWA COMPETITIONS**

**PIPE TAPPING**
Fast-paced competition of a team of four (three workers and the coach). The team has to drill and tap a pressurized Class 52 6” ductile iron pipe. They also have to cut and flare Type K 3/4” Copper that will be connected to the main. This competition not only tests their speed and skills, it also judges the safety and quality of their workmanship.

**METER MADNESS**
An individual competition that measures ones skill at assembling a meter quickly, totally and accurately. All parts will be assembled in a proper manner and the reassembled meter shall be tested by the judges for the ability to meter water and for water leakage.

**TOP OPS**
The ‘college bowl’ of the water industry. Teams of one, two, or three water operators compete against each other in a competitive, fast-paced question-and-answer tournament. A moderator poses a broad range of technical questions and the team scoring the most points in the championship round is awarded a trophy as the Top Ops Champions.

Videos and information for each competition may be found on the AWWA website:

To answer questions about each competition, to inquire how to set up a team, or to inquire how to register for any of these competitions for the Section Conference in October, please contact the Section’s Competition Chair Jimmy Eckman at jimmyeckman@meridianms.org or his Assistant Jim Caudle at jcaudle@daphn_utilities.com.
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Dear AWWA spouses and guests,

The time for the conference is fast approaching, and we are very excited. The theme for this year’s conference is ‘football fever.’ We chose this theme because the month of October is the height of football season and a time of much anticipation and excitement for most of us in regard to our favorite team. We hope to bring some of that excitement into this year’s conference. The committee members are working hard to make this an enjoyable conference for all of our spouses and guests.

The ‘kick-off’ will begin Sunday night at Bluesville. Bluesville is an awesome place to come and socialize. You can enjoy the Founders Club relaxing lounge, which looks out over where the festivities will be hosted, or you can be close to the entertainment and food on the main floor. We are asking everyone to show support for your favorite team by wearing a jersey or team colors and jeans to Sunday night’s dinner. Come prepared to relax and enjoy good food, music, football, and fellowship. Chris Gill’s band will be the entertainment for the night and you are definitely in for a treat. You don’t want to miss our ‘kick-off’ night, so bring a hearty appetite, team spirit, and you are sure to have an enjoyable evening.

Monday’s event, ‘Art for Monday’, will be hosted at the picturesque RiverrPark which overlooks the Mighty Mississippi River. We will have local artists come in and instruct painting classes as we enjoy light hors d’oeuvres and take in the breathtaking scenery of the RiverrPark. Each spouse will have the chance to be entered into drawings for some great door prizes. The park also has a museum, which explores the history, wildlife, and culture of the Mississippi Delta. We will return to join others for the strolling lunch in the afternoon. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing.

We will continue the tradition of bingo on Tuesday. There is sure to be some great prizes. You will have the afternoon free to relax by the pool, go to the spa, or shopping at the outlet mall or nearby at SouthHaven. The dress attire for Tuesday night’s banquet will be business casual.

Again, I look forward to seeing all the spouses and guest in Tunica, Mississippi. I hope that this is a very enjoyable conference for everyone.

Cheryl Reed
FOOTBALL

YP Lounge Area/Hospitality Suite

This year’s YP Program has been developed to encourage a huge response from all of the Young Professionals in our Section and to make them feel like one of the focal groups of the entire Conference. With help from both the active YPs as well as the welcoming of a new wave of YP candidates, this year’s program will be one that YPs from all other sections will be talking about.

YP Lounge Area/Hospitality Suite – The lounge area will be a designated area where the YP’s can come by, relax, and take a few minutes break from the numerous activities planned for this year’s Conference. Whether you are taking a break from strolling around the exhibitor hall, awaiting the start of a technical session, or just wanted a quiet area to phone the ‘significant other’, the YP Lounge will be the area where the younger generation can convene and just chill out.

The YP lounge area will include a main table for event/membership information where either LaQuoyah or Matthew will be at all times, seating areas for YPs to chill out for a few minutes in between activities, and a light refreshment set-up just for YPs.

This year’s YP lounge activity will be a Laser Shot Virtual Shooting Gallery and just as was conducted last year with the dart tournament, a turn on the Laser Shot Virtual Shooting Gallery will include a small cost to play, about $5 a play, where all proceeds generated will go to our association's charity; Water For People. This YP sponsored activity will be open to all conference attendees (not just YPs) who wish to participate in a fun activity for a few minutes in between technical session/exhibit hall strolls. The intent of the activity is to encourage foot traffic through the YP Lounge and friendly competition among colleagues.

ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI SECTION AWWA - “BEST TASTING DRINKING WATER CONTEST” Rules and Regulations

1. Eligible Participants
   - Water sample entries must be submitted by an Alabama or Mississippi Public Water Supply System.
   - There should be no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.) for the previous calendar year.

2. Submission of Water Samples
   - One entry per Public Water Supply.
   - Samples must be submitted in containers supplied by LaQuoyah or Matthew. Each sample should be clearly identified with the name of the water system and contact person.
   - Samples should be collected no more than 48 hours prior to the contest and continuously stored at a temperature between 40°F and 70°F. Samples will be served at room temperature and should be submitted at room temperature.
   - Operators shall collect the sample in a properly cleaned container; from a customer’s tap that is free from any point of use devices such as filters or water softeners, etc.
   - When sampling from the tap, remove any screens, aerators, or treatment devices and minimize turbulence. Flush tap for at least 5 minutes. Reduce the flow rate during sampling. Rinse the bottle with the sample, and then fill it to the top, with no headspace.

3. Judges
   The water tasting contest will be judged by a panel of water industry representatives and general public. They are as follows:
   - Past AL/MS Section AWWA President
   - National AWWA Representative
   - Representative from a Alabama or Mississippi regulatory agency
   - Representative from the Local Media
   - Other
   Depending on availability, judges may be altered the day of the competition.

4. Contest Categories
   All water samples will be judged in a single category.

5. Contest Judging
   Samples will be presented to the judges anonymously and in random order.
   - Each judge will be given one 8 oz. water sample. Water samples will be judged by taste on a 10point scale from Good (1) to Best (10).
   - In case of a tie, additional water samples will be presented to the judges for final selection.
   - The water sample with the highest cumulative score will be the winner and shall be declared the “Best Drinking Water in Alabama/Mississippi 2013”.
   - Only the winning sample will be announced. Samples will not be ranked, nor will scores be released. The AL/MS Section winner will be nominated to compete in the National AWWA Water Taste Test at the next AWWA Annual Conference, if the winner meets the National AWWA eligibility requirements.

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LaQuoyah McDaniel:
LaQuoyah.McDaniel@bwwb.org
as well as raise money for our association’s charity. Personal scores will be logged throughout the day and the top four players with the highest scores will be invited to attend the YP Social on Monday night to participate in the Head to Head Finals (prizes will be awarded). Throughout the day, the game will be overseen by an employee of the game’s rental company (to prevent any claims of unethical/corrupt play or behavior, or any taking of performance enhancing drugs – all of which will be dealt with severely). Once again, the virtual shooting range may be played by all persons ranging from the expert shooter to someone who has never held a toy gun so conference attendees are encouraged to come spend a few minutes in the YP Lounge and ‘take your best shot!’ The virtual shooting gallery will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

**Water Taste Test** will be held on Monday during the strolling lunch. To ensure fairness for the competition as well as ease for the competitors, all samples must be submitted in containers supplied by LaQuoyah or Matthew at the conference registration desk located across from the YP Lounge no later than 8:30 am Monday. A couple of judges are still needed so anyone with experience in (or knows a member experienced in) judging these water tasting competitions, please inform either LaQuoyah or Matthew and that person will be contacted about agreeing to judge the competition.

**YP Scavenger Hunt** will occur throughout the day on Monday. Last year’s participation in the YP Scavenger hunt was extremely high and it is expected an even higher number of YPs will participate this year. The scavenger hunt encourages (or ‘bribes,’) YPs to actively stroll through the exhibitor area by offering potential for prizes for correctly completing the scavenger hunt sheet. Member companies have been approached for prize donations; however, if anyone needs any additional motivation to donate a prize (besides the feeling of philanthropy you will certainly have), all those who donate prizes for the event will be recognized on the YP Scavenger Hunt flyer, at the YP Social, and the following issue of Pipeline so a donation can be considered a marketing venture.

The YP Program will culminate on Monday afternoon with the YP Social from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, which will be held in the YP Lounge. Social will include beer, wine, and light hors d’oeuvres and allow YPs the opportunity to mingle amongst themselves. Incorporated into the Social will be the virtual shooting range “shoot off” as well as the presentation of prizes for the YP Scavenger Hunt winners.

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**BOBBY HUMPHREY - Motivational Speaker**

Born in Birmingham, Alabama; Bobby Humphrey spent many fall Saturdays working as a concession vendor during University of Alabama football games at Legion Field, while dreaming of playing for the Tide. Bobby’s dreams came true in 1985, after piling up 7,000 total career yards at Glenn High School; he received a scholarship to UA, and became one of America’s top collegiate running backs. The 6’ 2” 190 pound halfback set many University of Alabama Football career records during his tenure there. Some included: Most 100-yard and 200-yard games, most kicks returned, most yards returned, and all-purpose yards. He earned All-American honors during his sophomore and junior years in addition to being named to the All SEC teams those years. He was later named to the Alabama All-Century and Team of the Decade (1980’s) teams as well.

Bobby was also a candidate for the Heisman trophy during his junior year.

After an injury that sidetracked his senior year, Bobby was chosen by the Denver Broncos during the first round of the supplement draft. In 1989, his rookie year, Bobby became the first Bronco rookie running back in franchise history to rush for more than 1,000 yards. He was rewarded for his tremendous efforts during the 1989-1990 season with a trip to the Super Bowl and AFL Rookie of the Year; the following year he was selected for the Pro Bowl. In 1992, he was traded to the Miami Dolphins, where Bobby was the team’s leading receiver.

Bobby’s life after football has been just as stellar, he was hired as the 1st Head Coach of the Birmingham Steeldogs Arena Football 2 team. In 2004, was inducted into the Alabama Sports...
CHRIS GILL – Guitarist, singer, and songwriter Chris Gill has been lighting up stages in the mid-South for over twelve years. Armed with sweet guitar rhythms, a soulful voice and a clever, unique songwriter’s perspective, Chris is well-known as one of Jackson, Mississippi’s most entertaining performers. His songs incorporate elements of blues, rock, reggae, folk and dance music.

Chris’ style is a mix of blues, island calypso and reggae, jazz, Mississippi slide, and funk. He started playing guitar in the 5th grade, but says he was really bit by the bug when he started listening to Taj Mahal, B.B. King, Eric Clapton, and the Allman Brothers Band in college. "I saw Bonnie Raitt and Merle Haggard in Jackson," he says, "and that's when it hit me, 'That is what I want to do!' I love the healing power of music."

Chris has performed with some of today’s finest musicians, including: Buckwheat Zydeco Taj Mahal Kim Wilson Anson Funderburgh Raphael Semmes Fabulous Thunderbirds Doug Macleod Greg ‘Fingers’ Taylor Jesse Robinson Jack Owens

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The Sole Shakers
What do you get when you mix equal parts soul, funk, jazz, reggae, blues and a nice hefty scoop of New Orleans fat back boiled in a pot of full-out energy? You get the WHITE hot sound of Chris Gill and the Sole Shakers. If you’re hungry for something fresh and heavy in rhythm, the Sole Shakers have the right recipe. Guaranteed to put a move in your groove, a dip in your hips, and a shake in your shoes!

The Sole Shakers are:
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Forrest Gordon – drums and vocals
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Website: http://www.chrisgillmusic.com

ROCKY BLEIER – The hard lessons Rocky Bleier learned early in life helped him to overcome adversity and reach his goals both on and off the football field…a message that is both timely and relevant in today’s business environment.

Rocky Bleier played football at the University of Notre Dame. With a National Championship under his belt and captain of the team his senior year he was a good but not necessarily a gifted athlete. He was not picked in the NFL draft until the later rounds, and somehow made the Pittsburgh Steelers team. Toward the end of his rookie season, he was drafted again, this time by the United States Army and sent to Vietnam like thousands of other young men. When his platoon ran into an ambush, he suffered severe rifle and grenade wounds that damaged his legs and feet.

Doctors were certain that Rocky Bleier could never play football again, but Rocky had a positive attitude. Believing in himself, he overcame his injuries through a relentless therapy program, he rejoined the Steelers and went on to star in the NFL. After 12 seasons and four Super Bowls, he retired from football and today applies his experiences and attitudes toward meeting challenges and achieving goals in today’s business.

Rocky Bleier sees parallels between the challenges he faced in the past and the challenges all business people face in today’s crowded, competitive marketplace. He is confident that the types of goals we have are more than attainable for every one of us who approaches challenge with a positive attitude.

So, I am pleased to welcome Rocky Bleier here to share with us some of his experiences, some of his attitudes, some of his determination, even some of the humor he was able to see in the challenges that confronted him in the past.
REGISTRATION for WFP TOURNAMENT ONLY*

Where: The Links at Cottonwoods Golf Course
Tunica (Robinsonville), Mississippi

When: Shotgun start at 11:00 am on 10/13/2013
Registration/Practice begins at 9:00 am
Lunch will be served on the turn around
Awards program following at the Joint Sponsor Luncheon on Tuesday

Format: Four-person scramble

Entry Fees: $100 per person
Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, lunch, participation gift
Mulligan Packages can be purchased at the tournament for $20 each (Limit 1 per golfer)

Contact Information for Individual & Team Players, and/or Sponsors

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For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mike Todd at mtodd@Etec-sales.com or Rob Coleman at robc Coleman@carterverplanck.com.
Help make this year’s tournament a success!

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☐ Door Prize (Misc Value) - donations Item ______________________________

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Is this your first time attending the Alabama-Mississippi Section AWWA conference? _________________ Spouse’s? _________________
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If you have any questions, please contact Becky Parker at 601-485-1948, 601-484-7177 (Fax) or beckyparker@meridianms.org. To register online, go to http://www.almsawwa.org and click on 2013 Annual Conference for links for online registration and online hotel reservation. Hotel rooms can also be obtained by calling 866-635-7095 and referencing Conference CODE S10AMS3.
Individual home wells and/or cisterns for Alabama residents have become obsolete in recent years. The majority of Alabama residents now receive their drinking water from community water systems (CWS) which are tested monthly for contaminants. If contaminants are found that exceed allowable levels, the public is notified immediately and corrective action is taken. While this activity is vital to ensure the continuous, safe water supply we have come to expect, there are still a significant number of Alabamians who depend on private wells for their water.

The goal of this publication is to identify potential populations that do not have access to a safe drinking water supply from Alabama’s many CWSs. Citizens expect access to safe drinking water and this study may determine areas that are in need. By taking the county populations from the United States Census Bureau, a very accurate population needing to be served can be determined. By taking the Alabama Department of Environmental Management – Drinking Water Branch (ADEM) sanitary survey population served data, an accurate population can be determined that has access to safe drinking water. Making the existing population and served population comparison at the county level allows for a more precise measure of Alabama residents who use a private well for their drinking water.

Data collection and methods
County populations were determined using the United States Census Bureau’s 2010 data, which contains county population data for all Alabama counties. ADEM, with authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, serves as the regulatory body for the Safe Drinking Water Act in Alabama. ADEM performs a Sanitary Survey every three (3) years for every CWS in Alabama. The two (2) years between Sanitary Surveys, ADEM performs an Operations and Maintenance inspection at which point the inspectors are able to update CWS information.

ADEM uses the number of connections for a particular CWS multiplied by a factor of three (3) people per connection to determine the number of people being served by that CWS. Each CWS is designated as being in a particular county, which allows a list of water systems to be generated for each county. Once this list is generated and the population of each water system calculated, a total population served by CWSs in each county can be determined.

Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) and Non-Community (NC) water systems still have an identification number, but are being served by another water system and are being calculated in that water system’s population. To determine accurate population numbers served by CWSs, the ADEM data was further analyzed, and all water systems classified as NTNC and NC were removed from their county’s total population served. A margin of error exists for water systems that are identified with one county but serve populations that overlap into adjoining counties. Even though a CWS’s population served is correct, it may not accurately reflect the population recorded as living in that county.

The Alabama county populations obtained from the census data are compared to the water system populations from the ADEM Sanitary Survey and/or operations and maintenance inspection (County Population minus ADEM Population equals Population potentially served by a private well). This comparison determines the difference in people in the county served by a water system and people in the county likely to be on private wells.

Results and discussion
All sixty-seven (67) Alabama counties were analyzed and results show that ten (10) counties have a portion of their population not being served by a CWS. The ten (10) counties are divided into three groups based on the percentage of that county’s population not being served by a CWS. Four (4) counties have a population between .01% and 10% not being served by a CWS. Three (3) counties have a population between 10% and 25% not being served by a CWS and three (3) counties have a population between 25% and 50% not being served by a CWS.

Table 1 compares the county and water system populations and shows the resulting percentage of the population likely using private wells.

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* United States Census Data 2010
**Alabama Department of Environmental Management– Drinking Water Branch (Fiscal Year 2012)

Figure 1 shows each county that has a population of residents potentially served by private wells and each county is colored according to that percentage range. It is noticeable that North Alabama has a population being served by private wells. Lawrence County has between 25% and 50% of their population being served by private wells. Cherokee county has between 10% and 25% of their population being served by private wells. DeKalb county has between .01% and 10% of their population being served by private wells.

Central Alabama has five counties with populations being served by private wells, Greene and Clay counties have between 25% and 50% of their population being served by private wells. Randolph County has between 10% and 25% of their population...
their population being served by private wells. Shelby and Tal-ladega counties have between .01% and 10% of their popula-
tions being served by private wells.

South Alabama also has a target area of counties with
populations being served by private wells. Geneva County has
between 10% and 25% of their population being served by
private wells. Baldwin County has between .01% and 10% of
their population being served by private wells.

All of the Alabama counties noted in this study should be
points of interest to utility authorities, local municipal water
systems, local communities, and rural water associations for
potential expansion of their water systems.

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Figure 1 Alabama Private Water Well Populations

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On April 17-18, 2013, members of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) visited Washington D.C. for the AWWA-WEF Water Matters! Fly In. This year marked the third consecutive year for a joint effort and participation with the Fly-In between AWWA and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). National WEF Trustee and a local Alabama WEF representative Scott Cummings attended the Fly-In with AWWA Section Representatives for a third straight year. The Section Representatives that attended with Scott were Frank Eskridge of Gadsden Water Works, Mark Snow of Canton Municipal Utilities, Sam Agnew of Environmental Technical Sales, Inc., and Jim Miller of Anniston Water Works.

During the Fly-In, our AWWA (and WEF) reps met with the Alabama and Mississippi US Senators and Representatives to discuss important points that the water communities are facing at this time. Once again, the biggest issue that was the focus for much of the delegation involved funding and continued support for the formation of a Water Infrastructure and Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) to support the Nation’s critical water infrastructure needs. On March 20, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works had unanimously approved Senate Bill S. 601, which contained a pilot WIFIA program. Delegates continued looking at the big picture in water infrastructure, speaking on behalf of state revolving loan fund programs, protection of tax-exempt municipal bonds, removing the volume caps on private activity bonds and preserving Build America Bonds.

Over the last two years, Congress has been encouraged to implement and pass legislation to allow for on-line posting of information contained in Consumer Confidence Reports in lieu of the current requirement of individual mailings as a tangible way to reduce utilities expenditures without impacting customer notifications. Efforts by Fly-In Delegates were successful with the release of a January 3, 2013, memo from the Director of the EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Peter Grevatt, which clarifies the requirements of the Consumer Confidence Report Rule as it is associated with delivery and describes approaches and methods for electronic delivery that are consistent under the current regulatory requirements. A copy of the memo is available on EPA’s website at the following address: http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesreg/swera/ccr/upload/ccrdeliveryoptionsmemo.pdf.

The annual Fly-In was once again well supported by about 180 AWWA and WEF members, up from about 160 last year, to carry the water community’s messages to over 300 lawmaker’s offices on Capitol Hill. If there is any interest in participating in the next Fly-In or if there are any issues facing your water utility, please contact any of the officers of the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association.

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ANNISTON - Jim Miller has retired as General Manager of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Anniston. “We regret to see Jim leave us, but after 38 years in the business we can certainly understand,” said Jimmy O’Dell, Chairman of the Board. Miller will stay on for a period sufficient to facilitate a smooth transition and ensure the successful completion of several projects such as the water main extension to Honda Manufacturing in Lincoln. “My time at Anniston Water Works has been rewarding and I will always appreciate the Board, the staff and the community for the opportunity to have served them. There are still a few things left to complete that are important to me and to the water system,” said Miller.

Miller became the Anniston Water Works General Manager on July 1, 1996, after over twenty years of water industry service in Birmingham. “We are extremely proud of the accomplishments our water and sewer system has made under Jim’s leadership,” Mr. O’Dell said. “During his tenure here, we have made significant improvement to the physical assets and human capital of the system. And, we have managed that while keeping water and sewer rates among the lowest in the region.” Miller reduced the Board’s staff head count by thirty-seven percent by implementing state-of-the-art technology and modernizing the organizational structure. Emphasizing customer and community service his team successfully changed the corporate culture and focused efforts on customer satisfaction and positioning the utility as a regional leader in the water and wastewater utility industry.

The Board began the recruitment process by interviewing internal candidates. Promotion internally allowed the Board to pick a qualified candidate and continue to streamline its management staff. It has also aided in a smooth transition to new leadership and sustained the commitment to continuous quality improvement and community service that have become a tradition at the Board.

Anniston Water Works Board Selects Edward A. Turner as new GM

Anniston - The Board of Directors of the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board voted unanimously to hire Edward A. Turner as General Manager to replace Jim Miller, who retired in June.

Turner, 48, was Manager of Customer and Information Services at Anniston Water Works. He has been with Anniston Water Works for 14 years.

Ed Turner brings a set of unique skills to the job of General Manager,” JimmyO’Dell, Chairman of the Water Works Board said. “We are confident those skills will lead us forward in the 21st Century.”

“I look forward to working with Ed in the transition to new leadership for our water and sewer system,” Jim Miller, retired General Manager, said. “Ed is well suited for the challenges water and sewer utilities face today”.

In a related action, the Board promoted Delmer R. Ferguson to the position of Assistant General Manager, Administration. Ferguson is a 26-year employee of the Anniston Water Works and serves as Controller for the Board.
Jeffcoat, a 1970 graduate of Auburn University, is responsible for water, wastewater, and water resources engineering projects, overseeing agency relationships, design engineering, construction management, client service and business operations. He has served in many leadership roles in CH2M HILL and has taught internal courses on ethics, client service, business management, leadership and integrity.

Jeffcoat has been actively involved in developing and promoting the engineering profession throughout his career. He has held leadership positions in the past with the American Water Works Association, Alabama Water Resources Commission, American Consulting Engineers Council, Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Rosa M. Parks Memorial Museum Advisory Committee, Leadership Montgomery, Montgomery Area Committee of 100, Board of Directors of St. James School, Board of Visitors University of Alabama in Birmingham Civil Engineering Department, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Jeffcoat is also involved with Auburn’s Department of Civil Engineering as a guest lecturer in environmental engineering courses and as a member of the department’s Industry Liaison Council.

He has authored numerous publications and presentations and received the George W. Fuller Award, presented by the American Water Works Association. In addition to his degree from Auburn University, he has a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Florida. He is a registered professional engineer in Alabama and Mississippi. Prior to joining CH2M HILL in 1981, he worked for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

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MEMBER UPDATE

DENSON ROBINSON RETIREMENT

On June 28, 2013, Denson Robinson retired as the Public Works Director for the City of Madison, Mississippi after 36 years of service. Denson has been an active member of the AWWA since 1984. Denson served as Chair of the Section in 1995, Director from 2001 to 2004, and was also the 2004 recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award. The Alabama Mississippi Section of AWWA congratulates Denson on his retirement. Denson is pictured with the City of Madison Mayor, Mary Hawkins Butler during a retirement reception.

EDUCATION SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Alabama/Mississippi Section of AWWA Education Session will be held on August 27, 2013 9:00am – 2:00pm at 190 Bost Extension Drive, Room 409 Mississippi States, MS 39762. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Mauricka McKenzie to register for the session Mauricka.McKenzie@neel-schaffer.com or call (601) 948-3071. Please provide your name, phone number, email address, mailing address, AWWA membership number, and whether you will be attending on-site or via webinar.

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BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS BOARD TAPPERS WIN 5TH WORLD TITLE AND 10TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

In April, the 2012 AWWA Pipe Tapping National Championship Team from the Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Board won the 2013 World Water Cup for the fifth time at the IWEX Conference in England.

The team, representing the Alabama-Mississippi Section of AWWA, clocked a winning total time of 9:46.43. Coming in second, with a total time of 12:01.82, was the team representing the Institute of Water in the UK. Third place was taken by the team representing Koninklijk Nederlands Waterwerken in The Netherlands with a total time of 16:48.50.

Members of the winning team included Mark Kirkland, Johnny Bittles, Jerry Storey, Todd Stewart and Jeff Standridge.

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