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ESWWDA Spring Meeting

April 25, 2020 – Howe Caverns in Schoharie County

The spring meeting of the ESWWDA will be held at **Howe Caverns**. Howe Caverns is a series of underground caves in **Schoharie County** and is located 38 miles west of Albany.

Named for **Lester Howe**, who is credited with the caves' discovery in 1842, the limestone caves are 160–200 feet below the surface. They contain grotesque rock formations (stalactites and stalagmites); underground channels, including the "**Styx River**"; and a lake. In 1929 an electrical system of lighting and communication was installed. The caves, with an even temperature of 52° F, are reached by elevators. A winding passageway is the main route for sightseeing. **Gondola-style boat rides** are available on the "mirror-perfect" **Lake of Venus**, which is 660 feet long.

Howe Caverns has instituted a new clear bag safety policy that is effective immediately. Howe Caverns is committed to ensuring every guest's experience is second to none, and the safety of our guests is essential to maintaining this experience.

This safety policy impacts the type and size of bags that are permitted into the cave. **ONLY CLEAR BAGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CAVE.** Guests may carry pocket items such as keys, phones, wallets and credit cards. Guests may also be permitted to carry a small clutch bag or purse approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle



or strap. An exception will be made for medically necessary items, after proper inspection.

Located across from the Main Lodge on the Howe Caverns Estate, the **Howe Caverns Motel** is owned and operated by Howe

Caverns, Inc. overlooking the beautiful Helderberg Plateau. A block of rooms will be available.

Saturday morning will begin with a **general membership meeting**. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Molly Boyd, MD** who is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology at Albany Medical Center. Dr. Boyd will be speaking on the "**New and Emerging Drugs of Abuse**".

Following the presentation we will have lunch and a tour of Howe Caverns. Please **RSVP by April 15th** if you are attending the luncheon and tour with Julie at **(845) 225-3196** or at **Julie@NYWellDriller.org**. The cost of the luncheon will be an additional **\$25 per person**. 🗨️

See page two for the complete meeting itinerary, room rates and address.

Room Rates at the Howe Cavern Motel

For Room Reservations call **518-296-8900**

Queen at \$95 per night plus tax

Queen/Full at \$110 per night plus tax

King at \$160 per night plus tax

Family Suite at \$175 per night plus tax

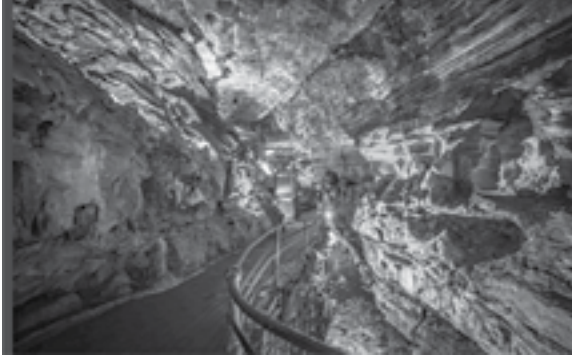
A block of rooms with the above special rates have been set aside until April 15, 2020. **Please make your reservations early.**

Mission

The ESWWDA is committed to taking a leadership role in protecting our natural resources through the promotion of the ground water industry. It strives to support a spirit of cooperation, communication, and education within the industry and with the consumers and regulatory agencies. 🗨️

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Spring Meeting Agenda

2020 Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association

April 25, 2020

9:00 am – Noon ESWWDA General Membership Meeting
Speaker: **Dr. Molly Boyd, MD** on the “*New and Emerging Drugs of Abuse*”

Noon Lunch Buffet at Howe Caverns for \$25 per person

1 pm Cavern Tour - *RSVP with Julie in advance*
at (845) 225-3196 or at Julie@NYWellDriller.org


Please note **CLEAR BAG ONLY POLICY** 



SPRING MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Howe Caverns, Inc.
255 Discovery Drive
Howes Cave, NY 12092
518 296-8900

Accommodations: Howe Caverns Motel rates:

Queen	\$95 per night plus tax
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**Professional Standards • Communication
Education • Integrity • Affordability**

The President's Thoughts

MOVING FORWARD

First off, I want to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting, as it has continued to grow and become a huge success. A huge thank you also goes out to those who helped plan and organize any or all of our meetings. For the last 20 years that I have been involved, there have been core members of our association (and their spouses!) whom have worked tirelessly over and over again to make our meetings as successful as they are. These individuals have all been my mentors, and for that, I am grateful. I had the pleasure of being Vice President to **Jim Wild** for the last two years, and I hope that I can follow in his footsteps with such success.

This year's annual meeting was full of great guests and classes. **Henry Boyd** had a classroom full of people with his general knowledge and certification primer. **Dillon Sickler** had a great class on rig maintenance and rebuilding. NGWA Past President **Scott King**, NGWA is an Empire State native and attended both our fall and annual meeting. His presentation on PFAS and Emerging contaminants is one that will be associated with our industry more and more in the coming years. In light of recent contamination to major municipal supplies, groundwater safety and testing is going to be a hot topic for a long time to come. And thank you **Jeff Williams**. His presentation on Business Transition planning was second to none. As always, **Mark Glaser** from Greenberg Traurig kept us up to date with his presentation of NYS political issues and pending legislation (We tried not to roast you too badly Mark!). Finally, **Kevin Moravec** updated us with



potential geothermal incentives on the way, and gave an excellent run down of what could be coming down the pipeline.

Our annual auction was a HUGE success, and to the **Wyckoff family**, it's the least we could do. **Dan**, I know you're reading this and we're all with you in the fight.

There are not many industries who share the unique comradery of the drilling industry. The specialized trade that we all perform, starting with drilling the well, installing the pump, and finally treating the water, is one that gathers interest and strikes conversation with both those in the industry and those outside. There are no plans that can be drawn to prepare us for the challenges that we face, as the success we have, is based on experience that comes from generations of knowledge passed down.

Looking ahead, I see challenges. Changes in our equipment, working practices, membership, you name it, things are changing. And we all know how much we love change! Unfortunately we must constantly change. Looking ahead, I want to hear from everyone. Owners, employees, friends, you name it. Any ideas, changes, or thoughts you have that relate to the industry, I want to hear it. **This association is nothing without its members, and its members are what have made it great.**

One of the most common challenges I hear is the lack of labor. A change in the demographics of the state, as well as other factors, has resulted in what could almost be described as a crisis. Changes in our business practices, whether we want to or not, are largely happening because of a labor shortage throughout. This is not unique to the drilling industry, but all trades. Although I do feel our industry has been dealt a harder blow, as ours is one that is very physical by nature. Moving forward, we as an industry need to focus on how to attract young help from a limited market. It's not something anyone has the answer to, however it's just another challenge that we can't physically see or look up the answer in a book. **We will figure it out though, it's what we do.**

President, Tyler Wills

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ESWWDA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 15, 2020 – Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY

President Jim Wild called the annual meeting of the **Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association** to order at 9:03 a.m. on **January 15, 2020** with 88 members in attendance.

A roll call of officers showed the following **Board members** to be in attendance:

Jim Wild, President

Tyler Wills, Vice President

Chuck Crover, Secretary/Treasurer

Julie Bullock, Correspondence Manager

Sue Bates, Assistant Correspondence Mgr

Mike Palleschi, Director

Chris Root, Director

Dave Rosick, Director

William Frey, Director

Rus Turnbull, Director

David Chugg, Director

Bernie Kistner, Director

Dave Keough, Director

Dave Keough sold raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing and the ESWWDA share will be donated to **Fans for Dan**.

Henry Boyd made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes as they appeared in the last edition of *Hole Talk*. **Chris Root** seconded the motion. With no additions or corrections, the motion was carried.

Chuck Crover reported that the Board of Directors had approved the treasurer's report the previous day. Copies of all transactions are available to the membership upon request.

President Jim Wild thanked the members for donations for the auctions and those who purchased the auction items. **The association raised over \$10,000 to be donated to the Fans of Dan**. **Kristen and Walter Wyckoff**

thanked the membership for their support of their son-in-law **Dan and his family**. **President Wild** also thanked the membership for allowing him to serve the last two years as President. He greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve and hoped to see the organization continue and flourish. President Wild recognized **Low Patterson** who recently sold his business after 39 years and said there was hope for the rest of us.

Communications: **Art Becker** sent an email to the Association saying he and **Joann** were unable to attend. Art had come down with bronchitis. The Board was notified that the **Skowfoe family** had made a donation to the scholarship fund.

Sickness & Health: **Julie Boyd** reported that **Dave & Elaine Crauer** just welcomed their first grandchild. **Harold Ormsby** was recuperating from a finger injury. The **Torlish family** could use our thoughts and prayers at this time for their family.

Insurance: **Greg Scott** from *Arthur J. Gallagher* reported on market changes. The Workers' Compensation rates lowered, though the other lines, including auto and general liability are increasing. In the auto areas there is no such thing as a small claim. He reminded the membership that they can sign up for the NYS LENS program through DMV. The cost of umbrella coverage is going up. Employers should try paying first aid claims out of pocket. Mr. Scott reminded all to check their inland marine and auto policies line by line.

Membership: **Sue Bates** reported that we have a total of **340 members**. There are **194 paid members** and **146 unpaid members**. We have had **23 new members** this year and **3 new members from the meeting**. *Dues invoices will go out again in February.*

Scholarship: **Dave Rosick** reported that there were no new applicants. The Board is discussing some changes to the program.

Government Affairs: At this time **Mark Glaser** from *Greenberg Traurig LLP* was introduced. In the Assembly there are currently 107 Democrats and 43 Republicans. The current chair of the *Environmental Conservations Committee* is **Steve Engelbright** and the *chair of the Health committee* is **Dick Goffred**. In the Senate there is a total of 40 Democrats, 22 Republicans and 1 vacancy. The Senate Majority leader is **Andrea Stewart-Cousins** and the *Senate Environmental Conservation Chair* is **Todd Kaminsky** who was a former prosecutor and is very environmentally conscientious. The projection is the Democrats will probably remain as the majority. There are 8 Republicans not running for re-election in very competitive districts. The Democrats only need 3 more seats to be veto proof. Next year is a re-apportionment year to be done by a new non-partisan committee. There is a prediction that New York State will lose at least 1 seat in the US Congress due to the very wealthy leaving the State.

The hot topics have been bail reform and the Governor and Senate might be looking to modify it, though the Assembly is not moving on any reform of the current plan. The primary elections will be very important this year.

The **DEC** is considering legislation to upgrade the **Well Drillers' Certification Law**. Because of this legislation ESWWDA will need to meet with DEC and others to follow up. **Senator Kaminsky** introduced **S.6349** the DEC Program Bill last June. The bill is still active in 2020 in the Senate, but the Assembly did not

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introduce a companion bill. The Assembly has questions regarding the DEC's proposed bill. The Senate bill is moving at its own pace.

The bill talks about geothermal; deepening or decommissioning of wells; advertising by unlicensed individuals; written contracts, the definitions of "water well contracting" included individual certifications, listing of certification and being supervised by a certified person; preliminary notices relating to construction, deepening, decommissioning, and replacement of pumps; and completion reports must be filed within 120 days including name, address and GPS locations with a special decommissioning report. Dewatering wells are not reported unless required by the withdrawal permit or Long Island. There was a great deal of discussion regarding preliminary notification regarding emergency pump replacement. There might be a 24 to 48 hour grace period on emergency pump replacement to do the preliminary notification. DEC is looking at increasing the registration fee to \$300 for a two-year period and issuing decals and cards. The exam aspect of a general and specialty exam in the drilling and/or pump would still stand. They are also looking at continuing education. The DEC has agreed to use best practice standards for controlling overflowing wells including reasonable effort, decommissioning and waivers. The law would also emphasize the penalty component of daily fines since environmental violations are viewed as being very serious.

This year's legislative session will end on June 3rd and is very short. Members of the Board of Directors and Committee will be meeting with **Mark Glaser**, DEC and other interested parties in the very

near future to talk about the concerns the membership has.

NEWWA: Henry Boyd reported that the **Board met** on **January 4th** at 10 am in Marlborough, MA. Classes will include *Arsenic*, *Selling Your System*, *Family Business Succession Planning*, *Maximizing Your Return from a Downhole Camera*, *Applying Water Quality Solutions to an Ever-changing Landscape*, *Rig Maintenance*, *Pump Basics: Motor & Control Box*, *Low Yielding Wells*, *How to Build a Better Business & Sell It*, and *Diagnosing with Meters*. There will be a dinner on Friday night with **Big Daddy** racing and games. This year we will have a **Saturday Swap Meet**. The cost to sell at the Swap Meet will be \$50 for a parking space if you pre-register or \$75 day of event. **Show dates are March 13-14.**

Budget & Finance: Chuck Crover reported that we are working within our budget.

Education: Henry Boyd reported that there were 36 individual in the pump install class yesterday. The rig maintenance, McElhiney and contamination classes were all well attended and very informative.

NGWA: Past President of the NGWA, **K. Scott King** gave a presentation. The motto of NGWA is *working better together*. **New York State is the 3rd largest affiliate.** At Ground Water week in Las Vegas there were 5000 attendees from the water well industry and approximately 5000 for the irrigation association. Members should look at what the Groundwater Foundation is doing with **Awesome Aquifers, scholarships** and of course the McElhiney

and Darcy lecture series. Mr. King showed a video regarding the collaboration of developing the **Awesome**

Aquifer and how schools are using them. In 2020 **NGWA** will be working toward continuing their financial stability, increasing revenue, managing state partners, advocacy in areas such as amicus briefs and **PFAS/POS** education. *The Water Well Journal* has won the **APEX Award** again. The **Fly-In** will be the **first week of March**.

Water Systems Council: Their **Fly-In** will also be the **first week of March**.

Hole Talk: Julie Boyd reported that the **deadline** for submission to *Hole Talk* is **February 1**.

Public Information: Sue Bates reminded the membership to check the website and let her or Julie know if you needed changes.

DOT: No report given.

Accreditation: Reminder to submit points and affidavit with membership renewal.

Past President: Current Past President **Walter Wyckoff** thanked the membership for their support of his family.

Old Business: The spring meeting will be held at **Howe Caverns** on **April 25**. The summer meeting will be July 10 with a tour of Flomatic. The **fall meeting** will be **October 16-17** in **Wellsville** with a tour of the oil well industry.

New Business: At this time President Wild introduced Past President **Tony Ferraioli** to conduct the elections. **Mr. Ferraioli stated that the Board of Directors approved the slate of officers and directors for the 2020 session.**

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For the position of **1-year directors** the candidates are **Daniel Boyd** and **Jeremy Baldwin**. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are no nominations from the floor, these candidates will stand as 1-year directors. For the position of **2-year directors** the candidates include **Mike Pallschi** and **Chris Root**. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are not nominations from the floor, these candidates will stand as 2-year directors. For the position of **3-year directors** the candidates are **William Frey** and **Rus Turnbull**. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are no nominations

from the floor, these candidates will stand as 3-year directors. At this time with no other nominations from the floor, I ask the secretary to cast one vote carried by the membership.

For the position of **Secretary/Treasurer** the candidate is **Chuck Crover**. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are no nominations from the floor, the candidate will stand for Secretary/Treasurer. For the position of **Vice President** the candidate is **Dave Rosick**. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are no nominations from the floor, the candidate will stand for Vice President. For the position of **President** the candidate is **Tyler Wills**. Are there

any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Since there are no nominations from the floor, the candidate will stand for President. At this time with no other nominations from the floor, I ask the secretary to cast one vote carried by the membership for Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President. The elections for the 2020 year are now closed. **President Tyler Wills** dismissed the nominating committee and thanked them for their service. President Wills thanked **Jim Wild** for his service and thanked the Board and membership for the honor of serving as President.



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At this time **Past Presidents Tony Ferraioli and Henry Boyd** came forward to present awards. Tony Ferraioli made all plaques being presented today. **The President's Award** was given to **Alan Dretel and Martin Dretel** (posthumously) as a thank

you for supporting the ESWWDA and ground water industry. **Dave Chugg** was awarded the **Edward Ebel Award** for his service to the industry from the supplier division.

The **Neal Crandall "Rookie" award** was presented to **Sandra Baldwin** for new business.

Ed Bates who had received the "Old Fossil Award" several years ago was notified that he is not the oldest fossil. The oldest

fossil (fossilized roots) was discovered in Cairo. These fossils are older than the earlier found Gilboa fossils.



President Tyler Wills then presented **Past President Jim Wild** with a plaque thanking him for his services. At this time **Henry Boyd** presented **Scott King**, Past President of NGWA, Past President **Jim Wild**, Past President of NGWA **Jeff Williams**, and **Bill and Mike Frey** with small tokens of thank you for their service to the ground water industry both at home and aboard. Anyone who was not present for their awards will receive them at a later date.

Kevin Moravec, President of *Van Hee Heating & Cooling*, spoke to the membership about the future of geothermal in New York State. He encouraged the drilling industry to attend the **NY Geo Conference March 25-26** at the Marriott on Wolf Road in Albany. Mr. Moravec pointed out the changes with NYSERTA and the Public Service Commission. The Commission is looking at increasing geothermal installations to 10,000 annually by 2025 and 20,000 annually by 2030 and decreases our use of fossil fuels. The drilling industry has been unrecognized in this new development

and needs to be heard and seen by people who do not know what we do. For example, the projections is enough work to keep 50 rigs running non-stop on geothermal alone. There is a fear that pricing will become regulated. What can ESWWDA do? We can attend the conference, become a member of the NY Geo Association, work together on the legislative end with lobbyist from both sides, and look at NYSERTA job training. If you are going to attend the March meeting, please notify the Moravec's. We will post more information as we get it on our website.

The winner of the drawing of the 50/50 was **Chuck Crover**. Mr. Crover donated his amount of **\$333 back to the association** to be given to **Fans of Dan**.

President Wills asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by **Bernie Kistner** and seconded by **Jeff Smith**. President Wills adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Bullock,
Correspondence Manager

With Appreciation



Walter and Kristen Wyckoff would like to express their appreciation for all the donations from the **EWWSA Auction** at the January meeting. The money raised was for their son-in-law **Daniel Shultes**, who has

worked with them for over 14 years, and helped grow their company.

Daniel has a very aggressive form of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). First, he lost his voice in the fall of 2018, and then over the winter of 2019, he failed so

much they knew something neurological was wrong, but never realized it could be this disease with so little hope.

The money will go to help take care of Dan. There is no caregiving help under Medicare. Stem Cell Treatment may become available this coming year, if FDA approves it; we hope and pray that Dan will have a chance to try it. **Thank you so much!**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 2, 2020

4 new members to date in this quarter

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PAID	UNPAID
Contractors	196	124	72
Suppliers/Manufacturers	53	32	21
Associates	95	61	34
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Total Members	344	217	127

All members more than 2 years in arrears are being dropped from the membership listing

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*Tyler Backus

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All 4 new members joined at the annual meeting in Verona, NY.

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The industry is in an era of change. To understand the changes taking place and to lead the industry through its transitions, drillers need to access the best minds available - each other.


That's why your affiliation with the ESWWDA is a smart investment. It's an alliance of individual drillers that work for you and with you.

Your membership gives you access to programs and services specifically formulated for the professional growth and success of water well drillers and pump installers.



The association provides:

- **Educational programs in:** water well drilling, pump installation, general management.
- **Informative newsletter:** *Hole Talk* covers local, state and national issues and news.
- **Annual Tuition Scholarships**
- **A united voice:** ESWWDA speaks for drillers on issues of far-reaching impact.
- **A voice:** A vote on the direction ESWWDA takes.

Join or renew your membership and keep this powerful alliance alive! 

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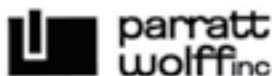
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Please note exams are not given on-site.

Pre-registration is required and the **deadline for registration is May 5th.**

Please call **Julie Boyd** to pre-register for the class at **845-225-3196** or at **Julie@nywelldriller.org**

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In keeping with our statement to educate and promote the protection and use of groundwater, the following voluntary program was implemented in 2017.


- The program will be managed and record keeping done by the correspondence manager.
- The program will run concurrent with our membership dues (calendar year).
- Participants must be members of ESWWDA in good standing.
- Participants must be registered with NYSDEC or work for a registered company.
- Approved participants will be issued an Accredited number on their membership card.
- Sign an affidavit established for this voluntary program.
- Must submit five (5) continuing education points as established for this voluntary program, obtained during the year prior to renewal.
- Two (2) of the five (5) points must be from an ESWWDA sponsored event.

Points can be accrued by the following methods:

1. Groundwater related conventions/expositions/meetings – **one point per day.**
2. ESWWDA meeting – **one point per day.**
3. Workshops/training schools – **one point per hour of instruction.**
4. High school career day presentation – **one point per hour of presentation.**
5. Writing an article for a groundwater related publication – **two points max per year.**
6. Presentation for a community service – **one point each presentation.**
7. Participation in groundwater related webinar – **one point per hour instruction.**
8. Presenting an education class or webinar – **one point per hour instruction.**
9. Other acceptance of points will be at the discretion of Accredited Program committee. 

Members can download the voluntary accreditation affidavit and continuing education forms at www.nywelldriller.org or contact Julie@nywelldriller.org.

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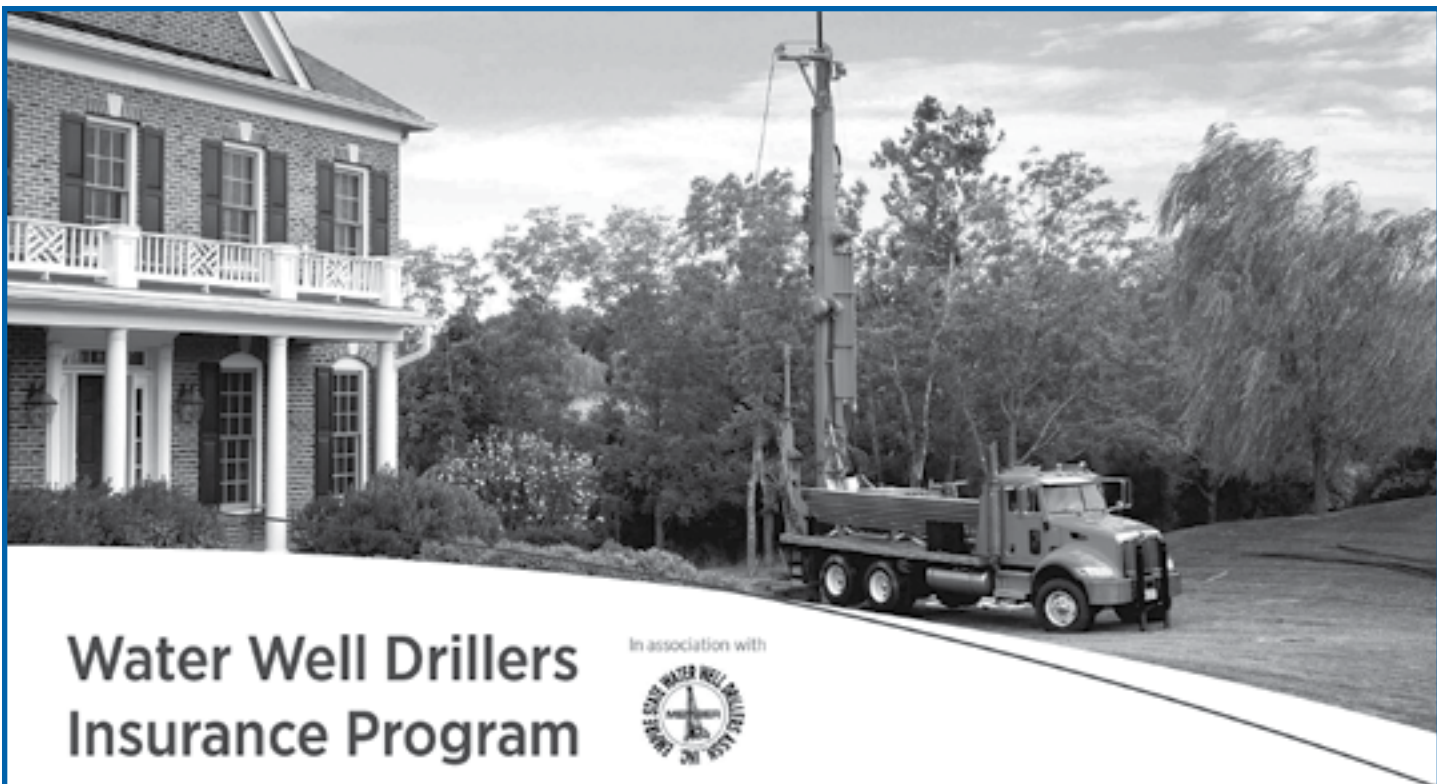
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From NGWA's Safety Talks and The Hartford

In these days of rising prices, there is still one bargain to be found – eye protection. A relatively few dollars buys the safety equipment that can protect your eyes from such on-the-job hazards as dust, glare, and flying objects. But, while such protective equipment as safety goggles, glasses, and face shields is easily affordable, eye injury or loss is expensive to many – to the victim of the accident, the company that employs him, and even to the general public.

The comparative cost of eye protection is small. After all, how much is an eye worth? However, I'm sure that many eye injuries are not the result of lack of protection. Rather, they result from not using the eye protection provided. This protection is not used due to many feeble excuses – none of which is legitimate.

The highest price for on-the-job eye accidents is paid by the victim of such an accident. First, he must endure certain financial setbacks. During his recuperation, Workers' Compensation would only pay him a percentage of his weekly wage.

This probably wouldn't allow him to support himself and his family at their accustomed standard of living. He might have to move into cheaper housing, cut back on food and other items, or become hopelessly behind on time payments.

If a man is unfortunate enough to lose the sight of an eye, he may not have a job to come back to. Many jobs are just too detailed for a man with only one eye to handle. In this case, he would lose his potential earnings on that job from the time of the accident until his retirement, which could amount to several hundred thousand dollars, depending on his age and income.


Weekly compensation payments can do little to console

the injured worker. He has lost his occupation and all its potential earning power and must begin all over again to build an occupational future to insure financial security for himself and his family.

Perhaps the steepest price the victim of an eye accident must pay is the personal suffering. The pain and shock he must endure cannot be calculated in terms of dollars and cents. If he loses the sight of both eyes, he has lost a whole way of life – a way of perceiving beauty, of self-sufficiency and independence, all of which are priceless. That's the price that you, the employee, must pay.

The company, in addition to accident cost setbacks, must be concerned about the affect of the accident on employee morale. If one employee suffers an eye injury, the rest of the employees may become jittery to a point where more accidents will follow. Also, they may not feel like working up to their full capacity, which would result in lower production levels.

Finally, an eye accident can be costly to you as a taxpayer. The victim may have to use public-supported rehabilitation facilities, and if he is unable to find a job because of permanent total disability, he may wind up on welfare. Also, since many companies figure accident costs into the price of their product or service, a large amount of the cost of an eye injury is passed on to the consumer which again hits you as a wage earner.

Thus, an unprotected eye can be a painful and expensive proposition to the victim, to the employer, and to society. So, wear eye protection. An unguarded moment may result in tragedy. And what would make it even more tragic is if the accident occurred while ample eye protection was resting on the victim's forehead instead of over his eyes. 

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 3-4, 2020

NGWA Washington Fly-In

See www.NGWA.org
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March 4-6, 2020

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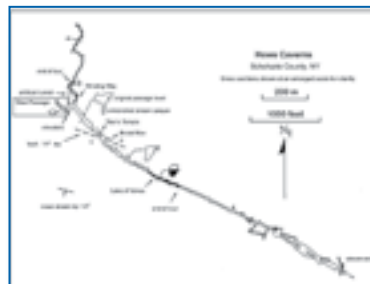
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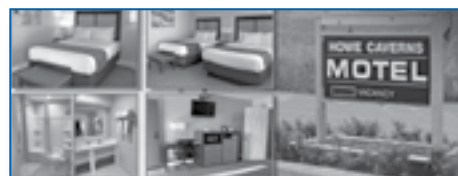
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11-1 pm Continuation of the class to assist
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Contact Julie at (845)225-3096

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*More details on page 11 in this issue
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