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## ESWWDA ANNUAL MEETING July 11, 2025

*Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY*

*The ESWWDA summer meeting* is being hosted by **Flomatic Corp.** located at 15 Pruyns Island Drive, Glens Falls, NY 12801 on Friday, July 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m. *This is a one day meeting.*

This meeting will include a **2-hour tour of Flomatic's** plant with opportunities to engage in question and answer segments as we go along.

At the conclusion of the tour, Flomatic is sponsoring a **barbecue luncheon** for all to enjoy.

- A **Board of Directors meeting** will be held following lunch, from 1-2:30 at Flomatic.



- A **general membership meeting** will be held back at the Queensbury Hotel from 3:30-5:00 in the Saratoga Room followed by a gathering at **Davidson Bros Brewpub** located at 184 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY, less than 5 minutes from the hotel.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Queensbury Hotel** located at 88 Ridge St. Glens Falls, NY 12801. 🗨️



### 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. 🗨️

### Visit

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# Summer Meeting Itinerary

Flomatic Corp - Friday July 11, 2025

Friday July 11, 2025

(one day meeting)

9:45 a.m. Meet at **Flomatic**  
15 Pruyns Island Drive, Glens Falls, NY 12801

10:00 a.m.-12 noon **Flomatic** Facility Tour

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Barbecue Luncheon

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting** at Flomatic

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**  
**Saratoga Room, Queensbury Hotel**  
88 Ridge St., Glens Falls, NY 12801

5:00 p.m. until ?? Gathering at **Davidson Bros. Brewpub**  
184 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801



## Location: Queensbury Hotel

88 Ridge St. Glens Falls, NY 12801.

**Hotel Rooms:** \$259.00 per night plus tax

Reservations may be made by calling  
(518) 792-1121 and pressing 1 and  
mention ESWWDA or on the website  
at [www.thequeensburyhotel.com](http://www.thequeensburyhotel.com), click

[book now button](#) on the top right. Select your check-in and check-out dates,  
add the group code: **ESWWDAFL025**. Check in is 4pm.

**The deadline for the group rate is June 11, 2025.**

## Directions to Queensbury

From the south or from exit 24 of the NYS Thruway, follow the signs  
for I-87 North towards Saratoga/Glens Fall/Lake George.

- Exit I-87 at exit 18 towards Civic Ctr/W Mountain, Main St.
- Continue onto Broad St. then a slight right onto Hudson Ave.
- At Centennial Cir, take the 3rd exit onto Ridge St
- 88 Ridge St will be on your left.

(TOTAL TIME WILL BE 45-50 MINUTES)

## Directions to Flomatic from the Queensbury

1. Head south on NY-9L / Ridge St toward Maple St 0.2 mi
2. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit for US-9 N / NY-32 / Glen St 0.2 mi
3. Turn right onto Mohican St 0.4 mi
4. Turn left onto Murray St 0.4 mi
5. Road name changes to Pruyns Island Dr 0.5 mi
6. Turn right onto Polly Beeman Ln 466 ft
7. Arrive at Polly Beeman Ln

The last intersection before your destination is Pruyns Island Dr.

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in the promotion of the ground water industry through:

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## Signing On

**Greetings members,** I want to thank **Henry** and **Julie Boyd** for hosting this spring's meeting in Kingston, NY. Henry held a pump and drilling class on Friday, followed by our board meeting on Saturday morning. This was followed up by a short and sweet general meeting, where we got to discuss OSHA updates and insurance in general with **Bill O'Conner** and **Analisa Batiani-Jesco** from **Gallagher Insurance**. If you ever had an insurance situation or question, we had the experts face to face! You missed a great opportunity!



members will have access to tickets. We just came up with some flyers that we are looking to get out to our suppliers and supply houses to get out to the public which will have more on the details. There is also a page in **Hole Talk** with all the details. We are hoping for everyone's involvement with this to make it a success! Get creative with it, I'm thinking about giving them out to "certain" customers as a sign of appreciation for a big job or for just being easy to deal with. If you feel like

being nice you could give them to your employees as an incentive. If you get your grout calculator out and do the math, the odds are in your favor!

As "mud season" seems to be subsiding and we can stop swearing at those mud mats, spring appears to be settling in nicely. Our summer meeting is in place, so get your reservations made at the **Queensbury**. We are looking for idea's and opportunities for future meetings as always. If you would like to host a meeting please get in touch!

So with summer just around the corner of another year. I don't know about you but everything seems to get elevated to another level with the stresses of work and the toll it takes on us. So remember why we try to work so hard. It is to be able to provide for your family but remember it is just as important to be present! Be safe!

Signing off,

**Chris Root**, ESWWDA President 🗨️

On a more somber note, we have had a great loss to our association and friendships, in the passing of **Mr. Alan Dretel**. Not only was Alan a friend, but he was a giant in our industry, all up and down the East Coast he was influential to the water industry. He sat on our very own board as a supplier representative. He touched many people's lives. He will be greatly missed and speaking on behalf of our association I'd like to extend our condolences to his family.

Getting to some business, if you were not already aware the ESWWDA has started selling raffle tickets for TWO great causes. A chance to win \$10K, 2-second place \$5K, and 5-third place \$1K prizes with proceeds going into the fund that puts on our quarterly meetings. Another raffle in memory of **Jeff Quinn** for the chance at 2 seats in Houston, Texas at the **Baroid Mud School**. With proceeds going to the scholarship fund. All board

### Area Attractions

Glens Falls is within equal distances of Saratoga Springs going south and Lake George going north. If you're looking to make a weekend out of your visit, feel free to search area attractions. Saratoga hosts a variety of shops, boutiques and eateries as well as the Saratoga Race Track.

- \* Lake George features the Lake George Steamboat Company with 3 choice cruises right off the main pier in the village.
- \* Great Escape and Hurricane Harbor
- \* Revolution Trail, a pedal-powered rail bike that travels the mountain
- \* Numerous hiking and nature trails
- \* Campgrounds
- \* Prospect Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway to the mountain top, great views
- \* Fort William Henry located right in the village of Lake George
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# Spring Meeting

## April 26, 2025

The spring meeting of the **Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association** was called to order at 8:10 am by **President Chris Root**. Due to the attendance the meeting was combined board and general membership. The following officers and directors were in attendance:

*President* **Chris Root**

*Past President* **Dave Rosick**

*Director* **Daniel Boyd**

*Director* **William Frey**

*Director* **James Utter**

*Director* **Mike Palleschi**

*Director* **Zach Bartlett**

*Supplier Director* **Bernie Kistner**

*Supplier Director* **Dave Keough**

No raffle tickets were sold and the minutes stand as printed in *Hole Talk*. There was no Treasurer's report presented at this meeting.

**President Chris Root** thanked the **Boyd family** for hosting the meeting in Kingston and for those who made the effort to attend. On a more somber note, we have had a great loss to our association and a friend to the industry with the passing of **Alan Dretel**. Alan was a giant in the industry. President Root would like to extend his condolences to the Dretel family. At this time President Root handed out to those in person the committee list. Also, President Root discussed with the Board options to promote the selling of the large 50/50 raffle tickets and the mud school tickets. The tickets can be purchased through Julie Boyd as advertised in *Hole Talk* and at meetings. Also, Bernie Kistner will be stopping by supply houses offering signage and tickets. Tickets will be mailed to Board members to sell also.

**Communications:** ESWWDA received thanks from NGWA and WSC for renewing our membership. We also received a thank you from **Al Gerisch**

for the flowers the association sent to his wife's funeral.

**Sickness & Health:** Since the printing of *Hole Talk*, we would like to announce the passing of the following individuals: **Alan Dretel, Robert Liffland, William "Bill" Goetz, Mary Anne Gerisch, Charles Nielson, and Joe Dudek**. We would also like to wish **Jeremy Baldwin** a speedy recovery.

**Insurance & Safety:** Hold until the presentation with speaker.

**Membership:** Currently we have a total of **298 members**. We have **244 paid members** and **54 unpaid members**. At the class yesterday, one former member rejoined and that was **B.T.M. Services, Randy Meyer**.

**Scholarship:** No report given at this time.

**Government Affairs:** The committee sent a report that currently there is no movement on any changes to the regulations that were discussed at the annual meeting. Even with geothermal drilling below 500 feet, the process is moving very slowly or paused. The committee is still trying to push our agenda that was discussed at the annual meeting, even concerning testing options.

**NEWWA:** **Henry Boyd** reported that we had a great turn out at the show in March. The attendance was good, and the trade show was almost sold out. The show will be back in Marlborough, MA on **March 13-14, 2026**.

**Budget & Finance:** No report given at this time.

**Education:** **Henry Boyd** reported that at the primer class yesterday, we had 12 attendees with the majority being first timers. We will be looking to put together a geothermal primer.

**NGWA:** **Mike Palleschi** reported that he has been working with **Seth Kellogg**, President of NGWA, about placing some of their educational offerings on the ESWWDA website for our membership. **Sue Bates** spoke to our web developers regarding adding an additional page to our web site and adding some of these links. Mike will use the NGWA committee as a working group to review some of this educational information. Sue was directed to work with the web page development team.

**WSC:** No report given at this time.

**Public Information:** No report given at this time.

**DOT:** **Daniel Boyd** noted that DOT has been lowering weigh limits on bridges so you should double check when traveling that bridge weighs have not changed in the areas where you drill.

**Accreditation:** No report given at this time.

**Geothermal:** **Past President Rosick** reported that he had attended and did a drilling demonstration for the **NY-GEO** conference which was this past week in at the **BOCES Center** in Saratoga Springs, NY. The conference was well attended. There was discussion of ESWWDA having a table at their next conference which will be in Brooklyn, NY in 2026.

**Veterans Program:** **Jim Utter** announced that he had completed two wells for two veterans. The first was for **Mr. Dave**

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## ESWWDA Values

**Hovancik**, a Gulf war veteran, from Binghamton. The second well was for **Mr. Gregory Dimmick**, a Vietnam veteran, from Waterloo. A list will be compiled of donations from various manufacturers and suppliers.

**Past Presidents:** **Dave Rosick** re-emphasized the earlier discussions regarding working with DEC to allow more testing options and having a table at a NY-GEO meeting.

**Old Business:** **Sue Bates** stated that the dates for the **summer meeting** in Glens Falls will be **July 11th** only. The agenda for Friday will include a tour at **Flomatic**, a BBQ at this facility and an ESWWDA board meeting. The remainder of the events will move back to the **Queensbury Hotel** where we will have a general membership

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meeting and are looking to have a dinner possibly offsite. Currently, we have no one interested in a location for the fall meeting. If anyone is interested in hosting, please reach out to Sue.

**New Business:** The Annual meeting is on the calendar and the deposits have been paid. At this time **President Root** introduced the topic of moving the association to two in-person meetings and two remote (zoom) meetings per year. He has asked the Board and the committee chairs to make a list of the pros and cons of moving the

association in this direction.

The membership are free to also comment and can send their comments to **Julie** at [jewels2564@aol.com](mailto:jewels2564@aol.com) and she

will compile and forward to the Board of Directors. There was a great deal of discussion on this topic.

At this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am with a motion from **Jim Utter**. **Dave Rosick** seconded the motion. The zoom attendees were welcome to stay on, and we would continue with our guest speaker after a 15-minute break. The speaker's presentation and our insurance report will follow as a separate article in *Hole Talk*.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Julie Boyd** 🗨️

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

# May 2025

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PAID	UNPAID
Contractors	168	133	35
Suppliers/Manufacturers	55	43	12
Associates	75	68	7
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<b>Total Members</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>54</b>

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- **Annual Tuition Scholarships**
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NGWA Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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MGWC/CWD/CPI # \_\_\_\_\_

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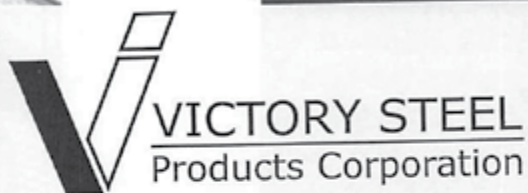


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Checks made out to ESWWDA and mailed to **Julie Boyd** at **1054 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512**.

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# Inland Marine & What You Should Know

From Analisa Bastiani-Jesco

**What is inland marine?** Inland marine is a specialized form of property insurance designed for property that is moveable. It covers business personal property and equipment when it is located away from your business locations. It is sometimes referred to as an equipment floater. Inland marine is derived from ocean marine insurance but adapted for land-based risk. Key features of an inland marine policy cover many items. First is contractors' equipment which can include drill rigs, pump hoists, rig tenders, water trucks, excavators, pump puller and more. It is any mobile equipment you would use on the job site. It includes installation of floater coverage which includes items that become part of the finished job and turned over to the owner on completion of the job for example: well pump and well casing. Inland marine can include leased or rented equipment for coverage of physical damage. Some inland marine policies, for example Liberty Mutual's policy covers glass. Carefully, read your inland marine policy to see if small tools or your employee's tools are covered if stolen from a jobsite.

Also, inland marine coverage can include business income. If you purchase business income coverage and have a loss to a scheduled item while that item is being repaired or replaced, you can apply for loss of business income.

Why do contractors need inland marine coverage? Contractors often move equipment between sites which increase their risks. It protects owners against theft, damage and loss of tools and equipment. The benefit of inland marine coverage provides financial protection and business continuity if there is a loss.

Common risks that are covered by most inland marine policies include theft, vandalism, fire, transportation accidents, down the hole, and more. You should read your coverage carefully since all policies are not the same.

When choosing your inland marine policy, what should you consider? Inventory your equipment includes what equipment is regularly transported to the jobsite or taken off premises. Evaluate the value of your equipment by looking at both replacement cost and actual cash or market value. Are you covered underground? Does your coverage cover mobility equipment including the chassis? Also, does your policy cover property if it is waterborne? If your rig goes on a barge, are you covered?

When looking at all of these items keep in mind that Gallagher represents multiple carriers. If you have additional questions regarding inland marine or insurance coverage, please feel free to contact me at [518-533-6841](tel:518-533-6841).

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# HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

## WHAT TO DO

### HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
  - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
  - Fast, strong pulse
  - Headache
  - Dizziness
  - Nausea
  - Confusion
  - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
  - Move the person to a cooler place
  - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
  - Do not give the person anything to drink

### HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
  - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
  - Fast, weak pulse
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Muscle cramps
  - Tiredness or weakness
  - Dizziness
  - Headache
  - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
  - Loosen your clothes
  - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
  - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
  - Your symptoms get worse
  - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

### HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
  - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
  - Drink water or a sports drink
  - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
  - You're on a low-sodium diet
  - You have heart problems

### SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
  - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
  - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
  - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
  - Do not break blisters

### HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
  - Keep the rash dry
  - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash





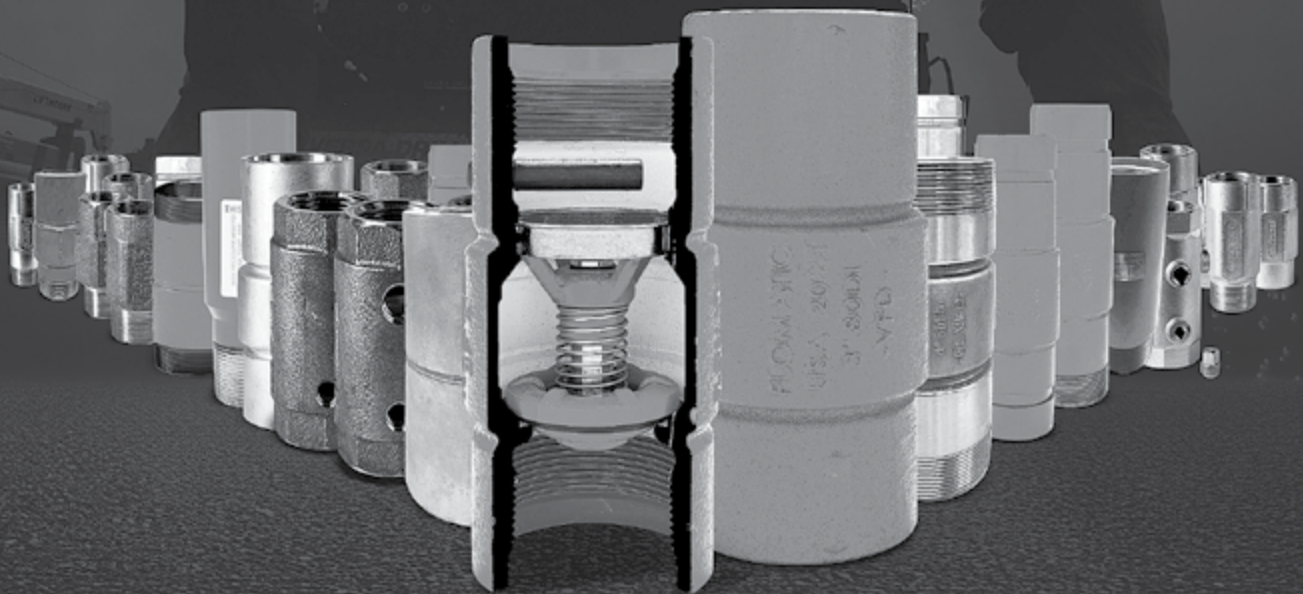


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## for your Company's Safety Meeting

# Pedestrian Safety

From NGWA Safety Facts Sheets

*You're a stranger* in your own town when you've been away a long time or when you're in an unfamiliar area. This is true on the job, too. You work in a certain area and when it's necessary to go to another department, or another part of the building, you're in strange territory. Not that you can't find your way around, but it's how you find your way around that might cause problems.

Let's say you're a machine operator and you've worked at your job for a considerable length of time. However, when you leave your machine, you're no longer an operator – you're a pedestrian.

Off the job, when you're a pedestrian, you dodge automobiles and bicycles and watch for open utility holes. When you're on the job, the list of potential dangers is different, but the necessary precautions are the same – you have to stay alert and keep your eyes open.

A walk through the plant should be rather uneventful, but the situation can change in a hurry if you don't stay alert. This is particularly true for employees leaving their own areas or departments.

As a new employee, you were given instructions about your job and these instructions included safety precautions. However, when you go to another area, it can be a new ball game. Operations may be different, equipment may be different and, no doubt, safety precautions will vary too.

So, before entering another area, familiarize yourself with any special rules or procedures necessary for your safety. This might mean you will have to wear special personal protective equipment or observe certain regulations concerning your actions.

While traveling as a pedestrian, always use the regular routes. Walk – don't run. Be on your guard at corners and when you're near machinery, and watch for power trucks and hand trucks on the move. Although truck operators have their own safety rules to follow, which include watching for pedestrians, don't take anything for granted. Be ready to move.

It's a good habit to look both ways before stepping out into an aisle. Wherever there is floor space large enough for a truck, this type of traffic could be moving at you. Don't try to beat an oncoming truck. You might misjudge its speed or slip and fall in front of it. Don't walk while you're looking in another direction – you could bump into another employee or a machine. If you can't watch while you're walking, stop until you can.


When using a stairway, take advantage of the handrails. Some people feel that handrails are just for the aged and handicapped. Well, you can become aged and handicapped fast if you fall down stairs.

Slipping and tripping hazards are additional things to watch for. Misplaced tools, pieces of metal, or other materials will send daydreamers sprawling, despite all efforts to keep floors and aisles clear of these dangers.

Another point I'd like to stress – don't take shortcuts regardless of how tempting they are. There are good reasons why shortcuts are shortcuts and not regular approved routes. Most likely, these reasons are concerned with safety. Shortcut safety applies around conveyors too. Cross conveyors only by the bridges provided for the purpose or at passages.

A word of caution about loading docks and other elevations. Obviously, the quickest way to get to the floor from an elevator is to fall or jump. But, the safest way is to use appropriate ladders or steps.

At times, it's necessary to restrict admittance to certain areas. The restrictions may be temporary or permanent, but whichever it is, don't enter restricted areas unless authorized to do so. These areas will be posted.

I've tried to cover a few of the more important points of pedestrian safety, but people on the move are exposed to many types of conditions and circumstances. So, remember these basic precautions – stay alert – watch for moving equipment – keep your eyes open for slipping and tripping hazards – stay out of restricted areas – use handrails – and don't jump off loading docks or from elevations. 



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# OSHA Updates

By Bill O'Connor, Gallagher Senior Risk Control Consultant

**What is risk management?** Risk management is trying to control or prevent risks. Trying to prevent harm to reputation, personnel, business, and finances. OSHA has had some changes this year which include heat safety rule change, head protections, Haz communications, and electronic reporting for over 100 employees.

**Heat Safety Rule: It is a commonsense rule.** Employers must beware of the temperature and provide cooling off locations to employees, for example air-conditioned trucks or tents for shade. Employers are also encouraged to rotate out employees and provide heat protection, clothes, or hats. Provided written procedures and verbalize them to your employees regarding hydration and cooling off. It is the responsibility of the employer to make sure employees act responsibly. This is the new area of OSHA will be targeting.

**Head Protection: Thou Shall Wear Head Protection** – hard hats are not a choice. ANSI has revised the hard hat for side impacts which look more like climber or bicycle hats and have a chin strap. As employers, the document that you provide and give verbal and written warnings to your employees regarding wearing hard hats. The old-style hard hats will still work. The only way to protect yourself against unavoidable employee misconduct is to document yourself as an employer. It can be as simple as recording it on the phone.

**PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder): Employees can now file for PTSD.** It was only for first responders now it is for all employees who witness or perceive any traumatic situation. This is related to New York State. It can be for stress only though

it must be extraordinary and is not defined in New York State. In New York, the court must decide. How do we protect ourselves against this? Be in touch with employees. If you see a potential workplace violence possibility, be interactive with employees and stay in touch with employees. If you have to go to court, you should have the best practices documented. This is new this year. PTSD is covered as a workers' compensation claim.

If you are concerned about not managing this type of situation correctly, reach out to Gallagher for assistance. There is also Employment Practice Liability Insurance available to help cover litigation costs if being sued for wrongful termination.

**Fall Protection/Arrest Equipment or Workers' Compensation Exposure** Above the ground by four feet, you must have fall protection or fall arrest equipment such as guard rails or harness. That is an OSHA regulation. If you fall from a box 12 inches above the ground. It is not OSHA regulation. But that person will have a WC claim and a New York labor law claim. What is a NY labor law claim? It allows an employee to sue for pain and suffering. It is the result of the NY Scaffolding Law. So, when we are subcontracted for a job, but if we sign a hold harmless to get paid. If one of our employees is hurt, they are not suing the general contractor, they will end up suing you, their employer. It will then impact on your general liability insurance.

If there is a potential for a fall, what are you doing to prevent? Correct the employee and provide them with the correct equipment.

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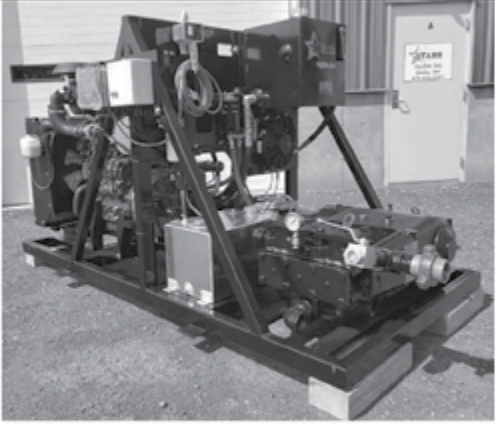
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# Condolence Corner



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Alan Mark Dretel** on March 9, 2025 at his home due to pancreatic cancer. Alan took over his fathers business, **D & S Pump and Supply**, in the early '80's and had since expanded from Maine to eastern Tennessee.

Alan was an avid horseman, active in the equestrian community of the Carolinas as well as a licensed commercial pilot having attained his license in the 1990's.

Alan is survived by his wife Rhonda, his children, David and Aaron Dretel and their families. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on March 12th at the Hilltop Cemetery, Vass, NC. A celebration of life was held in Brewster, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Alan's memory may be made to the **Walthour Moss Foundation**. PO Box 1794, Southern Pines, NC 28388..

He will be deeply missed, as he was an active member of the ESWWDA. 🗨️



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Joseph Stanley Dudek** who passed away suddenly on April 19th, 2025 at the age of 65. Joseph was employed by

**Blake Equipment** out of Greenfield, MA at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, to whom he had been married for 38 years. He is also survived by his three children Jason, Jayme and Megan and their families. Joe is also survived by on brother, John and wife Felicia.

Services were held on Thursday, May 8th at Cheshire Family Funeral Home in Keene, NH, burial was private.

Donations in Joseph's name made be made to then **American Heart Association** at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) 🗨️



The ESWWDA is expressing it's deepest sympathy to the family of **Mary Ann Gerish** who left this earth on April 4th, 2025. Mary Ann was ever present with her husband, **Alfred**, at nearly every ESWWDA function as far back as I can remember.

Mary Ann was active in her community and involved in various activities such as crafting, painting, a cake baker and decorator as well as artistry. She was also a 4-H Club leader and co-founder of the "Clover Buds" for children under 8. She was a loving and giving person and will be missed by many.

Visitation was held on Friday, April 11th at Traub Funeral Home Inc. in Central Square, NY 🗨️

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He began his career as a plumber then later started his own well drilling business, **H.W. Goetz Well Drilling and Water Pumps** in 1969 which he ran for 50 years until he retired.

Bill is survived by his wife Rose, two sons, William and Thomas as well as his daughter Theresa and their families, his step-daughter Missy, 5 grandchildren and one great grandson.

A graveside service will be held at Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Sunset Lake Rd, Liberty, NY 12754 on June 1st at 11am with full military honors.

The ESWWDA expresses its deepest sympathy to Bill's family and friends. 



The ESWWDA wishes to express its sympathies to the family of **Robert J. Liffland** of Pawling, NY. Mr. Liffland passed away on March 13, 2025 at the age of 69.

Visitation was held on March 21st at the Horn & Thomas, Inc. Funeral Home in Pawling, NY. The funeral service took place

on March 22nd at the Pawling Central Baptist Church in Pawling followed by the burial in Pawling Cemetery.



ESWWDA condolences go out to the family of **Charles “Charlie” Nielson** who passed away on April 24, 2025 at the age of 77.

Charlie began his career as the owner of a hardware store in New Paltz and later

transitioned to start **Nielsen Water Systems** which he continued to run for the next 45 years.

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The family received friends at the Copeland-Hammerl Funeral Home in New Paltz on May 2nd from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Funeral services followed on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00am at the Gardiner Reformed Church in Gardiner, NY followed by internment at New Paltz Rural Cemetery.

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Further information is available by contacting the **Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Jim Utter**. 

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## Daniel M. Shultes Scholarship Fund Guidelines

*This scholarship is a one-time award to children of Contractor members in good standing who are attending college in a field of study outside the industry or areas not covered by the Al Mack Scholarship.*

### Awarding of Scholarships

- Preference to be given to children of Full Contractor members
- Preference to be given to students attending minimum of a 2-year program
- Persons may make applications to the scholarship committee only after acceptance at an accredited school.
- Funds may be distributed to more than one person in any one calendar year.
- Application deadline is April 1st of each year.

- Applicants are selected via a blind selection process.
- The number of scholarships and the amount of the scholarship are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and cannot exceed a total of \$1000 per calendar year.
- Scholarship funds are released upon acknowledgment of grades.

For more information contact the scholarship committee or go on our website at **[www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org)** 

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- Manufacturers and Suppliers
- Engineers & Hydrogeologists
- Contractor Associates
- Student Associates

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no later than **August 1, 2025**,  
the next **Hole Talk** deadline.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ESWWDA SUMMER MEETING

**July 11, 2025 (1 day only)**

Hosted by **Flomatic**-Includes  
a factory tour and Barbecue

**15 Pruyn's Island Rd.**

**Glens Falls, NY 12801**

*(see itinerary for details)*

### ESWWDA FALL MEETING

**TBD**

### NGWA GROUNDWATER TRADE SHOW

**December 9-11, 2025**

**New Orleans, LA**

For details go to [NGWA.org](http://NGWA.org)

### ESWWDA ANNUAL MEETING 2026

**January 13-14, 2026**

**Turning Stone Resort and Casino,**  
Verona, NY

Hosted by the **Bates Family**

*Details to follow*

### New England Water Well Expo

**March 13-14, 2026**

**Best Western, Royal Plaza Trade Center**  
Marlborough, MA

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