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## 2026 ESWWDA ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 13-14, 2026

*The 2026 ESWWDA Annual Meeting* will take place **January 13-14** at the **Turning Stone Casino's Shenandoah Clubhouse**, located at 5218 Patrick Rd., Verona, just minutes from NYS Thruway exit 33. The clubhouse is conveniently situated next to the Lodge and Casino, and complimentary shuttle service is provided to transport you between your hotel and the clubhouse.

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Tuesday's agenda features a **Board Meeting** at 7:30 AM, followed by



a **Pump Installer Primer class** (registration and fee required) and industry classes from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. **Pizza** will be served at noon for lunch. Suppliers will be setting up for the trade show during this time, and auction donations may be dropped off anytime in the trade show room on the second floor. Proceeds from the auction benefit projects throughout the year, especially the **Veterans' Program**.

The **Supplier Cocktail Party** and **Trade Show** kicks off at 4:30 PM and continues until 7:30 PM. Afterward,

members are invited to explore the casino, dine at one of the renowned restaurants, or enjoy live music and dinner at **The Gig** (see additional details in *Hole Talk*).

On Wednesday, the **General Membership Meeting** begins at 9:00 AM, featuring officer elections and the much-anticipated drawing for the large raffle. **Someone will win \$10,000!** Guest speakers

include **Joshua Oppenheimer** from **Greenberg Traurig**, **Carrie Friello** from the **NYS DEC** Division of Minerals, and **Beth Guidetti** from the **NYS DEC** Water Well Program and possibly a director from NGWA. *Please see page 2 for the full meeting itinerary.*

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### 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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## Annual Meeting Agenda

January 13-14, 2026

### Tuesday, January 13th

- 7:30 am ESWWDA Board Meeting
- 8:30 am Class Registration
- 9 am – 11 pm **Pump Installer Primer** (Charge for class)
- 11 am **Gene Devine** from **Gallagher** on **Pollution Liability**
- Noon **Pizza** in the Building
- 1 pm – 2 pm **Viqua/Trojan** – UV Lights
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **HAUN Welding**
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Bill O'Conner** from **Gallagher** with OSHA
- 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Supplier Cocktail Party, Trade Show** and **AUCTION!**

### Wednesday, January 14th

- 9:00 am ESWWDA General Membership Meeting  
Guest Speakers: **Government Affairs Update**  
by **Joshua Oppenheimer** from **Greenberg Traurig**,  
**Carrie Friello** from **NYS DEC** Division of Minerals and  
**Beth Guidetti** from **NYS DEC** Water Well Program

**Election of Officers** and **Board of Directors**

**Drawing** for the winners of the large cash raffle. 🗨️

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be at standard rates based upon availability. Make sure to mention **ESWWDA** to obtain the special group rate pricing.

*All activities and meetings will be held in the **Shenandoah Clubhouse** located adjacent to the Lodge.*



**Directions:** Take the New York State Thruway (**Interstate 90**) to **Exit 33** (Verona-Rome). At the exit turn left. At the first traffic light, turn left again. If you can spot the **19-story Tower Hotel at the Turning Stone Casino Resort**, you are headed in the right direction. Follow the signs for directions to different buildings, parking garage and free parking areas. *Valet parking is also available for a minimal fee.*

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## Something to be proud of.

**Well, here we are and it's fall already!** In my last letter, I mentioned that I was waiting for fall to get here. What I meant by that was that by the time fall settled in, I would have made it through the **ESWWDA Fall Meeting**, the summer heat, and the busy workload. Yet as I sit down to write this letter, I can't say I feel any more at ease heading into winter. The same concerns linger in the back of my mind and how to keep up with the workload, what the weather will do, end-of-the-year numbers, and trying to manage the rising cost of materials.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who lets the stresses of work take center stage in their thoughts. This year has certainly been a test for all of us "water whisperers," with the drought leaving folks dry left and right and all that on top of an already heavy workload. My wife often reminds me that we "work to live life, not live to work." I usually fire back with, "Yeah, but the cows need water too!"

Now, getting onto the business end of the stick. **ESWWDA's Fall Meeting** was a success! We had around 75 people in attendance for the drilling demo and lunch. I want to say that without **Merle Hoover** and the crew from **East West Drilling Supply**, the day wouldn't have been nearly as successful as it was. Thank you, Merle, for your partnership and participation.

I also want to thank my crew, the **Root Water Well** family. I couldn't have done it without you. You know who you are so thank you! The **Pioneer Oil Museum** was a perfect backdrop, with old drilling tools displayed in every corner



of every building. Thank you to everyone who came and participated. It really was a great show.

Now, onto some behind-the-scenes news. A few of us from ESWWDA have been in weekly meetings and discussions with DEC and NY-GEO on how to integrate the geothermal drilling industry into our existing water well regulations and laws. There are a lot of moving

parts to this legislation, and it will affect both industries. Our plan is to have a majority of this proposed legislation laid out to present to the membership at our "**Big Beautiful Annual Meeting**" in January. Don't forget that this year's meeting is one week earlier on the calendar! I want to stress that this will only be a proposed revision, and we'll be looking for comments and feedback from the membership. This January's meeting will be an important one to attend, with some very pertinent information being shared.

As we head into the colder months, I hope everyone finds a little time to slow down and take stock of what we've accomplished this year. Even with the challenges from the drought to the long hours, we've continued to show up and get the job done, keeping water flowing for families, farms, and communities. That's something to be proud of. Let's not forget to take a breath now and then, enjoy the season, and maybe even let a few of those to-do lists wait until tomorrow. After all, winter has its way of reminding us to pause and sometimes that's exactly what we need. Stay safe, stay warm, and here's to wrapping up another year strong.

**Chris Root**, ESWWDA President

## ESWWDA Slate of Officers

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Vice President – **Jeremy Baldwin**, MGWC

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– **Richard W. Tompkins**

1-Year Directors – **Zack Bartlett**  
– **Daniel Boyd**

# ESWWDA SUMMER MEETING

## Friday, October 3, 2025

*The fall general membership meeting* was called to order at 3:08 pm in the **Pioneer Oil Museum** in **Bolivar, NY** with 40 people in attendance. President directed **Julie Boyd** to take roll call. Board in attendance either in person or via zoom were:

President: **Chris Root**

Vice President: **Jeremy Baldwin**

Secretary Treasurer: **Chuck Crover**

Directors:

**Zack Barlett**

**William Frey**

**James Utter**

**Bernie Kistner**

**Dave Keough**

**Chris Beatson**

**Dave Root** made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in *Hole Talk*. **Jim Dwyer** seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Charles Crover** stated that he had given the Board a detailed treasurer's report. The business of the association was in good standing. **Dave Root** made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. **Jim Dwyer** seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

President **Chris Root** thanked the membership for attending the meeting and the demo. He has been coming to this museum since he was a little boy, just like he was attending drillers' meetings. At 16 years old he would drive there to pick up casing. This location and now the museum

are very important to him. President **Root** informed the membership that there is a great deal happening with the DEC regarding proposed changes to the regulations regarding revisions and inclusion of the geothermal drilling. We need to continue our working relationship with NY-GEO and the DEC. Copies of the proposed changes have been added to the document center on our website at [www.nywelldriller.org](http://www.nywelldriller.org).

**Communications:** The association received thank you letters from **David Hovancik** and his granddaughter for their well. Copies of the letters will appear in *Hole Talk*.

**Sickness & Health:** It was reported that **David Bruce Tompkins, Richard Tompkins' uncle**, passed away. **Jim Utter** said he had one employee who died in an auto accident this summer and one who was diagnosed with leukemia. It was reported that **David Chugg** was not doing well.

**Insurance & Safety:** **Analisa Bastiani-Jesco** stated that she had two speakers attending the **Annual meeting**. One is **Bill O'Conner** who will be doing **OSHA updates** and **Gene Devine** who will be speaking regarding **pollution liability**.

**Membership:** **Julie Boyd** reported that we have a **total of 287 members**. The year 2025 ended with a total of **163 contractor members** with only 27 unpaid; a total

of **49 supplier/manufacturer members** with only 5 unpaid; and a total of **75 associate members** with only 6 unpaid. Invoicing for the 2026 will occur before November 1st.

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

**Government Affairs:** **Sandra Baldwin** agreed with what **President Root** had stated earlier. If members would like to have some input, please go to the website and review the documents. We will have updates at the **Annual meeting**.

**NEWWA:** **Henry Boyd** reported that the NEWWA Board met the previous Saturday to review the March 2025 expo and begin planning the future **2026 Expo**. A check was given to each state for the amount of \$3500 from the previous show. It was noted that the proceeds are shared between the five states, not seven.

**Budget & Finance:** No report was given. It was announced that a donation to the **Pioneer Oil Museum** would be made by the association.

**Education:** **Henry Boyd** reported that we have not done any additional primer classes since April. We will see what classes are offered at the **Annual meeting**. The demand for the primer classes would increase if there was more enforcement by DEC.

**NGWA:** Anyone attending the **Ground Water Expo** in **New Orleans** who would like to be a delegate should contact **Sue**

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**Bates.** President Root stated that Mike Palleschi is looking at adding educational link to our website from NGWA. This year at the Expo, Joe Testa will be receiving the **Special Recognition Award** for his service to the industry and with the **Veteran's program**.

**WSC:** No report was given.

**Hole Talk:** Deadline for all submissions is November 1st.

**Public Information:** No report was given.

**DOT:** Please follow up that your registrations are all current including updates to the **Federal Motor Carrier System Administration Clearing-house** for drug and alcohol testing for CDL drivers.

**Geothermal:** No report given.

**Veteran Program:** Jim Utter reported

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that there were donations of a water treatment system and a submersible pump to two Veterans. We have no new applications. There was discussion regarding a contract with Veterans, especially regarding water quality and cleanup of the drill site.

**Past Presidents:** No report given.

**Old Business:** There was just a reminder that the **Annual meeting** will be held **January 13-14, 2026**, at the same location.

**New Business:** Regular raffle tickets were sold during lunch by **Josh Hood, Adam Yarrish, and Henry Boyd**. The winner

of \$190 was **Tony Fritz** who donated the monies back to the association. At this time, we drew the names of the two winners and one alternate for the mud school. The winners were **Zack Bartlett** and **Roarke Well Drilling**. **Josh Hood** will be an alternate. **Tickets for the large \$10,000 raffle are still for sale and can be purchased from the website or in person on Tuesday, January 13th.** Just look for the sign! The drawing will be held at the **General Membership meeting** on **January 14, 2026**.

At 4:15 pm **Jim Utter** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Dave Root** seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted by:  
**Julie Boyd** 🗨️

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## November 2025

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PAID	UNPAID
Contractors	163	135	28
Suppliers	49	44	5
Associates	75	69	6
=====			
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>39</b>

*Members in arrears for 2+ years  
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Contractor/Driller ..... \$250

NGWA Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Pump Installer ..... \$250

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Supplier/Manufacturer ..... \$250

NYS DEC Reg # \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Company Member .....\$50

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(Who were self-employed with no employees)

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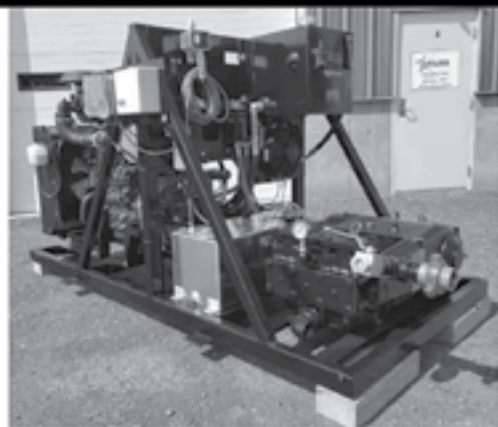
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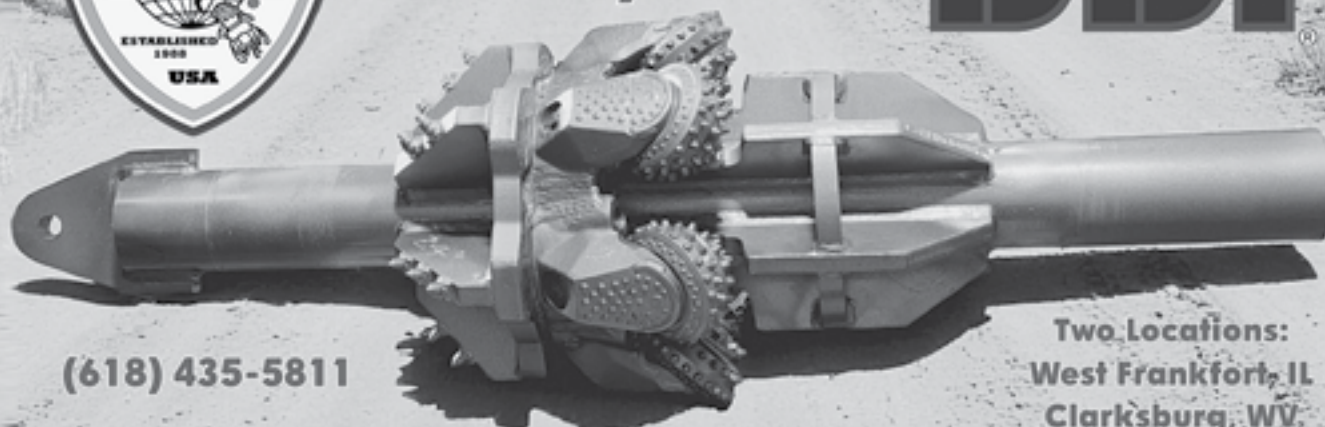


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# Pump Installer Primer Classes

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*At the Annual meeting* of the Empire State Water Well Driller's Association, we will be offering classes.

**Preregistration is required one week in advance and classes must have a minimum attendance or classes will be cancelled. Registration deadline is January 2, 2026.**

The class will cover the Water Systems General and the Pumps under 100 gpm exam for pump installers. **Please note exams are not given on-site. You must schedule the test on your own and in advance.**

Completion of this class and general firsthand experience will enable you to prepare for the required NGWA exams. Licensing for any person operating a drill rig or performing pump work is a DEC requirement.

***Class size will be limited.*** Registration will be \$50 for ESWWDA members and \$80 for non-members. Any member who has already taken any of the primer classes offered in 2002 through 2025 may retake the class for \$40.00. Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card (MasterCard or Visa). Onsite check-in begins at 8:30 am.

Contact Julie Boyd to pre-register at **845-225-3196** or email at **[jewels2564@aol.com](mailto:jewels2564@aol.com)**.



## New York State Environmental Conservation Law ECL §15-1525 requires the following:

- Water well drillers and pump contractors must be registered with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- After a well is drilled, contractors must provide a DEC well completion report to the well owner.
- At least one certified individual must be on site during well construction, pump installation or repair to either.
- Water wells must be constructed in accordance with NYS Department of Health rules and regulations (link leaves DEC website).
- Water well drillers and pump contractors are subject to General Business Law 36-A, which regulates home improvements.
- The NYS Health Department has Fact Sheets on Protection of Water Wells (link leaves DEC website).



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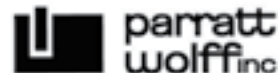


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Having been a part of this military community for over 20 years, I've always known that when one of us faces hardship we come together. But seeing that in action, through your kindness, was something truly special. It's a reminder that we're not alone in our struggles, that there are always people who stand by us, even in our darkest moments.

I am eternally grateful to each of your support. Your actions went beyond the physical labor of digging a well, they showed me the depth of friendship, compassion, and love that exists within our community. I will carry that always.

From the bottom of my heart thank you, **David Hovancik**

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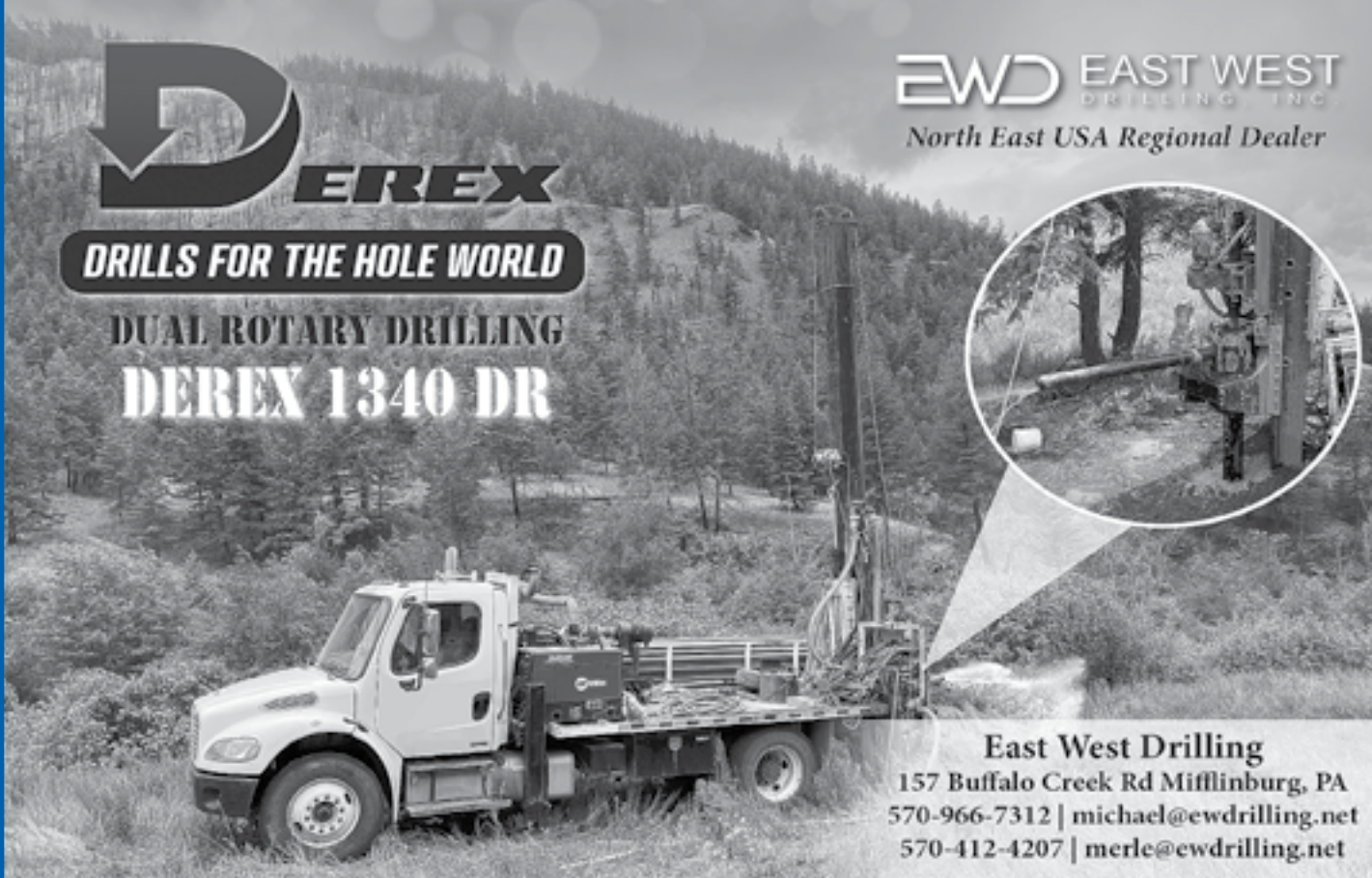
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## Department of Environmental Conservation

# ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NYS DEC

*DEC's Division of Water has released a **Dry Water Well Reporting Form*** that can be completed by drillers, pump installers, or water well owners - which is quite timely given the current drought conditions across much of New York State. While the main purpose of the tool is to better understand and evaluate drought conditions, the information we obtain may also assist in future establishment of funding sources for water well owners, which we all know is needed by many.

### The direct link to the form is:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/69fc089e9aba462bb1d50150336f2eff>

You can also reach the form using links available on the following web pages (scroll down toward the bottom of each page):

### Water Well Contractor Program

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/water-well-contractor-program> This page also contains a lot of great information, forms, and data for water well contractors and well owners!

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Like most things of marvel, we have come to take our hands for granted – except when we get our fingers pinched in a door or between two bowling balls. Then we remember that our hands are not only present but sensitive, too. Unfortunately, we soon forget this experience and start taking them for granted again.

It might surprise you to know that hand injuries account for one-third of the two million disabling on-the-job accidents which occur each year. Most of these hand injuries are caused by pinch points – 80% of them, in fact.

Pinch points have the nasty habit of catching us when we aren't looking, or more appropriately stated, when we're not paying attention. Pinch points can be avoided by being aware of their existence and then taking the proper precautions.

Another precaution to take for hand protection is to wear approved work gloves when handling rough materials and during other operations where your hands are directly involved in the lifting or moving of objects. Still other safety measures include taking time to remove or bend down protruding nails, splinters, and sharp edges on materials you're going to be working with.

Of course, machine guards and the special tools given to you to perform your job should be utilized. When you don't lock out machinery which you have to reach into, or when you remove a guard and don't replace it, you're positively increasing the odds that you'll be injured, and any bet you make against yourself is a poor one.

Hand protection isn't anything new. It's been


considered important for years. In medieval times, knights wore armored gauntlet gloves. Later, the bare-knuckled prizefighters discovered it was easier on both parties involved if their hands were covered when they squared off. And as the game of baseball developed, the fielder's glove evolved from a skimpy piece of leather into something with considerably more padding.

Despite any precautions we may take, our hands are going to receive minor injuries from time to time, and I caution you to be treated for these cuts and scratches, as they can develop into something more serious.

However, a little foresight will go a long way toward keeping the skin on your hands. For instance, if you're moving an object, either on a hand truck or carrying it, make sure the doorways and aisles are wide enough to move through safely before starting the job. Make sure that you have proper hand clearance and be equally cautious when setting down your load.

It's advisable to keep your hands free of grease and oil. Slippery hands can get you into trouble, so if you get grease on them, clean them up right away.

We've probably all joked at some time or another that our troubles began when we put on a wedding band. This could actually be the truth in reference to our jobs. For safety's sake, don't wear rings while you're working. They can very easily catch on machinery and other objects, resulting in a badly cut finger – or worse.

Pulleys and belts form other pinch points and should be covered with guards. If it should become necessary for you to pick up broken glass, nails, or other sharp objects, handle these things with your bare hands. So, a good thing to always keep in mind is that your hands are fearless. They'll go any place they're sent and they'll act only as wisely as the person they belong to. 



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### A. Scholarship Fund

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