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ESWWDA Spring Meeting

April 13, 2019 – Middletown, NY

The spring meeting of the Empire State Water Well Drillers will be held on **Saturday, April 13** in **Middletown, NY**. The General membership meeting will be held at the **Microtel Inn & Suites** starting at 9 a.m. The membership meeting will end by Noon. The first 49 attendees who have preregistered will board a tour bus provided by the Suppliers Division for West Point. Box lunches will be provided on the bus. At West Point we will have a guided tour of the grounds and access to the museum. It is a great tour if you have never been to West Point.

To attend the tour you must preregister by calling **Julie Boyd** at **845-225-3196** before **March 31, 2019**. Julie will need your full name, date of birth and what form of US ID you will be using (*driver's license or passport*). You must have that form of ID on you for the tour.

There will be a **Primer class** covering general drilling, water systems general and pumps under 100 gpm on **Friday, April 12**. The deadline for the class is **April 5th**. Please call **Julie Boyd** at **845-225-3196** to register for the class.

You can make room reservations at the **Microtel Inn & Suites** located at 19 Crystal Run Crossing in Middletown, New York. The room block for double queens at a rate of **\$89.00** per night plus taxes will be available until **March 31**. When you call **845-243-6040** to make reservations, please refer to the **ESWWDA Meeting block**.

See page 2 for the complete meeting itinerary and directions.

Please call 845-243-6040 to make a reservation.

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

2019 Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association

April 12-13, 2019

Friday, April 12, 2019

8:30 am **Registration**

9 am – 1 pm **Primer Class**

(Preregistration required by **April 5, 2019**)

Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 am – Noon **General Membership Meeting**

Noon – 4:30 pm **Trip to West Point** for Grounds Tour and Museum Tour

Pre-registration required for the tour.

*Please call **Julie** with your name, birth date and form of identification.*



Location:

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

19 Crystal Run Crossing
Middletown, NY 10941

845-243-6040



Accommodations:

Double Queen: \$89.00 per night plus tax

Directions from the East:

I-84 West
Exit 4E to NY-17E
Exit 122 County Road
67/Crystal Run Road
Left onto Crystal Run Road
Left onto Crystal Run Crossing

Directions from the West:

I-84 East
Exit 4E for NY-17E
Left onto Crystal Run Road
Left onto Crystal Run Crossing

Directions from I-87 (Thruway)

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The President's Thoughts

Plan to get out before you get in.

I hope the fall was a prosperous time for all of you contractors out there in the water well business.

It hasn't stopped raining in the Lower Hudson Valley, so it's been tough getting around on the jobsites where I try to do business. Perhaps we will have a dry mild winter so we can make up for lost time.

As corporate America seems to consolidate their companies thru acquisitions and takeovers, the stock market declines into a correction or a reality area and the corporate debt is at an all-time high along with the national debt, we are in an eye opening (maybe) scary time.

As many of us are approaching the retirement years, we hope that we are financially prepared to do so. If you want to semi-retire, that changes the image dramatically. If that is the path you are seeking then perhaps new, newer, or rebuilt equipment might be the way to go. As you get older, you don't want to be fixing your rig or support trucks that are old, rusty, or fatigued structurally. It's tough enough to drill the wells without playing mechanic or maintenance man to keep antique equipment. If you plan on selling your business at a later date the equity of that newer equipment that you bought will be greater and easier for a better buyout price than the older fleet of repaired or welded stuff that has a large amount of time on it. With the declining stock market, many retirement portfolios will need years to regain their value. Unfortunately, real estate values are directly related to the markets, and a credit crunch will likely raise its ugly head in the short term. This just doesn't make us as liquid as we all might want to be. Also, the probability of not being able to live the lifestyle that we may want to, and think we deserve, in our retirement years.

The other problem that many drillers run into, which I never had to or will have to, is transferring your business to a family member or partner. The founder thinks the business, real estate, equipment, phone number, etc. is worth "X". The son, daughter, relative, partner thinks it is worth "Y".



The bank often thinks it's worth "Nada" because they don't realize the potential of the company. This can lead to a lot of friction in a family run business between generations or siblings. Financially, this can often be extremely difficult in terms of private lending, like holding the mortgage or "the paper" and it can often make the situation even ugly. It can get even thicker if all of the family is not involved in the business, but will be involved in the inheritance process in time... "Oh Boy, its all

about the money!!" For example, one or two family members buy out Dad's business for \$3 Million, while the other 2 siblings get to split the inheritance with those two, without being in the business. "Why buy the cow, when the milk is free." A good plan for retiring or business sell-out should be established long before this family affair happens. This is only an observation. My Dad was never in business with me and regrettably both my brothers died young and were never involved in the drilling business. Being the only one left, I was on my own since I was twenty years old. I do miss them all.

I have an extremely wealthy friend, he told me "the day you start working for yourself is the day before you should start planning your retirement." It is very hard to discipline yourself to do that, but I think he was right. Had I put \$4000 away for the last 35 plus years, that, with compound interest, I would have a very nice portfolio of several hundreds of thousands of dollars today. No, I didn't listen to him and I didn't invest in that technique, stupid on my part. Maybe I didn't have it every year to invest. Whatever the case was, so be it. I am sure that I am in the seat right next to a lot of you who are reading this dismal editorial. Don't worry, we will all eat, survive, and live to enjoy life. It's a matter of what we *could have done* to make it more comfortable.

This industry is at a crossroads with young people taking over their family businesses. Good financial planning decisions should be well thought out. Your kids might be in it for \$300,000 or \$3,000,000, however, *their kids* might need \$8,000,000 in another 30 years to take over the operation from them. Water well contractors are very crafty in business. Give it some thought of where you want to be in your retirement years, what will you do with your business, equipment, or retirement account? And listen to yourself! You got to where you are today. Follow your instincts, and I guess if all else fails, realize that it's not "all about the money". It is about our accomplishments that we have achieved from being in business.

I wish all of you a prosperous and healthy year ahead. Be safe and have fun. And let's all think spring and let's hope it's a dry one!

President James Wild

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ESWDA Annual Meeting

January 15-16, 2019 - TURNING STONE RESORT | CASINO - SHENANDOAH CLUBHOUSE

President Jim Wild called the *Annual meeting of the Empire State Water Well Drillers Association* to order at 9:09 a.m. on **January 16, 2019** with **85 members in attendance**.

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

Jim Wild, *President*

Tyler Wills, *Vice President*

Charles Crover, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Julie Bullock, *Correspondence Manager*

Dave Rosick, *Director*

Jeremy Baldwin, *Director*

William Frey, *Director*

Rus Turnbull, *Director*

Chris Root, *Director*

Mike Palleschi, *Director*

David Chugg, *Director*

Bernie Kistner, *Director*

Jeff Quinn, *Director*

Dave Keough, *Director*

Ed Bates 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.

The **treasurer's report** had been reviewed by the Board of Directors the previous day and approved.

President Wild thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting. He hoped that we would have a dry winter in 2019.

Communications: The association received a thank you card from **Sherri Gray**. We also received a letter from **Billynn, Inc.** (*who owned Strykersville Hardware*) indicating that the hardware was sold back in April of 2018. They would no longer be renewing their membership and thanked the association for 30 years of support.

Sickness & Health: Please keep **Rikki Chugg** in your prayers. **Terry Colton**, bit salesman, had a heart attack but is doing well. **Skip Sheldon** and **Zane Poppel** from Cotey Chemical passed away. **Norman Anderson** is also back to work.

At this time, **Terry Morse**, CEO of NGWA was welcomed. Mr. Morse gave an overview to the membership of what new has been happening at NGWA since last year. In the last year they have had an increase in membership due to providing more value to the membership with various member perks. Please take time to review the **Well Owner Tool Kits** on line. Members can get literature for their customers. NGWA is attempting to regain its ANSI certification regarding household wells. The NGWA would like to develop a closer relationship with the states. The US has been divided into 6 regions and within those regions NGWA would like to partner with the states on water related issues that meet their criteria. The NGWA has revised the **Safety Manual**, working to renew the **Groundwater Foundation** and signed a Memorandum of Understanding of the **Water System Council** at Groundwater Week. **Henry Boyd** presented **Terry Morse** with a first edition *Ground Water and Wells* book, a map and a magazine.

Jim Wild introduced **Mark Glaser** from Greenberg Traurig, our legal and lobbyist firm. Mr. Glaser talked about the elections and the all-Democratic majority in Albany. He told the membership about the change over regarding the environmental chairs in the NYS Senate and Assembly. The Governor had presented his budget the night before our meeting. There was nothing specific in the budget regarding our industry but we are aware that NYS DEC would like to make some changes. Last year we were aware of some changes and the association had found the language unacceptable. The revised changes which are only proposed do not have funding in the budget at this time. A few of the proposal changes include redefining well drilling activities to include geothermal, abandonment, and pump installation; reminder that written contracts are required; broadening the definition of water well contractor; certified supervisor must be onsite; issuing decals; going to an every 2 year renewal and a rate increase from \$10 to \$300; looking at

continuing education; looking at best procedures for overflowing wells and decommissioning of wells; preliminary notice for pump replacement and a few other items. The Board will be following up with Mr. Glaser regarding these changes. There were several questions for Mr. Glaser from the membership, especially regarding the preliminary notice for pump replacement.

The next guest speaker was the **Arthur J Gallagher** team consisting of **Analisa Bastiani-Jesco**, **Greg Scott**, **Todd Flanigan** and **Dan Hushion**. **Todd Flanigan** spoke first about some changes in NYS Worker's Compensation. NYS Worker's Compensation Board reduced the drillers code by 12% and the pump code by 5%. There would be possible increase in auto due to distracted drivers. There is a program called LENS where companies can get real-time updates on their drivers so they can be more proactive. **Dan Hushion** explained to the membership what goes into determining our rates and the cost multipliers. We can also manage our own compensation by paying attention to our audits since 80% of all audits have mistakes in them. We can look at our multipliers since 50% of them have mistakes. Employers can use "First Aid Claims" which are covered out-of-pocket by the company but paperwork still needs to be filed. As employers, we must look at our hiring and management practices so we are not setting ourselves up for claims. We can require a pre-hire physical. We can require employees to go to our medical providers, as can the insurance company, when there is a suspicious or interesting claim. If you, the employer, are having difficulty, please report to the broker right away and allow them to help negotiate the claims. At this time, Mr. Hushion took questions from the membership on hold-harmless agreements and additional insured. They talked about preventing injuries by tailgate talks and reminding employees that they must report injuries immediately, not days later. Mr. Hushion reminded the membership that they

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should keep track of their commercial payroll separate from residential payroll for audits.

President Jim Wild thanked all of our speakers. At this time we continued with the general membership meeting.

Safety & Insurance: The speaker was in lieu of report.

Membership: **Sue Bates** reported that we had a total **333 members** with a total of 192 paid and 145 unpaid. In 2018 we had 20 new members and so far in 2019 we have had one new member. **The second dues notice will be going in February.**

Scholarship: **David Rosick** reported that the committee had received **Emily Skowfoe's** grade as well as **Bryce Moravec**. The Treasurer reported that checks would be sent to both.

Government Affairs: The lobbyist report was in lieu of report.

NEWWA: **Henry Boyd** reported that the **NEWWA Expo** would be **March 8-9 in Marlborough, MA**. There was a meeting last weekend to set up the classes for the show. There will be plenty of classes and probably limited rigs.

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

Education: **Henry Boyd** reported that we had a very high attendance for all the classes the previous day. The Primer class will be offered one more time this year at the April meeting.

NGWA & WSC: The speaker was in lieu of report.

Hole Talk: **The deadline for the next issue is February 1.** The association thanked **Sue Bates** and **Julie Boyd**.

Public Information: **Sue Bates** asked the membership to review their listing and please notify her or **Julie** with changes.

DOT: **Chuck Crover** told the story of a member company who had been given a ticket for not having NY HUT (Highway Use Tax) stickers on their water tender. They were able to fight the ticket by definition showing exclusion in the Federal Motor Carriers, the Department of Motor Vehicles definition and IRS

2290 form. Drill rigs and their water tenders are exempt.

Accreditation: **Jim Dwyer** thanked those who are participating. **Julie Boyd** reminded members who are participating that their points and affidavits must be sent in with their membership renewal.

Past President: No report given at this time.

Old Business: The **April meeting** will be held at the **Microtel Inn & Suites in Middletown, NY on April 13**. There will be a primer class the day before on Friday. On Saturday there will be a general membership meeting followed by a trip to **West Point**. To go on the tour to West Point, you must **preregister** with **Julie Boyd**. She will need your name; your birth date and what ID (driver's license or passport) you will have with you that day. The **summer meeting is still being planned** as more of just a social event for the membership. Details will be forthcoming soon. The **October meeting** will be in the **Ellicottville area on October 18 and 19**.

New Business: At this time **Jim Dwyer** called up **Daniel Boyd, Tyler Wills, Chris Root, Dave Root, Chuck Crover, Jeremy Baldwin** and **Jeff Quinn** to thank them for assisting him on the Expo committee. He presented each member with a gift.

At this time **President Jim Wild** asked Past President **Tony Ferraioli** to come to the podium and conduct the elections. At this time Mr. Ferraioli presented the **slate of officers who had been approved by the nominating committee**. Mr. Ferraioli placed the name of **Jim Wild** for President. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of **President**. Since

there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was asked to cast one vote carried by the membership. Mr. Ferraioli placed the name of **Tyler Wills** for **Vice President**. He asked if there

were any nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. Since there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was asked to cast one vote carried by the membership. Mr. Ferraioli then placed the name of **Chuck Crover** for **Treasurer**. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. Since there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was asked to cast one vote carried by the membership. At this time Mr. Ferraioli read the slate of **directors** as printed in *Hole Talk*. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the positions of directors. Since there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was asked to cast one vote carried by the membership. Past President Ferraioli closed the elections and handed the gavel back to President Wild. President Wild dismissed the nominating committee and thanked them for their service.

Past President **Tony Ferraioli** and President **Jim Wild** presented **Jeremy Baldwin** and **Joshua Brodsky** with their Master Ground Water Contractor plaques.

Director **Dave Keough** sold the 50/50 raffle tickets to the membership. The winning member was **James**

Utter who won **\$250**.

President Wild asked for a motion to adjourn that was made by **Dave Root** and seconded by **Rus Turnbull**. President Wild adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Bullock, *Correspondence Manager*



MEMBERSHIP REPORT January 2019

New members in the last quarter of 2018 were 2.

CATEGORY	PAID	UNPAID	TOTAL
Contractors	136	62	198
Suppliers/Manufacturers	33	23	56
Associates	54	37	91
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Total Members	223	122	345

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PayPal at www.nywelldriller.org

***NEW MEMBER TOTAL FOR 2018 IS 20**

Welcome New Members

*NEW CONTRACTOR/ PUMP INSTALLER MEMBERS

Shane Wild

Wild Well Pump Services
43 Muddy Kill Lane
Montgomery, NY 12549

John D. Eggan III

J.S. Eggan Construction
11653 State Rte. 46
Booneville, NY 13309

*REJOINS:

Naftali Feldman

Magnificent Pump Service, Inc.
Monsey, NY 10952

Norman Pelak, CWD

Wyo-ben, Inc.
266 Woodside Dr. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

*NEW ASSOCIATES UNDER

Rosick Well Drilling LLC:

Shannon Merrill

Kristy Rosick

Tiffay Cenate

Derek Quakenbush

*NEW ASSOCIATES UNDER

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Edwin Broadway

Erik Tracy

Jeff Drum

Rick Kopac

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Robert Keyser

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ESWWDA & You ... A Smart Alliance

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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Affiliate State Membership Application Empire State Water Well Driller's Association ° Organized 1941

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National Member Yes No

Pump Installer \$125

CWD# _____

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NYS DEC Reg. #: _____

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Dues are NOT Tax Deductible

Mail application to: **Susan Bates, 900 N James Street, Rome, NY 13440** (checks payable to: **ESWWDA**)

Accredited Well Driller/Pump Installer Program

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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A General Drilling and Pump Installer Classes Will Be Offered at the Spring Meeting

Friday, April 12

At the **Spring meeting** of the Empire State Water Well Drillers Association, we will be offering classes.

Pre-registration is required and classes must have a minimum attendance or classes will be cancelled. Registration deadline is April 5th.

The first two hours of the class from 9 am to 11 am will cover general drilling knowledge which will assist individuals in taking the **Drilling General Exam** and some questions on the **General Water Systems Exam**. The second two hours of the class (11 am to 1 pm) will cover more of the **Water Systems General** and the **Pumps under 100 gpm exam** for pump installers.

Completion of this class and general hands-on experience should enable you to prepare for the required NGWA exams. Certification for any person operating a drill rig or performing pump work is a DEC requirement.

Class size will be limited. **Registration will be \$75 for ESWWDA members and \$175 for non-members.** Any member, who has already taken any of these classes offered in 2002 through 2018, may **retake these classes for \$40.** Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card (MasterCard or Visa).

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

This week two bills were introduced **Assembly 1194** (Jaffee) and **Senate 1845** (Hoyer). The bills are an act to amend the public health law and the real property law in relation to enacting the water well education act. These bills would require the Department of Health to prepare educational materials on the importance of ensuring that private well water meets the state standards. The literature must be given to prospective homeowners by real estate agents and home inspectors.

Our lobbyists have prepared a memorandum of support in regard to these bills on behalf of ESWWDA. We have also advocated for flow testing to be included in this bill as well as testing by a **Certified Well Driller/Pump Installer**. We have supported similar legislation in the past. We have come a long way since the original Jaffee bill. We are expecting a busy year legislatively and we will be fighting hard to bring closure to issues we have been working on for 20 years. If you have any questions at all you can contact me at jncbldwn@aol.com.

I know we are all looking forward to spring and a productive 2019.

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Respectfully submitted,

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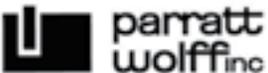


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Great emphasis has to be placed on the safe operation of machine tools.

To eliminate unsafe practices, follow these rules:

- Operation, adjustment, and repair of any machine tool must be restricted to experienced and trained personnel or apprentices under close supervision.
- Safe work procedures must be established, and short cuts and chance-taking prohibited.
- Supervisors must be responsible for the enforcement of safe operation and work procedures.
- New equipment should be inspected and safety innovations made before using the equipment.
- The best way to assure safe operation is to plan ahead.

Maintenance personnel and repairmen should comply with this four-point policy. Maintenance

or repair should only be permitted after a machine's disconnect switch has been shut off, locked in the "off" position, and tagged.

If equipment were kept in top shape and operated correctly, injuries from machine tools would be rare.

The following general rules apply to the safe operation of any machine tool:

- Machine tools should never be left running unattended.
- Don't wear jewelry or loose-fitting clothing, especially loose sleeves and cuffs or shirts or jackets, and neckties.
- You should wear eye protection, as should others in the area (such as inspectors, stock handlers, and supervisors).
- Throwing refuse or spitting in the machine tool coolant should not be allowed – such actions foul the coolant and may spread disease.
- Manual adjusting and gauging of work should not be permitted while the machine is running.
- Use brushes, vacuum equipment, or special tools for removing chips.
- Use the proper hand tools.

Good housekeeping also contributes to safe operation. Good habits of maintaining a ship-shape work area can carry over to establish good habits in machine operation, with resulting prevention of accidents.

One of the major causes of eye accidents on all machine tools, and especially on drilling equipment, is indiscriminate use of high pressure compressed air to blow chips from machines or workers' clothing.

It is much safer and just as practicable in most cases to remove the air line and provide each machine with a brush for the removal of chips.

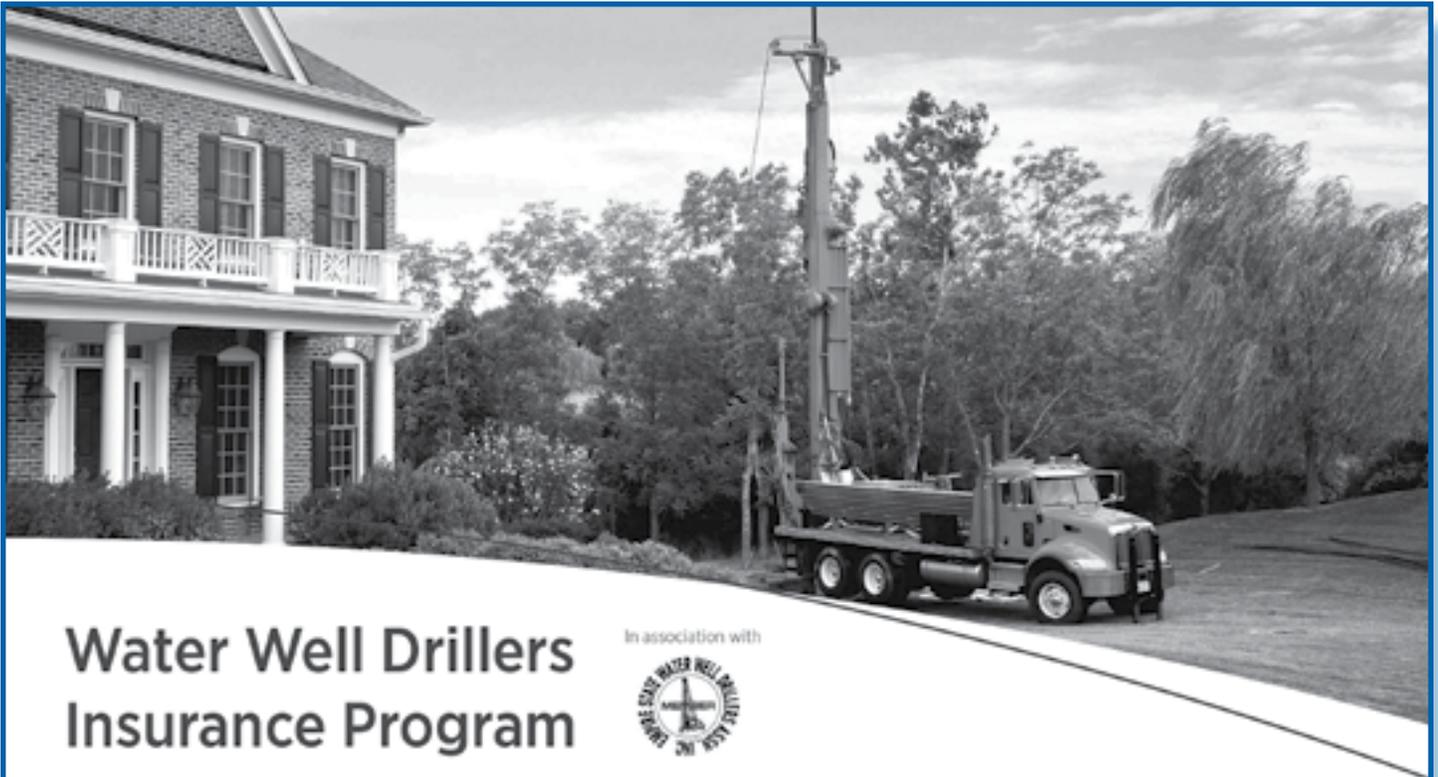
Do not use compressed air to blow dust or dirt off your clothing or out of your hair. Damage to ears and eyes is likely to occur. This practice should be stopped, and brushes or vacuum equipment provided for this purpose.

Your safety depends largely upon following established safe work procedures, and wearing the right kind of protective clothing.

Obviously, you should wear eye protection. Without some effort to confine or control the chips and coils removed from the stock being machined, there is no way for you to determine or control the direction of flight of these particles.

Closely fitting clothing is of vital importance to your safety. Many serious injuries and fatalities have resulted when neckties, loose shirt sleeves, or other clothing were caught in a belt and pulley, between gears, in a revolving shaft, or in the revolving work being held in the chuck.





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What sets Goulds Water Technology Factory School training apart?

- Students learn product applications, markets, troubleshooting and system components.
- Sessions are taught by full-time instructors and marketing staff. Participants spend most of their time enhancing their learning experience in the lab.
- Located in historic Seneca Falls, NY, USA, within 45 minutes of Hancock Airport (Syracuse, NY).

Facilities include:

- Classroom style seating for 30 students.
- Interactive lab setting with working demonstrations of pumps and controls provide installation and troubleshooting experience.
- Use of digital multimeters for hands-on troubleshooting and diagnostics.
- Most classes also include a tour of the Goulds Water Technology manufacturing facility in Auburn, NY.

Class Descriptions

WATER SYSTEMS

Residential Water System Product Application and Troubleshooting School

The Water Systems class covers all Goulds Water Technology water system pumps and accessories, including submersible pumps, shallow and deep well jet pumps, electrical accessories, fittings, tanks and residential drives. During the three-day class, attendees will receive instruction regarding the sizing, applications and features/benefits of each product, as well as interactive training in the lab, including setup, installation and troubleshooting. The Water Systems class also includes a plant tour of our manufacturing facility in Auburn, NY, as well as a plant tour of our Aquavar Solo² Variable Frequency Drive vendor Emcom, also in Auburn.

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DRIVES - COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

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Each attendee will learn how to select and size the proper pump for the application. In addition, attendees will gain valuable experience regarding installation, set-up and troubleshooting of wastewater pumps and panels.

2019 Class Schedule

WATER SYSTEMS	March 4-7
DRIVES (COMMERCIAL)	March 18-21
WASTEWATER	April 1-4
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	April 8-11
WATER SYSTEMS	April 29 - May 2
BOOSTER PACKAGES	May 13-16
WASTEWATER	August 12-15

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BOOSTER PACKAGES	August 26-29
WATER SYSTEMS	September 16-19
DRIVES (COMMERCIAL)	September 30 - October 3
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Continued prayers and well wishes for **Rikki Bruckman Chugg.**

Condolences

The ESWWDA wishes to express its deepest sympathies to the family of **Elwyn "Skip" Sheldon** who passed away on **December 10, 2018** at home in Richfield Springs, following a long illness.



Skip retired from the well drilling business in 1995 and was also a heavy equipment mechanic and union contractor with Local 1249 IBEW. He is survived by his wife Barbara and his children.



We'd also like to acknowledge the passing of **Zane Poppel** of Cotey Chemical who passed suddenly on **November 22, 2018.**

Services were held in Jesup, GA on November 25th.

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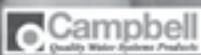
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- Drilling Contractors
- Water System Installers
- Manufacturers and Suppliers
- Engineers & Hydrogeologists
- Contractor Associates
- Student Associates

Send us your events!

To place an item in this calendar, or to submit an article or advertisement, please email julie@nywelldriller.org or sue@nywelldriller.org no later than **May 1, 2019**, the next **Hole Talk** deadline.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4-5, 2019

NGWA Groundwater Fly-In and Congressional Summit
Washington, DC
www.ngwa.org

March 8-9, 2019

New England Expo
Marlborough, MA
www.newwassociation.org
for details

April 2-4, 2019

WSC Spring meeting and Congressional Fly-In
www.wsc.org for details

April 13, 2019

ESWWDA Spring meeting
Microtel Inn & Suites,
Middletown, NY
For reservations call **845-243-6040**, room block available until **March 31st @ \$89.00**
Hosted by Chuck Crover and Jim Wild

A pump primer class will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019
Contact **Julie** to pre-register
845-225-3196

West Point Tour on Saturday afternoon, contact **Julie
845-225-3196**

July 2019

ESWWDA Summer meeting and recreational eve
Dates and site to be determined
(mid-state region)

October 18-19, 2019

ESWWDA Fall meeting
Ellicottville area
Hosted by Willey Well Drilling

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