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Chapter Happenings

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President's Message:

***Louis Martirano – APWA New York Metro Chapter
President***

Dear Members:

First and foremost I wish to thank the membership for selecting me as the 2014 Chapter President and for your support throughout the year. As you can see, after an absence of several years, we are re-activating our Chapter Newsletter.

We anticipate publishing at least two Newsletters annually and more depending on participation. The Chapter Executive Board and Committees will provide base information on what is “happening” within the Chapter. We will also look to individual members for input as to what is happening not only in local municipalities, but with our vendor members as well. These “happenings” may consist of branch, local government or vendor items, new hiring and retirements as well as projects of local and regional significance. We would also welcome local photographs from the past which document significant events which have occurred.

Our vendor members are usually first to receive information about new equipment standards and regulations and we ask that they continue to pass these items along to us.

Jim Maxwell, Chapter Secretary in 2015 will compile all items submitted and prepare the Newsletter.

Best wishes to the newly elected Executive Board in 2015 and Happy Holidays.

Lou

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**2015 Chapter
Officers/Directors**

President

Thomas J. Rini
Superintendent of Public Works
Village of Mineola

Vice President

Stephen F. Munno
Senior Administrative Assistant
Town of Orangetown Highway
Department

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Village of Garden City

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Garden City
Domenick Stanco, Village of Garden City

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Chapter Delegate

David O'Brien
Village of Garden City (Retired)

APWA Region II

Director

Harry L. Weed, PWLF
Village of Rockville Center

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For Branch Leadership and Committee
Information

**Equipment and Products Show
May 20, 2015
Sponsored by Long Island
Branch**

Items for Publication may be submitted
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2014

Another Successful Equipment and Products Show

Our 25th Annual Equipment and Products Show was another great success. Held at the Town of Orangetown Highway Department on Route 303, in Rockland County, our host Superintendent of Highways Jim Dean again provided a superb venue for vendors to display and demonstrate their various equipment, product and service lines.

The show kicked off beginning at 8:30 AM with registration and breakfast. At 9:00 AM a 1 hour training session on Stormwater Management was provided by Jim Maxwell, SENY Branch President and an APWA Certified Stormwater Manager. The session provided insight on Illicit Discharge Detection and Good Housekeeping Program requirements. A total of 30 municipal staff from 8 public works agencies attended the session.

Chapter President Lou Martirano opened the Show at 10:00 AM with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Brad Patterson from APWA National Headquarters spoke at the stormwater training session as well as the program portion of the show on the variety of membership opportunities available. Proclamations, awards and comments were presented prior to lunch being served.

New this year at the SENY Branch Show was a Vendor Award for the Best Display. The Award was named in honor of Jim Dean, Superintendent of Highways, Town of Orangetown who has hosted the show in the SENY Branch area for a number of years and was Chapter President in 1996. The Award for Best Display was presented Trius. Special thanks to Jeff Coleman, P.E., Peter Sciliano and Jim Statini for their time and effort in inspecting all the displays and making the selection for the award winner.

A total of 51 vendors were represented at the Show with approximately 300 individuals in attendance. The Show raised over \$16,000 for the Chapters Scholarship, Training and Education and Operating Programs.

A Special Thanks goes to Stephen Munno, the Show Committee Chair, Executive Board and branch members for making the day a success.

2014
Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

This year's General Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner was held on November 13, 2014, at the New Hyde Park Inn on Jericho Turnpike in New Hyde Park, New York. Master of Ceremonies was Dominick Longobardi, Immediate Past President of our Chapter. President Lou Martirano lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President James Dean read the Invocation. Dominick introduced the Officers from the Long Island and Southeast Branches as well as elected officials and guests present. The meeting was attended by more than 100 members and guests.

Outgoing President Louis Martirano from the Town of Mamaroneck presided over the business meeting and spoke about the Chapter's successes during the past year as well as the need to increase the Chapter's status as a source for education and training, not only for our membership but for local public works organizations throughout the Chapter's 14 County's. Changes to the Chapter Scholarship Program now provides for the Branches selecting recipients in their respective counties with additional funds provided to each Branch by the Chapter. Lou thanked the membership for their support.

Following the business meeting, Edward Gottko, P.E., Past President of APWA swore in the Chapter Officers. Ed thanked both the past and present officers for stepping up and for the countless hours spent in support of our public works profession.

President- elect Thomas J. Rini was sworn in by Mayor Scott P. Strauss from the Village of Mineola. Mayor Strauss spoke of Tom's dedication to the Village of Mineola and offered his full support to Tom during his term as Chapter President.

Tom thanked the membership for electing him the 2015 New York Metro Chapter President. Tom spoke about the challenges our profession is facing and the need to continue doing our jobs with the same level of efficiency but with reduced funding and staff. Training of Public Works staff in areas such as Stormwater, Snow and Ice Control and Emergency Response are areas where the Chapter can assist our Public Works colleagues in order to do their jobs more efficiently and effectively.

Setting aside the technicalities of our profession for a moment, Tom expressed his thoughts on members of the Public Works profession giving back to the community and especially to those less fortunate. One such way to do this included the collection of toys and donations for the Wounded Warrior Program at annual holiday parties.

Harry Weed, Region II Director spoke briefly about some of the issues facing our National organization and thanked the newly elected officers for their hard work in moving the Chapter forward.

In closing, both Tom and Dominick spoke of the tremendous amount of support provided to the Chapter by our vendors. Without the time and expertise brought to the Chapter in support of our programs by the vendors, we could not exist in today's constantly changing environment. Dominick thanked everyone for attending.

Calendar of Conferences, Training and Other Events

Date	Event	Sponsor	Information
April 12-15, 2015	APWA North American Snow Conference Grand Rapids, Michigan	APWA Michigan Chapter	APWA Webpage http://www.apwa.net/snow
Wednesday May 20, 2015	Chapter Equipment and Products Show	APWA NY Metro Chapter Long Island Branch	Chapter Webpage http://newyorkmetro.apwa.net/
May 17-23, 2015	National Public Works Week	APWA National	APWA Webpage http://www.apwa.net
August 30 – September 2, 2015	APWA Congress and Exposition Phoenix, Arizona	APWA National	APWA Webpage http://www.apwa.net

Photo Gallery 2014 Equipment Show



2014 Equipment Show Stormwater Training Session



2014 Equipment Show Overview



2014 Equipment Show (L-R Skip Vezzetti, Rockland County Highway Superintendent, Brad Patterson APWA National and Stephen Munno, Chapter Secretary



Presentations by Chapter President Lou Martirano

Photo Gallery 2014 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner



Tom Rini is sworn in as President by Mayor Strauss



Officers are sworn in by Past APWA President Ed Gottko



President Lou Martirano conducts the Business Meeting



Region II Director Harry Weed and Past APWA President Ed Gottko



**George A Jacob Award Winner Patrice Grosskopf
Clerk, Water and Sewer Division, Village of Mineola**



**Master of Ceremonies Dominick Longobardi
Closes the Program**

This Year's Award Recipients Were As Follows

Floyd F. Wilcox Award

Daniel Acosta, Labor Supervisor, Sanitation Division, Village of Mineola
Craig Bandini, P.E., Village of Garden City
James Michael Dillon, HMS1, Town of Orangetown Highway Department
Mark A. Deodato, Supervisor, Sanitation Division, Village of Mineola
Sean E. McCrave, MEO, Highway Division, Village of Mineola
Leonard M. Palumbo, Deputy Superintendent Public Works Village of Mineola
Michael Palumbo, MEO, Highway Division, Village of Mineola

George A. Jacob Award

Patrice Grosskopf, Clerk, Water and Sewer Division, Village of Mineola
Stephen F. Munno, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Town of Orangetown Highway Department

Franklin D. Roosevelt Elected Official of the Year

Francis X. Murray, Mayor, Village of Rockville Centre

2015 Long Island Branch Executive Board

President Dominick Longobardi, Town of Hempstead
Vice President Frank Koch, P.E. Village of Garden City
Secretary Thomas McAleer, Village of Valley Stream
Treasurer David O'Brien, Village of Garden City (Retired)
Branch Director Michael Banta, Village of Garden City
Branch Director Kevin Conklin, Village of East Rockaway

2015 Southeast New York Branch Executive Board

President Jeffrey Coleman, P.E., Town of Cortlandt
Vice President Joseph Moran, P.E., Town of Orangetown
Secretary Stephen Munno, Town of Orangetown
Treasurer Larry Brissing, Town of Stony Point
Branch Director James Statini, County of Westchester
Branch Director Michal Nowak, Village of Rye Brook