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The Virginia Water Well Association was established in June, 1949. The purposes, as set forth in the Association’s original Constitution, are as relevant today as they were in 1949:

• To advance the mutual interests of those engaged in the water well industry in their own and the public welfare.
• To develop and protect the underground water supplies of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the water well drilling industry within the Commonwealth.
• To foster, and promote scientific education, standards, research, and techniques in order to improve the methods of drilling.
• To promote and encourage harmony and cooperation between the members and governmental agencies relative to the proper protection of the underground water supplies of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Don’t miss the South Atlantic Jubilee!

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This year’s conference began with a steady stream of pre-registrants eager to pick up their badges and plan out their day. With Aqua Flow’s support, registration was smooth with colorful agendas which included class schedules and hotel mapping for efficient transitioning. The classes started out strong which included understanding the basics of geology and groundwater all over Virginia to the proposed regulations in the groundwater management and expansion area in addition to the necessary pump trouble-shooting and variable grout applications to keep the participants abreast of the water well industry standards. While the morning classes were in play, the exhibitors were setting up their booths and getting ready for the energized mingling shortly after classes let out. Coffee and tea aided the morning energy in the exhibit hall supplied in part by Boshart Industries and Baroid Industrial Drilling Products each morning. A two hour break split up the classes and in between making deals with the exhibitors and getting a little walk, lunch was served. The first day was a new menu which surprised the hungry attendees as they picked through the flour tortillas, spicy chicken and onions or baked chicken with beans. Mixed reviews seem to run about as some enjoyed a change and others were concerned of the quality of air space in the afternoon classes. The hotel’s central air must have been operating wonderfully for everyone was able to attend the afternoon classes without major complications.

Wednesday evening was the night of the first ever VWWA Jam Session in the James River Foyer. Immediately following the close of the exhibit hall that day, drinks were made available at the Franklin Electric cash bar. As the caps were popped off of the long necks and ice was clanking around the glass beverages being consumed, intermittent music was heard as the band set up and were warming up to jam. Within thirty minutes the band was rolling belting out classics with the help of bongo drums, electric guitars, violin, harmonica, and spoons. The evening was a hit with over forty people enjoying the soft acoustical sounds flowing through the foyer. True to its title, the four hours of music was a complete jam session as musicians from the VWWA board of directors, Virginia Department of Health, Department of Environmental Quality and Ferguson Enterprises all collaborated and jammed the night away.
Thursday continued with courses available for vocational and continual education credits introducing a few new courses such as, 811 – Understanding Miss Utility and borehole camera techniques for addressing water quality. A couple of classes were repeated from the previous day to offer more opportunity to sit in on classes missed, in addition to a filtration course and insurance information. During the break a southern lunch was served consisting of fried chicken, greens and all of the necessary sides. The VWWA booth was also raffling off a new I-PAD and selling their one-of-a-kind ‘Virginia is for Well Driller’s’ black t-shirts at their booth until the trade show closed and preparations began for the auction and dinner that evening. Classes continued until after five which created a short break until the banquet hall opened up for dinner.

Guests funneled in and took advantage of the last minute raffle sales and purchased their bingo cards at the reception table as they made their way to finding their seats. Tables were aligned around the walls of the hall, displaying the auction items graciously donated by manufacturers, contractors, engineers, and private persons. The jam session band was set up with a screen for optimal view to the audience and they played a few songs while the Atlas Copco dinner and drinks were consumed.

After dinner, the prestigious Calvin Norris award which honors a long standing VWWA member whom demonstrates a passion and excellence in their service to the water well industry was awarded to Taylor Scott Bruce, of the Department of Environmental Quality. Scott Bruce has served the VWWA with extreme dedication through educating the membership during demonstration days and courses held at the winter conferences each year for a number of years. He is a great candidate and the Virginia Water Well Association is honored to bestow upon Mr. Bruce, the award which remembers the excellent service and character of Mr. Calvin Norris.

The auction and bingo games finished out the evening bringing in over $11,000 which will go to help cover some of the conference costs in the general fund. After the last item was auctioned off, the evening winded down and everyone prepared for the early morning breakfast and meeting before the last class on Friday.

Thanks for coming and see you again next year!
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Everything you need to know in order to secure a Bond Account in today’s marketplace

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MISSION COMPLETE!

With the support of Charles Falwell and the donations that the Jam Session Band acquired Wednesday night; over $575 were raised for the VWWA!!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who enjoyed the Jam Session with us and enabled us to see Wayne turn his beard to Red, White, and Blue!!

THANK YOU to Franklin Electric for sponsoring the impromptu cash bar!

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.
-Albert Einstein

VA Groundwater Expansion Area Proposed Regulations: 9VAC2.5-600 & 9VAC2.5-610

UPDATE!

The regulations are on the agenda to be voted on in the June 2013 board meeting. DEQ is expected to hear from the governor’s office later in the summer.
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