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Perspective:

Message from the GLT

We're adding messages from the Global Leadership Team to this and future issues of Of Mutual Interest. This month's message is from President **Mark Lasswell**.



Mark Lasswell

I've been traveling across the country a lot lately, meeting with our clients, connecting with industrial and municipal leaders, and visiting with some of you. And thanks to you, the innovative associates of CH2M HILL OMI, you're giving me a lot to talk about!

Just look at this issue of *Of Mutual Interest*. Our people are winning top awards, we're renewing contracts, and we're making a tremendous difference in the communities we serve through our great volunteer work. Behind the scenes, our associates are working hard to secure innovative new municipal services projects, strengthen our recruiting programs and so much more. Your work helped us deliver solid results for the first half of the year, and I believe we're well-positioned to have a strong 2007 overall.

What can you do to keep our momentum moving forward? Quite simply, keep up the great work you're doing and keep living the vision, mission and values of our company. That means embracing collaboration where you can across the enterprise, incorporating the principles of Everyday Excellence to ensure we're giving our clients the best work and best results possible, and maintaining our no-compromise focus on safety. Let us know when and where we can be doing better—whether that's using a tool like the E³ Helpline/GuideLine, sharing an idea with a colleague or talking with your manager.

Each one of you is so important to our company's ongoing success. Thanks for the excellent work you do every day to make CH2M HILL OMI the industry's best partner of choice and to make us all proud.

Mark

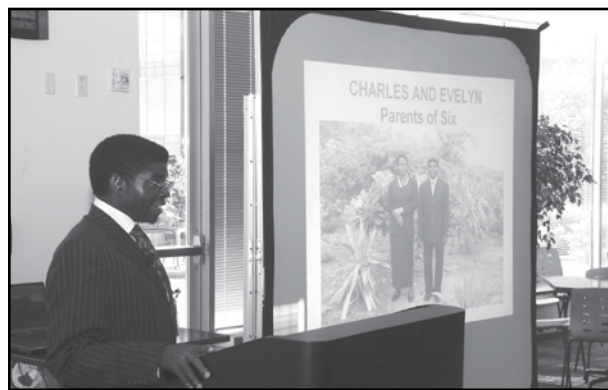
Supporting Water for People

Pancakes with purpose

The Denver campus hosted a pancake breakfast in May and raised approximately \$600 to support Water For People, a nonprofit group that brings sustainable drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene education programs to the most impoverished people worldwide.

CH2M HILL OMI Senior Vice President, Business Development & Planning **Gary Miller** and CH2M HILL Water Business Group President **Tom Searle** kicked off the breakfast with some eye-opening information about the state of drinking water around the world.

"While you and I may take clean water for granted, one in six people on the planet do not have access to clean drinking water," says Tom.



Water For People Ware Fellow Charles Banda shares information about his family at the breakfast.

Charles Banda, Executive Director of Malawi Freshwater Project, spoke next. Working with the Freshwater Project, Water For People is helping to deliver clean water in his home country, the Republic of Malawi, a landlocked nation in southern Africa bordered by Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania and Lake Malawi. With an average per capita income of just \$600, Malawi ranks among the world's poorest and least developed nations.

As Charles explained the serious water situation in Malawi throughout his presentation, three words stood out: "Water equals life."

"Children are drinking from streams where animals are washed," Charles says.

Most women in Malawi walk more than three miles each day to get drinking water and walk the long distance only to collect and bring back water plagued with bacteria and viruses.

Unfortunately, the Central Intelligence Agency has classified the risk of disease in Malawi as very high. The most common diseases are waterborne, such as bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, schistosomiasis and typhoid fever. All of these diseases could be prevented if drinking water is properly sanitized.

Working with Water For People, the long-term goal is to serve 40,000 people per year in Malawi by creating access to clean water as well as sanitation and hygiene education by the year 2011.

Many of the Water For People projects are low in cost, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Even though that's a small amount, the money changes and saves lives by helping to create community hand pumps, school hand washing stations, gravity fed water systems, household latrines and health and hygiene education programs.

Projects are contracted through local means, working hand-in-hand with people in the community and using local materials so when the project is complete, citizens can be proud they played a major role.

CH2M HILL has been a Water For People corporate partner since 1991. In 2003, CH2M HILL became the first company to introduce an online giving option to make it even easier to donate. Read more about this year's donation campaign in the story at the bottom of this page.



If you'd like to help, you can donate online at www.waterforpeople.org.



CH2M HILL OMI associates gather with the Ware Fellows after the breakfast. The Water For People Ware Fellowship program brings water and sanitation professionals from developing countries to the U.S. for three months of intensive study on water and sanitation practices. The knowledge they learn then benefits programs and projects in their home countries.

A shower of applause!



Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who participated in the Water For People Giving Campaign.

CH2M HILL set enterprise goals of raising \$60,000 and having 75 offices participate. Thanks to the great support of our associates and everyone across the CH2M HILL enterprise, we raised more than \$92,000 this year! Nearly 80 offices participated in locations as diverse as Denver; Johns Creek, Ga.; Key West, Fla.; Hood River, Ore.; and Duncan, Okla.

Together with cash and in-kind contributions, the company and its employees committed more than \$125,000 to advance Water For People's work and support its 2007 fundraising campaign.

Different locations held different events to raise money. Charles Banda, a Ware Fellow from Malawi, spoke at a pancake breakfast fundraiser in Denver. Read more about what he had to say and the Water For People Ware Fellowship Program in the story on this page. The CH2M HILL office in Phoenix held a volleyball tournament with five companies participating. Other events across the enterprise included a silent auction, book fair and bowling tournament.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Twin Falls associate wins Operator of the Year award



Shawn Moffitt

Twin Falls IPP/Biosolids Coordinator **Shawn Moffitt** received the Idaho Operator of the Year award at the annual Idaho Wastewater Conference, which was held in Boise, Idaho, May 20-23.

"I'm extremely proud of Shawn and knew it was just a matter of time before he won this award for his hard work and dedication to the profession," says Twin Falls Project Manager **John Keady**.

The award is presented to one wastewater operator in each of the three Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association states for outstanding performance and professionalism. Recipients receive a plaque and free registration for the annual PNCWA Conference, which will be held in Vancouver, Wash., later this year. Recipients also are automatically nominated for the prestigious Hatfield Award the following year. This award is presented to one wastewater operator in the entire PNCWA for outstanding performance and professionalism.

"Shawn is an active member of the PNCWA, past vice president and president of the local operators section, the project safety team leader, and is very active in water and wastewater operator education at the local college just to name a few of his many accomplishments," says John. "I'm very happy for Shawn and will be pushing for him to win the next level award."



Computer reminders

Here are some helpful computer reminders:

If you're using an OMI domain account (i.e., you choose **OMI** instead of **ch2mhill** when you log on to your computer), call TAC (866.DIAL.TAC) and request to switch your account.

Here are the benefits:

- Your address information in the Global Address List and Virtual Office will be synced and accurate.
- It could reduce file and e-mail distribution list issues.
- You will not be in danger of losing any e-mail during this transition.

Please don't share your computer username and password with anyone—this is against corporate IT policy. Everyone should be using his/her own network account.

If you're using a project e-mail account to receive e-mail (for example, OMI/Georgetown), call TAC to get your personal network account information.

Fayetteville associate wins lab awards



Fayetteville associate **Bruce Richart** accepts one of his awards from **Jane Hurlley**, a representative of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Fayetteville Laboratory Director **Bruce Richart** received two individual awards at the Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association conference, which was held in Hot Springs, Ark., April 29 - May 2.

For Bruce's outstanding performance, professionalism and contribution to the water quality analysis profession, he received the Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award from the Water Environment Federation.

Bruce also received the Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award from the Arkansas Water Environment Association for his dedication and outstanding achievement in promoting laboratory awareness.

"I am very proud of Bruce and his accomplishments," says Fayetteville Project Manager **Duyen Tran**. "He is an active member of the AWEA and has given several presentations at state and EPA conferences. He deserves these prestigious awards and we are very happy for him."

Roseburg wins Plant of the Year award

Roseburg, Ore., was awarded the Umpqua Basin Operators Section Plant of the Year award in June.

"This award is another reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Roseburg team. It is a privilege to be able to work with such an outstanding group of people," says Roseburg Project Manager **Steve Witbeck**.

"The Roseburg team continues to do a tremendous job for the Roseburg Urban Sanitation Authority client, and receiving this award from their wastewater section and peers exemplifies their overall commitment to the wastewater field," adds Regional Director of Operations **Gary Young**.

The award was presented at the June 12 UBOS meeting. UBOS is the local section of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association, which is part of the Water Environment Federation.

Sitting only 500 feet above sea level, Roseburg is known for its remarkable low wind velocity and the versatility to climb a mountain, raft a river or catch a salmon—all within the same town.



Lead Operator **Randy Turner** (left) and Operator **John Lakey** display Roseburg's Plant of the Year award.



A view of Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority's wastewater treatment plant.

Prescott Valley takes 4 awards



The Prescott Valley Distribution & Collections team.

Prescott Valley racked up four awards at the Arizona Water & Pollution Control Association Annual Conference in Mesa, Ariz., in May:

- Water System of the Year Award (less than 50,000 population category).
- Collections Supervisor **Juan Mancha** was honored as the Supervisor of the Year (less than 50,000 population category).
- Safety Letter of Commendation in Combined Water Distribution System & Water Treatment.
- Safety Award of Merit in Combined Wastewater Collection Systems & Treatment.

"This is an incredible achievement and a result of the hard work and dedication of the entire Prescott Valley water team," says Project Director **John Bowman**. "We took on the water systems scope in 2004 under very difficult conditions, and now to have been recognized twice for operations excellence is directly related to the commitment of the entire project team."

This is the second time in three years that Prescott Valley has been honored by the AWPCA. The first time was in 2005, just one year after CH2M HILL OMI started providing service for the water system.

Sitting only 55 miles from the exact geographical center of the state of Arizona, Prescott Valley provides a home to more than 35,000 people at the epicenter of a booming tri-city economy.

RENEWALS AND NEW BIZ

Fort Mojave renews for 20 years

CH2M HILL OMI has signed a non-competitive, 20-year operations and management contract with the Fort Mojave Tribal Utilities Authority retroactive to Jan. 1, 2007.

The contract, valued at \$2.4 million the first year, is the first time the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe has signed a long-term agreement of this value.

“It is an example of our dedication, perseverance and commitment to the tribe, coupled with the knowledge and resources of the enterprise,” says Fort Mojave Project Manager **Julia Dickerson**.

CH2M HILL OMI has operated and maintained the FMTUA for the past 17 years, providing water and wastewater services on and off the reservation in California, Arizona and Nevada. The company also provides meter reading, billing, revenue collection and financial administration.

“The team continues to amaze me daily. I am honored to be a member of this incredible project,” says Julia.

In the past 14 months, the utility has added a Pall microfiltration facility at the wastewater treatment plant in Arizona and a new water filtration facility at the Nevada site. In addition to the 1.5-mgd wastewater treatment plant, the utility is adding a new .75-mgd wastewater treatment plant to be completed late next year to accommodate the area’s growth. CH2M HILL OMI staff has grown from 12 to 24 associates in only one year, with the expectation of adding at least two team members this year.

“This is an incredible achievement and a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the entire Fort Mojave team,” says Project Director **John Bowman**.



The Fort Mojave team includes, from left to right, **Ken Buck, Jeff Gay, Betty Curry, Sam Torres, Art Martinez, John Bowman** (behind Art), **Julia Dickerson, Loren Bennett, Jarrod Maples** (behind Loren), **Jay Smith, Ray Hernandez, Isiah Evanston and Aaron Drennan**.

Coming ashore on Tybee Island

CH2M HILL OMI is helping the laid-back beach resort of Tybee Island meet the needs of its burgeoning summertime population.

The company provides one lead operator for four hours per day, five days a week, plus emergency call-out service as needed.

Tybee Island has recently faced challenges keeping a wastewater operator with the proper certification in order to meet Georgia regulations. To help keep things flowing smoothly, CH2M HILL OMI is providing management assistance at the wastewater treatment plant for an initial period of six months.

“The depth of resources in the Savannah area provides us the capability to assist clients with meeting their short- and long-term objectives,” says Sales Manager **George Cartledge**.

Situated 18 miles east of Savannah, Ga., Tybee Island features a wide, three-mile-long beach and a pirate festival in early October.



Ethical concerns

Call the E³ Helpline/GuideLine at 866.924.4843 if you suspect:

- Environmental compliance violations
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Contract and procurement irregularities
- Falsifying records
- Theft or abuse of company or client property

Your call will be kept in confidence, and you won’t face reprisal or retribution for calling.



Expense report questions

The ETS 5.0 project team continues to offer online Live Meeting sessions, and you can sign up at any time on the Virtual Office calendar. Find the calendar at Employee Resources | Learning & Organization Development | Courses and Calendar | Online Training Calendar.

Also, the ETS VO Web page has several useful quick reference guides, frequently asked questions and a PowerPoint presentation. Find them at: Employee Resources | My Expense and Time Sheets (ETS).

It’s 5 more years in Dodge City

Dodge City commissioners voted unanimously in May to renew the contract with CH2M HILL OMI for operations and maintenance services for its award-winning, non-discharge wastewater treatment facility for an additional five years with no formal competition process.

Long-term Project Manager **Ben Looney** was pleased to see the process come to fruition in such a satisfactory manner.

Regional Business Manager **Billy Ammons** agrees. “I feel a sense of gratification from the confidence that’s been shown by the relatively new city manager in Ben and our dedicated project staff for their continued performance excellence, which was the primary factor in accomplishing this long-sought outcome,” says Billy. “Many thanks also go out to **Catherine Lang** for her diligent efforts to work with the city attorney to fashion a contract agreement that protects the interests of all parties and produces a true win-win solution.”

“Ben, Billy and Catherine really hung in there and never gave up,” says Vice President **Rob Kuta**.

CH2M HILL OMI has been responsible for providing contract O&M of Dodge City’s 7.2-mgd wastewater treatment facilities since 1988. Associates have received numerous awards for their work. Most recently, Dodge City earned the Class C Plant Safety Award from the Kansas Water Environment Association in April.

Founded in 1872, Dodge City is a pure definition of the West, for it was the set of the famous western drama *Gunsmoke*. Dodge City is just north of the Kansas/Oklahoma border and is home to approximately 30,000.



Project News note

We're restructuring the newsletter to make it easier for you to read. We've placed Project News into two categories: Everyday Excellence in action and In our communities. Look for your project's news here from now on, and send us new stuff!

Risky repair job completed safely

Lehigh County associates recently completed a complicated repair that tested their confined space skills and safety procedures. The lower section of one of the reactor deck mixer blade assemblies broke. This component maintains the total mix of solids within the reactor quadrant. Associates had a repair sleeve machined and tapered at a machine shop. They fitted the machined coupling over the broken lower mixer blade assembly, which allowed for a strong and smooth transitional repair. Finally, they hoisted the lower blade assembly into position and welded it into place. The new mixer shaft machine coupling shaft offers the same strength and tension as the original shaft.



Practicing safe confined space entry.



The finished product.

Get your free mulch here

In today's society, the amount of waste we produce and its potential hazardous effect on our environment is on the minds of a lot of us. In an effort to improve the community and our planet, Hinesville, Ga., is providing free mulch to citizens by recycling their very own "yard trash."

The operation is simple: residents gather their yard waste (anything green, such as tree trimmings, leaves and garden waste—no biosolids or animal waste) and place it for curbside collection. Collection trucks, managed by associates who work in Hinesville's public works department, then take that waste to the mulching facility where it gets turned into mulch.

The first stage of mulch making requires a manual sorting to remove non-organic materials. The mulch is then stockpiled and is eventually transported by conveyor belt into a large grinder. After it is ground, the material is placed into rows during the composting process. Once the compost procedure is complete, the material is ground again, then screened and is finally available for use.

Residents are positive about the environmentally friendly finished product. "Thank you for the great service you provide to us gardeners by making the free mulch readily available to all! Just by the fact of how fast this stuff disappears, you know how popular it is!"

Plant upgrades under way in Fayetteville



The Paul R. Noland Wastewater Treatment Plant, located in Fayetteville, Ark., is getting a facelift. Construction improvements include upgrades to the headworks and solids handling facility with the latest screening and grit removal equipment and complete odor mitigation capabilities.

Fayetteville associates have been involved with the upgrades since the design discussions began more than 10 years ago.

The new solids handling facility improves plant operators' ability to expedite sludge dewatering and hauling and mitigates facility

odors. When construction is finished, the facility will have its first new headworks structure in more than 40 years. The existing wastewater treatment plant was upgraded to an advanced wastewater treatment facility in 1988 and was designed by CH2M HILL. The project was funded largely by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant that did not include funding for the headworks upgrades.

The upgrades will be completed in three phases. The headworks and solids handling improvements are the main focus of the first phase and will be completed by the end of August. The second phase will include enhancing the plant's ability to temporarily store untreated influent during extreme high flow events, which will help alleviate collection system overflows in all but the most extreme circumstances. The second phase should be completed early next year. The third phase will focus on correcting minor structural and long-term maintenance issues that cannot be performed while the plant is being used to its current full extent. This phase will be completed approximately one year after construction on Fayetteville's second wastewater treatment plant is finished, which will be located on the west side of the city.

Our associates are the city's onsite representatives for the construction activities at both plant sites and are members of the Wastewater System Improvement Project team. They were introduced to Fayetteville's city council last month during a project update.

"One of the most difficult aspects of the project involves trying to keep the existing facility within discharge permit limits while a major upgrade effort totally disrupts normal treatment activities, and at the same time, the facility is handling the highest loadings in its history," says Regional Business Manager **Billy Ammons**.

The onsite project team is finding ways to work around the construction activities and treat water to meet Fayetteville's very strict standards. They have to adapt to temporary changes in piping, pumping, sampling and even routine travel around the facility every day.

"This makes routine operations virtually impossible," says Billy. "But our associates have been successful in accomplishing their work safely and keeping smiles on their faces at the same time."

New flag in town



Hoisting the new flag of Sandy Springs, Ga., outside City Hall are, from left, Assistant City Manager **Al Crace**; Vice President, Municipal Services **Rick Hirsekorn**; City Manager **John McDonough**; CH2M HILL OMI President **Mark Lasswell**; and Sandy Springs Councilmember **Dianne Fries**. Mark visited Sandy Springs in June to meet with staff and share the company's vision.

Texas floods test facilities

Here at CH2M HILL OMI, we pride ourselves on our safe practices and operating abilities. But nothing can test our talent like Mother Nature.

Texas has experienced more extensive flooding this summer than it has in the past 50 years. With weather conditions reaching the extreme, the 10 projects we operate in Texas have avoided any serious problems.

Luckily, not all of our sites are located in the high danger areas. But those that are have risen to the challenge:

- Donna was at full capacity, and the plant even experienced some overflow on July 3 and 4. But with working pumps and the good work of our associates, the systems could evacuate quickly with no real problems.
- Mercedes ran at full capacity for an entire week with no issues.
- With two feet of rain since May 1, Lampasas experienced a two-week stretch where the plant ran at full capacity for hours at a time. No issues occurred.
- Temple exceeded peak flow a few times, but with all the backup equipment in place, no problems occurred.

"Our associates handled the extra demand in a professional manner and prevented any serious problems," says Regional Business Manager **Oswaldo Garza**.

Although we have not experienced any troubles caused by the wet weather in Texas this summer, we're confident that our associates are capable of dealing with any circumstance they come across.

IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Walla Walla supports students



Mechanic **Mike Postlewait** helps the students.

Two Walla Walla associates, Mechanic **Mike Postlewait** and Administrative Specialist **Cheryl Rickertsen**, teamed up with Junior Achievement of Washington to teach eighth-grade students at Pioneer Middle School.

The program's theme was "America Works." Mike and Cheryl visited the classroom for six consecutive weeks to explain how business and entrepreneurship affected the economic development of the U.S. during the 19th century. The associates felt the experience was a fun, rewarding and valuable way to give back to their community.

Junior Achievement recruits volunteers from the community to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, economics and improving their quality of life. Through Mike and Cheryl's assistance, the class improved 28 percent in pre-test scores to the final test.

Young minds experiment in Denver



The students test out their filter.

As part of an outreach program to encourage interest in science, approximately 30 seventh-graders from Laredo Middle School visited the Denver campus in May. They spent the day learning about architecture, engineering and water quality. Corporate Communications associates **Carolyn Brinkers**, **Julie Kauffman** and **Matt Anderson** helped the students as they participated in activity to filter dirty water.

The students worked in teams to try and clean a sample of water. Their tools consisted of a plastic bottle, nylon, paper towel, coffee filter, sand and small rocks. The students were encouraged to try different ways of layering the materials and pour the water through several times using new combinations. Two groups ended the exercise with nearly clear water, a remarkable improvement from the initial brown water they had been given.

First place finish

Twin Falls associates co-sponsored a Relay for Life team and booth in May. The team finished first in fundraising efforts, collecting more than \$20,000 for the Cancer Center of America. Local merchants provided chili and a barbeque for all participants. Team members included **Joe Blakeslee**, **Dan Veenstra**, **James Yon**, **Amy McKinley**, their friends Cindy and Mickey Wall, and Lithia Chevrolet of Twin Falls employees. The team wore shirts in memory of Joe's mother, Brenda.



Associates **James Yon**, **Joe Blakeslee**, **Amy McKinley**, and **Dan Veenstra** carry the CH2M HILL OMI team banner during the first lap of the Relay for Life event in Twin Falls.

New homes for feathered friends

Associates at the Western Townships Utilities Authority project in Michigan supported Canton's River Day celebration in June, which is dedicated to the preservation of the area's creeks and streams. This year, the event was host to about 300 volunteers who helped out with guided nature walks, planting native plants and building birdhouses. Thanks to WTUA associates, who get donated building supplies and then cut them up to make birdhouse kits, 300 birdhouse kits were available to those participants who wanted to build a birdhouse, up from last year's 165 kits. Additionally, associates also provided support to another event site in Canton, where kids built 20 more houses.



One of the builders, hard at work constructing his birdhouse.

World Water Monitoring Day

Connect with your community Sept. 18



Walla Walla Laboratory Analyst **Nela Rice** helps a group of Cub Scouts read their sample results during a World Water Monitoring Day activity last year.

No other company has more expertise with water quality and monitoring than CH2M HILL.

That's why CH2M HILL OMI and the Water Business Group have teamed up to share our expertise and make a special impact this fall on the communities and families we serve.

On Sept. 18, our company is sponsoring and celebrating World Water Monitoring Day, an international outreach program operated by the Water Environment Federation that builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world.

Our primary activity: Partnering with local schoolchildren, our clients, public officials and others

to conduct monitoring tests on local rivers, streams, estuaries and other public water sources. You'll be able to use either test kits ordered through the WWMD Web site or your own equipment to conduct the testing and gather data.

The WWMD test kit is designed to help everyone from children to adults sample water bodies for four water quality parameters: temperature, acidity (pH), clarity (turbidity) and dissolved oxygen. Water monitoring events can be planned anytime between Sept. 18 and Oct. 18. Then, participants must upload their field results to the WWMD Web site so WWMD can populate an international database and summarize all global results.

The main goal of WWMD is to help citizens of all ages understand the components of water quality and how their actions affect that water quality. Also, local review of data from multiple years can provide an early warning system for potential water quality problems that may require more controlled observations from governments.

This is the fifth year that CH2M HILL has been a major corporate sponsor of WWMD, and key company executives serve on the WWMD planning committees. Last year, more than 60 CH2M HILL sites participated in World Water Monitoring Day, collecting more than 600 test samples. Our goal is to boost those numbers even higher with broad participation from CH2M HILL OMI project sites across the country.

Watch OMIZone and *Of Mutual Interest* during the coming weeks for tips and ideas on how your site can participate and promote your involvement in World Water Monitoring Day. If you have ideas to share on how your colleagues can engage our clients and communities in WWMD, please contact Communications Coordinator **Julie Kauffman** at 720.286.4279 or julie.kauffman@ch2m.com.

World Water Monitoring Day was developed in 2002 by America's Clean Water Foundation, then adopted by WEF last July. Coordinated by WEF and the International Water Association, the program is supported by CH2M HILL and also the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, CDM, Smithfield Foods and ITT Corp.



For more information, visit www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.org.

Playing ball in the Keys



Associates in Key West, Fla., sponsored a girls' softball team this spring. The team represents CH2M HILL OMI in the Key West Girls Softball League. Key West Operations Manager, Large Projects **Nick LeCumpste** is pictured on the right, in the back row.

IN OUR INDUSTRY

ACE07 is the place

Company makes splash at The World's Water Event®

CH2M HILL was a prominent player at the American Water Works Association's annual conference and exhibition, presenting 13 papers, sponsoring the public officials' reception and the career fair, participating in the Water For People golf classic, and hosting tables at two luncheons. And of course, the company hosted its very popular client event.

CH2M HILL OMI staff engaged with Water Business Group counterparts in a number of these activities and had a few accomplishments of our own. Here are a few of the highlights of CH2M HILL OMI's participation in ACE07.

Sponsorship spotlights excellence in operations

For the third year, CH2M HILL OMI was the exclusive sponsor of the Top Ops competition. This quiz bowl-style competition tests the knowledge and know-how of water treatment operators.

Three-person teams from across the U.S. compete at a local level so they can earn a spot at the national championship event. It's an exciting AWWA conference highlight that captures the attention of hundreds of spectators each year.

"Top Ops highlights the value of operations and maintenance in the water industry by showcasing operators," says Senior Vice President **Gary Miller**. "Sponsoring this event gives us tremendous visibility and name recognition with prospective clients and employees in the water community."

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Top Ops. To mark the milestone, all 19 teams took home photos in frames featuring the Toronto skyline and the CH2M HILL OMI logo.

This year's Top Ops champions hail from Salem, Ore., and represent the Pacific Northwest section.

CH2M HILL OMI staff gets involved as well. This year's Top Ops competition was chaired by Operations Specialist **Darrel Blanchard**, and Operations Specialist **Karen Kovolo** was a scorekeeper.



Three teams battle to become Top Ops champions.



The Pacific Northwest Section Schmutzdeckers from Salem, Ore., are the 2007 Top Ops champs. They're pictured here with AWWA President Terry Rolan, left, and Senior Operations Specialist **Darrel Blanchard**, right, who served as moderator.

We're Water For People people

Regional Vice President, Delivery **Rob Kuta** and Marketing & Communications Director **Susan Mays** were among the 18 volunteers who responded to Water For People's call for booth staff.

Water For People helps people in developing countries improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities, and health and hygiene education programs. (See the related stories on the front page.)

Booth staff solicited bidders for five footballs autographed by legendary quarterback Archie Manning, the keynote speaker at the Water Industry Luncheon. They also sold note cards featuring water-inspired artwork from each of the five countries where Water For People works.

Thanks to volunteers and donations, Water For People soon will be expanding. At the conference, the Water For People Board of Directors announced plans to expand its international development program to five additional countries: Ecuador, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Uganda and the Dominican Republic.

Journal ad takes the gold

OMI may have been easier to remember but our new name offers so much more. That's the headline that announced the addition of CH2M HILL to OMI's name and grabbed the attention of AWWA's Manufacturers/Associates Council.

The Council selected CH2M HILL OMI's name change ad as the gold winner in the Best in Advertising Award for 2006 advertising in the *Journal*. Winners were chosen by an independent panel of expert judges, who based their selections on creativity, design, and ease of reading. The CH2M HILL OMI ad competed against more than 100 ads.

Marketing & Communications Director **Susan Mays** accepted the award at an AWWA-hosted reception recognizing advertisers, sponsors and exhibitors. At the reception, the Council also recognized the best exhibitors at ACE07.



Marketing & Communications Director **Susan Mays** accepts the Best in Advertising Award for CH2M HILL OMI's name change ad, which competed against more than 100 ads.

Gathering with clients in Georgia



Attendees at CH2M HILL OMI's GMA client dinner enjoyed the sounds of a jazz band, including Barnesville Mayor **Dewaine Bell** on the sax.

More than 100 clients attended and were treated to a jazz band and dinner. Mayor Dewaine Bell from Barnesville, an accomplished saxophone player, jammed with the band for several songs.

CH2M HILL OMI recently participated in the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Conference.

Hundreds of attendees at the exhibit hall came by our booth and talked with our associates.

Additionally, many CH2M HILL OMI associates and clients spoke during sessions, including Vice President **Rick Hirsekorn**, Hinesville Mayor Tom Ratcliffe, Sandy Springs City Manager John McDonough, and Vienna City Council Member Beth English.

Following the closing of the exhibit floor, CH2M HILL OMI hosted a client dinner to thank our clients. More

Where to see us

These upcoming conferences will include CH2M HILL OMI exhibits and/or client events.

Florida League of Cities Annual Conference
Aug. 16-18, Orlando
Booth 28

League of California Cities Annual Conference
Sept. 5-8, Sacramento
Booth 409

League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference
Sept. 27-29, Bend
Booth TBD

International City/County Managers Association Annual Conference
Oct. 7-10, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Booth 313

Texas Municipal League Annual Conference
Nov. 7-10, Dallas
Booth 703

National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities
Nov. 13-17, New Orleans, La.
Booth 1504



Got news?

Share it with the rest of CH2M HILL OMI! We want to hear about a new addition to your family, your project's involvement in the community, new contracts or renewals, awards, client feedback, an innovative solution, associate achievements, project celebrations or a safety success.

Send your articles, story ideas and photos to *Of Mutual Interest* Editor **Carolyn Brinkers**. Mail, e-mail (carolyn.brinkers@ch2m.com) and fax (720.286.8208) submissions are welcome. Or give Carolyn a call at 720.286.4227.

ALL ABOUT YOU

New associates

Name	Position	Location
Alberto Alonzo	Craftsperson I	Farmington
Francisco Alvarado	Utility Worker	Donna
Rene Alvarado	Operator-in-Training	Weslaco
Charlene Arnold	Clerk Typist	The Villages
Carlo Castillo	Mechanic-in-Training	Fort Mojave
Kara Choquette	Corporate Communications Manager	Denver
Darrell Collett	Contract Services Manager	Denver
Brian Creek	Operator-in-Training	Liberty
Brandon Davis	Operator-in-Training	Live Oak
Jacob Douglas	Sanitation Worker	The Villages
Lory Dudley	Maintenance Supervisor	Twin Falls
Kevin Dye	Right-of-Way Specialist	Johns Creek
Alejandro Ferrell	Enforcement Officer	Sandy Springs
Samuel Flowers	Operator I	Fulton County
Douglas Gaumer	Project Manager I	Eldorado
Kenneth Gonnevill	Utility Worker	Biddeford
Samuel Guevara	Operator-in-Training	Weslaco
Pablo Haro	Distribution & Collection Operator	Prescott Valley
Bryan Hickstein	Operator	Fort Mojave
Adalberto Ibarra	Distribution & Collection Operator	Prescott Valley
Cornelius Key	Utility Worker	Albany
Pete Lopez	Technician - Parks & Grounds	Grants
Trisha Merrill	Buyer	Denver
Jeffrey Messer	Traffic Services Division Manager	Sandy Springs
Stephana Morgan	Office Manager	Milton
Jesus Olalde	Mechanic-in-Training	Fayetteville
Filemon Olvera	Project Manager II	Weslaco
Milton Orrels	Industrial Technician	Reichhold Gulfport
Kyle PlainEagle	Technician - Parks & Grounds	Grants
Paul Prutch	Corporate Communications Intern	Denver
TJ Riggie	Regional Business Analyst	Denver
Leobardo Rodriguez	Operator-in-Training	Weslaco
Guy Rogers	Senior Quality Inspector	Effingham County
Placido Ruiz	Operator-in-Training	Weslaco
Juan Santiago	Sanitation Worker	The Villages
Joseph Schons	Operator II	Seattle Cedar
Randy Simes	Intern	Milton
Andrew Smith	Utility Worker	Laramie
Manuel Sylvia	Equipment Operator I	The Villages
John Thomason	Equipment Operator	Barnesville
Cody Woods	Mechanic-in-Training	Dodge City
Johnny Wyatt	Traffic Superintendent	Johns Creek

We'll be awarding one of these new associates a \$25 gift certificate in a random drawing. Watch this space next month to find out who the lucky winner is!

Promotions

Name	Position	Location
Tamara Beaty	Operator	Rio Rancho
Carolyn Brinkers	Corporate Communications Supervisor	Denver
Carston Bryant	Assistant Project Manager	Live Oak
Byron Coleman	Equipment Operator II	Lowndes County
John Ellison	Industrial Technician I	DuPont Belle
Barry Grant	Operations Specialist	Coos Bay
Bradley Gulseth	Operator I	Coos Bay
Jerry Isaac	Mechanic-in-Training	Mary Esther
Patrick Kavan	Project Manager Intern	Lebanon
Gilbert Lopez	Team Leader - Parks & Grounds	Grants
Phillip Martinez	Mechanic	Rio Rancho
Arthur Mena	Utility Worker II	Rio Rancho
Abimbola Olubajo	General Ledger Accountant	Sandy Springs
Chad Owens	Team Leader - Streets	Live Oak
Benjamin Roeland	Lead Mechanic	Hoboken
Gerald Salazar	Operator I	Taos
Richard Sims	Craftsperson	Rio Rancho
Shawn Sock	Strategic Project Development Manager	Denver
John Waynetska	Project Manager Intern	Twin Falls

Certifications

Name	Certification	Location
Felipe Acevado	Texas Wastewater Treatment Operator Class B	Donna
John Avalos	Arkansas Wastewater Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville
Benjamin Crabb	Arkansas Water Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville
Brian MacDonald	California Water Treatment Operator Grade 5	Twin Oaks
Adam McClymont	Arkansas Wastewater Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville
David McGaffigan	Arkansas Wastewater Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville
Travis Robbins	Arkansas Wastewater Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville
Richard Sims	New Mexico Water System Operator Class 2	Rio Rancho
Timothy Tinsley	Arkansas Water Treatment Operator Class II	Fayetteville

Service awards

Name	Position	Years
Michael Arnold	Project Manager III	15
Jeffrey Heroux	Environmental Compliance Manager	15
Oliver Kofoid	Lead Operator	15
Lennie Ables	Operator	10
Stephen Hudock	Client Services Manager	10
Ricky Adams	Project Manager I	5
Nick Apodaca	Project Manager II	5
Mark Baker	Lead Mechanic	5
Guy Bralley	Assistant Project Manager	5
Mark Cordova	Operator II	5
Sandra Crocker	Administrative Specialist	5
Susan Dempsey	Administrative Specialist	5
John Eden	Equipment Operator I	5
Victor Flores	Operator-in-Training	5
Michael Franco	Instrumentation & Control Technician	5
Pat Gallegos	Operator II	5
Ruben Gonzales	Lead Operator	5
Andrew Hall	Lead Collections Operator	5
Michael Jakymiw	Lead Operator	5
Lynn Kronowit	Office Specialist	5
Joseph Madrid	Utility Worker II	5
Bobby Manfre	Lead Operator	5
Kyle Medders	Project Manager I	5
Veronica Montoya	Laboratory Analyst II	5
Thomas Murphy	Operator	5
Anita Nunnally	Office Specialist	5
Garland Peebles	Equipment Operator I	5
John Rickermann	Regional Technical Manager	5
Jacob Romero	Lead Operator	5
Paul Romero	Operations Manager, Large Projects	5
Matthew Salazar	Craftsperson	5
Stephen Soto	Operations Manager, Large Projects	5
Candace Tidball	Operator	5

New arrivals

Grants, N.M.

Utility Worker **Gabe Molina** and his wife, Amanda, are the proud parents of Danica, who was born June 12. Danica weighed 5 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long.

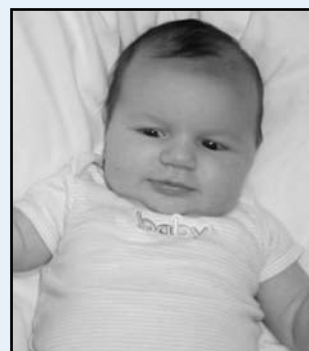
Denver



Kaetlyn Porter

Accounting Specialist **Kim Porter** and her husband, Jason, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kaetlyn Virginia, Feb. 8. Kaetlyn weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20.75 inches long.

One baby, three Georgia connections



Madison Henry

Parents **Shane and Megan Henry** welcomed their daughter, Madison Zade, April 30. Madison weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. Shane is a Collections Operator in Richmond Hill and Megan works as a Utility Worker in Effingham County. Madison's proud grandpa, Area Manager **Mike Connolly**, was happy to welcome her as well.

Retiring

Long-time associate **Patricia Miller** and her husband moved on to greener pastures in June, leaving corporate life for 160 acres in Limon, Kan. Patricia started with the company in 1988 and was an early champion of the quality process, assisting with the development and delivery of quality training throughout the company. Patricia transferred to CH2M HILL's Learning & Organization Development department in 2004, where she continued to support CH2M HILL OMI's training efforts through OMI University as well as obtaining CEU credits for various training opportunities. We wish Patricia all the best as she begins this new chapter in her life.



Patricia (holding plaque) gathers with colleagues (from left to right) **Gina Stolyar, Margaret Manka, Mary Ginn, Paige McCain and Jill Dickert.**

Ten-year associate **Jim Oskins** retired in June. Jim started with CH2M HILL OMI in 1997, supporting projects in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt. When the Egypt projects came to a close, Jim began supporting projects with emergency needs, hard-to-find items and national agreements. We wish Jim all the best in his retirement.



Jim (right) shows off his retirement cake with Procurement Manager **Dave Martinez.**

AROUND THE COMPANY

West and Central Region continues RDO search

After more than 16 years with CH2M HILL OMI, Regional Director of Operations **Rock Raiford** has transferred to CH2M HILL International to pursue a new opportunity in the Energy, Chemicals and Industrial Systems Business Group.

“While I’m disappointed that he’s leaving our team, I’m excited for Rock’s new opportunity,” says Regional Vice President, Delivery **Rob Kuta**. “To meet our business needs and to continue to exceed our customers’ expectations, we’ll be transitioning Rock’s responsibilities carefully.”

In his new role, Rock will serve as the General Manager of the Arabian Consulting and Engineering Centre (ACEC), a joint venture project in the Eastern Providence of Saudi Arabia.



Denver Connection: Delivering the corporate news you need

We’re hundreds of different CH2M HILL OMI people focused on serving hundreds of different clients and communities, but we’re all part of a bigger vision.

So to make sure you’re up-to-date on the news that affects our entire company, be sure to check out each week’s *Denver Connection*, e-mailed across the company for arrival in your inbox every Monday morning.

Each edition includes the latest corporate news, announcements, policy changes, health and safety, and Everyday Excellence updates. *Denver Connection*’s goal is to streamline all major communications from the corporate office into one easy-to-read, easy-to-access document.

Project Managers should print and post *Denver Connection* each week so associates can easily review these weekly news bulletins.

If you need to find back issues of *Denver Connection*, visit OMIZone and click “News Zone.”

When you have story ideas or suggestions to help make *Denver Connection* better, contact Electronic Communications Coordinator **Matt Anderson** at 720.286.4239 or matt.anderson@ch2m.com.

Taking over the Web, one site at a time

CH2M HILL OMI continues to enlarge its Web footprint, designing sites to meet a variety of demands, including new cities, an internship program, a utility company and an industry group.

Following the success of the award-winning Web site for Sandy Springs, Ga., the company has helped design Web sites for two other new cities in Georgia—Johns Creek and Milton.

“Although the technical underpinnings are the same, building a city Web site is a different animal,” says **Sue Pearlman**, who joined CH2M HILL OMI as the webmaster in Johns Creek. “It’s like doing a site for a lot of different companies at the same time, from parks to roads to buildings, to municipal court, to elected officials, and so on. That’s a lot to understand and marry together in a consistent fashion.”

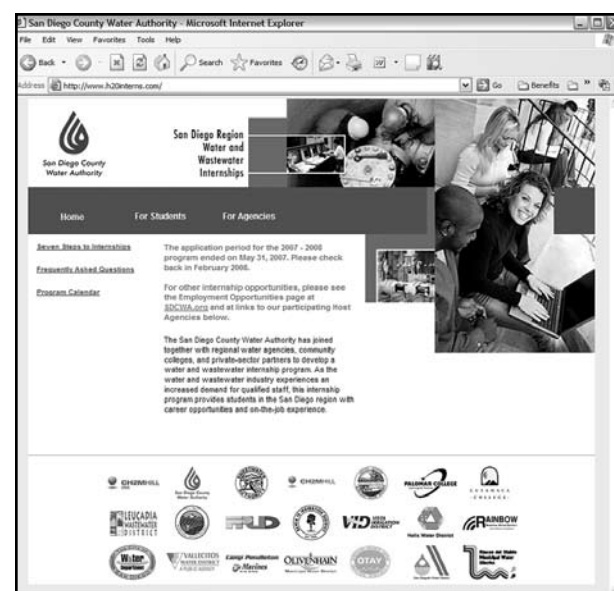
“But then that information needs to be turned around, so the site is citizen-oriented, rather than government or department-oriented,” Sue adds. “The more questions the site answers for citizens, the more value it will be to the city, too, with reduced phone calls, increased understanding, better compliance and so on.”

“The key to creating and maintaining a successful Web site for a city—or any government entity—is to keep in mind the following guideline: It’s not *what* we’re doing, but *who* we’re doing it for,” says Sue.

In addition to the three city sites, Electronic Communications Coordinator **Matt Anderson** has created sites for the Ave Maria Utility Company and San Diego County Water Authority’s internship program and has redesigned the Water Partnership Council’s Web site. Lead Graphics Designer **Carolyn Alden** has helped not only with the design of these sites but the city sites as well.

Regarding the Ave Maria site, one engineer in need of documentation from the utility company sent in the following praise, “Just a quick note, your site is awesome for engineers! Easy to navigate, fast, and all the info I need to design a site in the Ave Maria development is located in one place. All utilities and government agencies should be this easy!”

As for the San Diego internship site, CH2M HILL’s Water Business Group paid for it, and CH2M HILL OMI created the site pro bono. A hefty 85 applications have been received for the 2007-2008 session.



Here’s a look at San Diego County’s internship site.



To get a look at our work on the Web, check out the sites referenced in the story:

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www.cityofmiltonga.us
www.johnscreekga.gov
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Sixth-graders tour the South County Regional Wastewater Authority Plant in California, run by CH2M HILL OMI. Find out some easy ways to get involved in your community in the August issue.