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Awards Update

Dave Copeland

Bill Faust Award

The William A. Faust Award was established in 1993 by the AWMA, Niagara Frontier Section, to recognize a member for distinguished service and outstanding contribution to our Section. Past awardees are William Faust, Dominic Buccilli, Lee Chamberlin, Ed Watts, David Sauer, Rich Wise, Lana Dole, Henry Sandonato, James McGarry, George Chadwick, Mike Carlton, Bob Knoer, John Kolaga, Hal Pierce, Patrick Martin, Brian Senefelder, Al Caracci, Dave Copeland, Randy Rakoczynski, and Mike Emery.

2012/2013 Honoree:

Dharma Iyer

Director of the Year

James Strickland - NYSDEC

Earth Day Grants

Erie County Envirothon, Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District - \$2000

Garden Planting and Science Afloat, Cardinal O'Hare HS - \$300

Gardening for Change, Stanley G Falk School (Rossler Avenue Location) - \$325

Urban Garden - Take 3, Stanley G Falk School (Cambridge Street Location) - \$325

Lights Out Program, Environmental Club at JFK HS - \$300

Next Meeting

Annual Golf Tournament

Date: September 20, 2013

Times: Registration at 9:00 am, Shotgun Start/Tee Time at 10:00 am

Location: Diamon Hawk Golf Course

Cost: \$100/person

For questions or sponsorships please contact:

Patrick J Filey, 716-392-3932, pfiley@alphalab.com

Scholarships**Patrick Filey****Scholarship and Summer Camp Awards**

A&WMA-NFS provided \$4,850 for college and DEC camp scholarships this year.

College Scholarships

A \$200 scholarship is being awarded to the following six (6) students currently enrolled in college:

Akshita Iyer

Akshita is junior at Duke University pursuing a major in neuroscience and minor in biology as part of pre-med.

Matthew Klimek

Matthew is a freshman at UB majoring in electrical engineering.

Elizabeth Larimore

Elizabeth is a senior at Syracuse University pursuing a major in economics and a minor in political science.

Virginia Larimore

Virginia is a freshman at Purdue University majoring in civil engineering with a minor in anthropology.

Carl Copeland

Carl is a sophomore at SUNY Cortland.

Alexandria Filey

Alexandria is a sophomore at SUNY Geneseo majoring in accounting.

Dave Sauer High School Scholarships

Scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors in memory of Dave Sauer, a well-respected environmental professional who was very active in A&WMA. A \$200 scholarship is being awarded to the following six (6) students:

Teresa Bompczyk

Teresa is a senior at Mount St Mary's High School planning to study marine biology, oceanography, and physics at the College of the Atlantic.

Amanda Foster

Amanda is a senior at Akron High School planning to study pharmacy at D'Youville College.

Casey Galloway

Casey is a senior at Starpoint High School planning to study mathematics and international marketing in college.

Katlyn King

Katlyn is a senior at Alden High School planning to study psychology and counseling in college.

Michael Oles

Michael is a senior at Williamsville East High School planning to study computer science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Angela Wager

Angela is a senior at Akron High School planning to study chemical engineering in college.

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Annual Golf Tournament**Patrick Filey****Annual Golf Tournament**

The Annual golf tournament has been rescheduled for **September 20, 2013**. All proceeds from the golf tournament go to our education committee. In 2013, our section gave away \$7000 in the form of scholarships and Earth Day Grants. We need your support to continue providing to our YP's future. Please consider playing in the event or stepping up to be a sponsor.

Where: Diamond Hawk Golf Course

Registration: 9am

Shotgun start/tee time: 10am

Cost: \$100/person

Sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Patrick J Filey at 716-392-3932 or pfiley@alphalab.com.

DEC Summer Camp**Dave Copeland**

DEC Summer Day Camps/Summer Science Safari Camp

It's not too late to sign up for the "Kids in the Woods" summer day camps at Reinstein Woods! This week-long program gets kids outside and connects them with nature. This year camps are being offered for three age groups: Little Sprouts (Grades K-1), Nature Explorers (Grades 2-4), Wilderness Adventurers (Grades 5-7). For more information and a registration form, see the [Kids in the Woods brochure](#) or call 716-683-5959 x 205.

For an additional adventure for kids 8 -12, consider the Summer Science Safari Camp. Science comes alive at three exciting natural sites in the Lake Erie neighborhood: the Penn Dixie Site, Evangola State Park and Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, for an exciting five days of nature exploration. Dig for fossils, explore the world of a pond, swim at a lifeguarded beach, build a wilderness survival shelter, and see local animal and bird displays at two different nature centers and much more! Camp runs from July 29 to August 2, 2013. See the Summer Science Safari Day Camp [brochure](#) for the registration form. For more information, call 716-627-4560.

See the [Summer Day Camps](#) page for more information about both the Kids in the Woods and Summer Science Safari camps.

Dinner Program Update (2013-2014)**Michele Pratt***Dinner Meetings for 2013-2014*

As I hand the VP role over to Paul I promised I would address one last order of business. While the cost of dinners has increased, the organization has been absorbing those costs and not passing this on to the members. In an effort to maintain financial solvency we will no longer be able to continue this practice. You will see a nominal change in dinner prices or we will hold our dinner meetings at less costly venues.

Your suggestions are always welcome. You can either contact me or Paul Vankerkhove.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

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A Message from the Membership Committee**Paul VanKerkhove**

Thanks to all A&WMA-NFS members who renewed for the 2012-2013 program year. Our membership for the section is the highest it has been in several years.

A special thanks to the corporate sponsors of A&WMA-NFS. With our renewing sponsors and some new sponsors we were able to exceed our goal of 20 corporate sponsors for the section. Given this momentum, we have set a higher goal of 25 corporate sponsors for the 2013-2014 program year. Please help us again exceed our goal by considering a corporate sponsor for your company when it is time to renew your A&WMA-NFS membership. The benefits of a corporate sponsorship include:

- an international membership for one employee of the sponsoring company;
- a local membership for a second employee of the sponsoring company;
- a contribution to DEC camp scholarships, college scholarships and Earth Day grants;
- recognition for the sponsoring company in meeting announcements and the annual awards program.

Just a reminder, local A&WMA-NFS memberships expire on August 31, 2013. International memberships and corporate sponsorships continue to be renewed one (1) year after your last renewal date. Please look for membership renewal information for the 2013-2014 program year later this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Van Kerkhove at (716) 684-8060 ext. 2617 or at pvankerkhove@ene.com.

Scholarships**Patrick Filey**

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DEC Environmental Education Summer Camp Scholarships

A&WMA-NFS funding allowed for eight (8) \$350 camp scholarships so that the following middle school students can attend DEC camp this summer in Rushford, NY:

Michael Johnson

Shelby Seelbinder

Owen Van Kerkhove

Orion Sanfilippo

Melanie Sturtz

Makenna Weaver

Freyia Sanfilippo

Adam Van Kerkhove

Dinner Program Update (2013-2014)**Patrick Filey***(Continued from page 4)***SEMINAR UPDATE**

The seminar committee is hoping to holding its first meeting soon, date and time TBD. Our goal is to have the complete program done before the Christmas season. The format will be the same as last year. A single room with all exhibitors on the outside walls; 5 speakers approved for PDH and CLE credits. WE NEED HELP WITH DESIGNING THE FORMAT! If you'd like to participate on the seminar committee, please contact Pat Filey at 716-392-3932 or at pfiley@alphalab.com.

Date: January 22, 2014

Location: Downtown

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR IMPORTANT DATES

- September 20, 2013: Annual Golf Tournament – Diamond Hawk Golf Course
- September 25, 2013: Joint meeting with Ontario Section
– Topic Air, Venue: Brickhouse in Lewiston
- October 24, 2013: Dinner meeting; Topic and Venue TBD
- November 21, 2013: Dinner meeting; Topic and Venue TBD
- December: Social event; TBD
- January 22, 2014: Annual Seminar
- February 27, 2014: Dinner meeting; topic/venue TBD
- March 2014: TSC Joint Dinner meeting
- April 17, 2014: Dinner meeting; topic/venue TBD
- April 19, 2014: Envirun – 5K race around Goat Island
- May 29, 2014: Dinner meeting/Awards; topic/venue TBD

WANTED**Patrick Filey****WANTED****VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON COMMITTEES**

Air & Waste Management Association, Niagara Frontier (AWMA-NFS) Board of Directors and various committees are led by volunteers. Every one of our volunteers is rewarded in different ways from their participation. All you need to do is ask a volunteer what gratification they receive in return.

Our Section currently has over 100 international and local members. Of which about 20 members are active on any number of committees. I, myself, have stepped up to be Chairman for the second time last year while chairing the Golf Committee, Seminar Committee, and the newly formed Website Committee. To some you might ask why or how do I find the time.

Finding the time is easy, if each of the committees have 5 or more members that meet regularly either via phone or in person; the tasks are easily accomplished. The return on investment is two-fold: name recognition amongst your peers and satisfaction of a job well done.

As an example our Seminar Committee this past year had eight people representing NYSDEC, private industry, consultants, and legal. In 5 months this committee successfully pulled off a great seminar raising nearly \$3000 for scholarships.

If you have one of the following traits then volunteering on a committee is for you!

1. Member of AWMA – NFS
2. Can spare <1hr/ month
3. Get satisfaction on a job well done
4. Team player

Committees forming for the 2013/2014:

Monthly Program: find venues and speakers for the monthly dinner meetings.

Contact: Paul Van Kerkhove – Vice Chair.

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Education: evaluate Earth Day Grants, review DEC camp applicants, Dave Sauer and college scholarships.

Contact: Eric Warren –

Website Committee: help with redesigning the website

Contact: Patrick J Filey (pfiley@alphalab.com)

Seminar Committee: Develops content for the annual seminar. All profits for this event are used to fund the education's budget.

Contact: Patrick J Filey (pfiley@alphalab.com)

The Niagara Frontier Section of the A&WMA, Inc. publishes its newsletter, *THE RELEASE*, monthly as a service to its members.

If you would like to submit an article for the next issue of *THE RELEASE*, please contact:

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