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WOWRA News

WOWRA "Rejuvenate A Family Day" HUGE Success!

WOWRA donated an entire POWTS to the Joslyn family from Cascade, WI. Due to unforeseen medical expenses the family has not been able to afford the POWTS system needed to cover increasing medical bills.

"The inaugural "Rejuvenate a Family Day" began as an idea to give back to a family in need. I could not be more pleased with the outcome for WOWRA, our member companies, and especially the Joslyn family," explained local WOWRA member Damon Huibregtse.

WOWRA member companies donated all materials and labor for the design and install of the POWTS to the Joslyn's in accordance with their philosophy of environmental stewardship and to maintain and enhance Wisconsin's public health and safety.

Barb Joslyn, a recipient of the POWTS system, was overwhelmed with gratitude. "God bless WOWRA and the members that saw our needs and decided to do something about it. It's easy to talk about it but this group is actually doing something about it."

The design and installation was followed by a public dedication event at W6559 County Road V, Cascade, WI 53011 to recognize all those involved. Attendees included Department of Safety and Professional Services Secretary Dave Ross, State Senator Joseph Liebham, Sheboygan County Administrator Adam Payne, members and staff of WOWRA and the extended Joslyn family.



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POWTS Evaluator Certification Course:

September 30-October 1, 2013

Do you want to set your business apart from the competition? Do you want to provide your customers with best and latest techniques for evaluating their septic systems? Then consider enrolling in the WOWRA POWTS Evaluator Certification Course!

The Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association has developed a two-day training course and certification for septic system professionals-Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Evaluator Certification Training-to teach the proper techniques for conducting evaluations of existing private onsite wastewater treatment systems. The innovative two-day training class concludes with a certification exam, provides much needed uniformity around the state for POWTS evaluations, and helps to ensure that consumers are receiving a high quality evaluation of their systems.

The course includes both classroom instruction and field training. Some of the topics covered during the course include: WOWRA Certified Existing POWTS Evaluator Ethics, Policies, and Requirements; Evaluation Procedures from Data Collection Through Final Reports; and Procedures for Evaluating Recent Documented POWTS and Unknown POWTS. General POWTS knowledge and experience is necessary. Upon completion, participants will receive certification as a WOWRA Certified POWTS Evaluator in Wisconsin, and the applied for 16 DSPS CEUCredits.

This fall WOWRA will again be offering their highly coveted annual POWTS Certification course. To Register fill out the form on the next page or visit www.wowra.com to register online. Please call or E-Mail with any questions , or if you are interested in sponsoring (608) 441-1436 or info@wowra.com

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POWTS Two-Day Training Course

DATE: Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites

9075 E Pioneer St Crandon, WI 54520

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Directions to Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites:

From Green Bay:

Take I-43 N toward US-41/Hwy 41-141/Marinette/Iron Mountain. Merge onto US-41 N/US-141 N via EXIT 192A toward Marinette/Iron Mountain. Keep left to take US-141 N toward Crivitz/Iron Mt. Turn left onto WI-64. Turn right onto WI-32/WI-64. Continue to follow WI-32. Turn left onto US-8/WI-32. Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites is on the left.

From Wausau:

Take WI-52 W. Merge onto US-51 N toward Merrill. Take the US-8 exit, EXIT 234, toward Prentice/Rhineland. Turn right onto US-8 E. Turn slight right. Turn slight right onto US-8/WI-47. Continue to follow US-8. Turn right onto N Lake Ave/US-8/WI-55/WI-32. Turn left onto E Pioneer St/US-8/WI-32. Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites is on the right.

Accommodations: For people in need of over-night hotel accommodations, WOWRA has secured a block of rooms at the Best Western Crandon Inn & Suites, 9075 E Pioneer Street, Crandon, WI 54520. Single rooms are \$74.99/night plus tax and double rooms are \$74.99/night plus tax. Call the Best Western at (715) 478-4000 by Sept. 15 and ask for the WOWRA room block.

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President's Message

Friends,

I hope everyone is having a busy and safe summer! WOWRA is rolling on all cylinders. We have enjoyed some great successes with the most notably being one of my proudest moments as your president, the WOWRA Rejuvenate a Family Day. This event really displayed the best of who we are. It sure was a sight to see WOWRA Board Members, former Board Members, Associates, Members, County Administrators, State Officials and family working toward the donation of a septic system for the Joslyn family. As you will read in this issue Barb, Ron, and the family were most grateful for what we did. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone who donated their time, products, equipment, and money. This event was a success because of all of you and I really think we made a big difference in the Joslyns' lives. Congratulations everyone, what a success!



Beyond the Rejuvenate a Family Day we are actively planning the Winter Conference 2014. We have some great ideas and are starting to line up speakers. If you have any input on how the last conferences were run or if you have any speakers you want to see, NOW IS THE TIME TO LET US KNOW! Believe me when I say we want your input.

I really hope that everyone is having a great and prosperous summer and can find time to spend with family and friends. One of the great things about living in Wisconsin is, it doesn't matter where you are, it's always beautiful. Have a great rest of the summer!

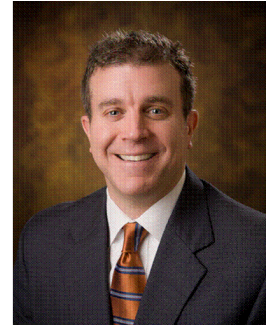
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President WOWRA

Legislative Update From Executive Director George Klaetsch

2013-15 Budget Update

On June 30 Governor Walker signed into law the 2013-15 biennial budget. Governor Walker's action followed Assembly, Senate and Joint Finance Committee approval along partisan lines.

During the Budget signing, Governor Walker focused on five main areas: tax cuts, workforce development, education spending, infrastructure support and reforming government through changes to entitlement programs. In total, Governor Walker issued 57 vetoes (none of which affected WOWRA members or the industry)



As indicated in February when Governor Walker introduced his budget bill, the bill was 1,080 pages long and covered everything from taxes to natural resources to education. With that said, there are a number of items that may have an impact on septic-related trades and given the current fiscally conservative approach taken by the Joint Finance Committee, the septic trades fared very well (with one item that may be adverse to the industry). The following are a few highlights of issues affecting septic trades:

- Income tax cut totaling - \$680 million
- Maintains current WI Fund Program funding - \$2.3 million
- Maintains current program revenue funding for plumbing licenses, plumbing plan review, private sewage plan review, septic tank permits
- The JFC did eliminate a total of 11 DSPS positions (nine of which were vacant). It is undetermined if those positions were involved in the septic related trades
- The JFC also approved portions of funding for DSPS IT modernization and upgrades. This should result in the improvement of processing license information
- DOT – JFC eliminated 28 proposed FTE positions for consumer protection investigators and intrastate motor carrier regulation
- Unemployment Insurance – Creates three additional rate categories of unemployment insurance. Primarily affecting the seasonal construction and manufacturing industries. The Governor did NOT veto the provision previously approved by the legislature.

“Little Things” Can Lead to Big Problems

During a June conversation with a fellow lobbyist (that represents the construction trades) relating to legislation on unemployment insurance payments, I became aware of two particular sentences (in a bill that is 123 pages long) that would have negatively impacted businesses that are required to obtain any state license to operate in Wisconsin. Those two sentences are as follows:

“Under the bill, each licensing department must enter into a memorandum of understanding with DWD. Under the memorandum, the licensing department must ask DWD to certify whether a license holder or applicant is liable for delinquent UI contributions. If DWD certifies to a licensing department that a license holder or applicant is liable for delinquent UI contributions, the licensing department must revoke the license or deny the application for a license.”

The concern was that if there is no flexibility in the language that an employer who is delinquent in their UI payments because of temporary financial difficulty could be put out of business all-together and prevented from ever getting caught up on their UI payments and forcing the employees at that business to be put out of work.

Fortunately, a collective group of industry stakeholders were able to band together and ensure the Senate and Assembly amended the legislation to afford small businesses some flexibility in working with the DWD to make the payments in a timely fashion without the risk of losing projects, employees or their businesses.

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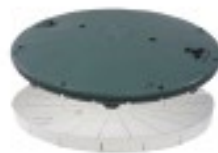
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