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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*by Adam Krantz, FWQA President*

It is a great honor to have been elected president of the Federal Water Quality Association, especially given the renewed focus in the Nation's Capital on the challenges the United States faces in terms of its water policy. We are clearly at a crossroads as our population continues to expand, our water infrastructure ages, our economic fragility persists, and water supply and water quality concerns heighten. In spite of, and indeed because of, these daunting challenges, the FWQA believes that now is the time to refocus on its core programs. The Board of Directors has chosen its annual theme, "The Next Generation of Water...Challenges & Opportunities". This theme reflects not only the need to refocus on national 21<sup>st</sup> century water policy issues, but perhaps most importantly during these difficult times, this theme underscores the FWQA's commitment to invest in the very real "Next Generation of Water" – our students who will serve as our future environmental leaders. In line with this, the FWQA Board had the vision and foresight to make 2009 the first year of an ambitious expansion of its scholarship program and is calling on organizations, individuals, and, of course, FWQA members, to support this effort via contributions large and small. In the past, the FWQA provided a one-time scholarship of up to \$2,000 to its college-bound scholarship recipients. This year, however, the FWQA has expanded this program to provide \$2,000 per year for each of four years that a student certifies he or she is enrolled and pursuing environmental studies. Simply stated, this is a quadrupling of the FWQA scholarship program and means that in the future 16 students will receive \$8,000 each in support of their studies. Why did we choose to do this now? Because no one needs more help during these difficult economic times than "The Next Generation of Water" – our students who will become tomorrow's environmental engineers, scientists, and policymakers. These students will be developing our innovative technologies, re-planning our communities, and developing forward-looking policies to ensure we can meet the array of 21<sup>st</sup> challenges. The FWQA has already enjoyed an outstanding response to our call for sponsorships (see related list), including a highly successful golf tournament fundraiser in September (see related article). It is my pleasure to thank all of our sponsors for their generosity and to ensure that this is only the beginning of a broader, long-term fundraising effort to endow our scholarship program. The FWQA will also make the "Next Generation of Water" theme its focal point for an exciting series of luncheons and embassy events that will explore the trends, technologies, and challenges – from climate change, nonpoint source control, emerging pollutants, and financing – to the suite of innovative solutions, including watershed-based approaches, low-impact development and green infrastructure, and other sustainable alternatives. The FWQA will also be working closely with fellow state and regional WEF member associations and expanding on our ongoing partnership with Water for People to ensure we are serving our membership and the D.C. area to the best of our ability. Please check your emails and mailboxes for invitations to our events and feel free to contact me at (202) 833-4651 or [akrantz@nacwa.org](mailto:akrantz@nacwa.org) to discuss any questions or suggestions you may have.

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## **FWQA's 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SETS RECORDS** *by Sharon Nye*

FWQA's annual golf tournament once again was a great success, exceeding past years in sponsors and players. This year's event took place on Friday, September 11, when golfers from all sectors of the water quality field met at Bretton Woods Country Club in the rolling hills on the Potomac River in Germantown, Maryland, to compete on the links. Forty golfers took part in this year's tournament representing a cross-section of the water quality profession, from federal government personnel to consulting engineers and industry association executives. Though none were able to master the \$25,000 hole-in-one, there were winners all around as participants won over \$5,000 in prizes during the raffle held at the barbeque/reception following the tournament. Each year, FWQA awards scholarships to four deserving local high school seniors planning to pursue a college degree related to the environment and water quality. The scholarships will again be presented in May, 2010 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Thanks to the participation of members, colleagues, and friends in the golf tournament, FWQA is able to make this continued investment in the futures of many promising young adults. Thank you to all who played and sponsored, and thanks to fundraising chairs, Dawn Kristof Champney and Ken Kirk for their hard work and dedication to this program.

## **FWQA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Congratulations to 2009 FWQA scholarship winners, Ellis Carpenter (Yorktown High School), Caroline Hackett (Woodrow Wilson SHS), Sikandar Porter-Gill (Gaithersburg H.S.) and Neesha Schnepf (Thomas Jefferson HS for Science & Technology). These four outstanding students were honored along with 14 local science fair winners at our yearly Scholarship Luncheon at the National Press Club in May. Each of the winners was awarded a \$2,000 check and the opportunity to continue that scholarship for the next 4 years. They have gone on this fall to Cornell University (Ellis & Neesha), Tufts University (Caroline) and Penn State (Sikandar). We wish them well in their environmental careers. Thank you to scholarship committee judges Christian Davies-Venn, Barry Benroth, Sheila Olem, Sharon Nye and also Madeleine Nawar; and to science fair judges Jack Kooyoomjian, Sharon Nye, Susan Helling, Joe Ford, Brian Busiek, Meghan Keenan, Desiree Gordon, Chandra Vavilala, Janet Goodwin (chair), and Jeff Burkhart. This year's future environmental champions were honored by guest speaker, Nancy Stoner, Director, Clean Water Projects, Natural Resources Defense Council. Additional service awards were given to Mary Belefski, EPA (Bedell award), John Tucker, PEER Consultants (Hatfield award), Jim Wheeler, EPA (Federation Director service award), Jeff Burkhart (Presidents award).

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

The Federal Water Quality Association is pleased to announce the official results of the 2009 Executive Board elections. The FWQA received 41 legal ballots (one ballot was returned unmarked). All candidates were elected by majority vote. There was one write-in candidate for each office. Secretary Sharon Nye, is serving the second year of a 2-term. John Tucker, a former FWQA president, was appointed by the new President to serve as the Past President, in place of Tim Schmitt, the outgoing President, who was elected as the new Federation Director. The Executive Board also includes two members-at-large, to be appointed by the new President. The new officers (listed below) took office on July 1, 2009.

<b>President</b>	Adam Krantz	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Wheeler
<b>President-Elect</b>	Mary Belefski	<b>Director</b>	Tim Schmitt
<b>Vice President</b>	Julia Anastasio	<b>Past President</b>	John Tucker
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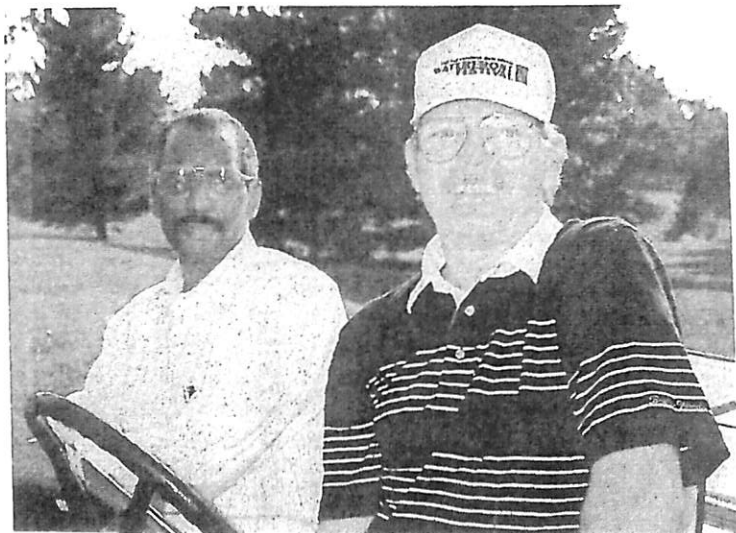
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New SS inductee Martin Brossman (center) receives the coveted shovel from FWQA past president, Mary Belefski, and pH 7 Influent Integrator, Jack Kooyoomjian at a special ceremony in July. Three other honorees received recognition earlier this year.



**FWQA Scholarship Golf Tournament** — FWQA President Adam Krantz (r) and his team on the course ↑ & FWQA Past President John Tucker (l) and his team strike a pose ↓



**Days Gone By.....** Another past FWQA golf tournament (1995) pictured Rich Barber and current treasurer Jim Wheeler (r), on the golf course. One of the FWQA scholarships is named in honor of the late Rich Barber. Two others are in honor of the late Harvey Olem and the late Gordon McCallum.

