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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Spring Joint Conference with Washington was one I won't soon forget. The host



committee did a fantastic Job. Our co-chairs, Eric Rouse from Clackamas County and Pete Capell from Clark County, kept us

on a very organized schedule. This is a lot of hard work and they always had a smile for everyone. I truly enjoyed working with them.

Being able to spend time with Washington President Katherine Claeys and the Washington Board members was a great networking opportunity. This was my first joint conference with Washington, and I found they have a wonderful membership.

During the conference, the Oregon Chapter was able to share one of our most prized possessions – the "Gizmo" – with the Washington Chapter. It took very little persuasion to find some good Washington Chapter nominations for our prestigious Golden Knuckle Award. Katherine Claeys and Pete Capell ran a close race, but in the end Pete was the winner of the "Gizmo." Pete has promised to attend our Fall Conference

in Pendleton to pass it along to the next lucky winner. Members from Washington and Oregon raised almost \$5,000 for the Jack Pittis Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Washington Board is matching the \$5,000 and working toward a self-sustaining scholarship in Jack's memory for his outstanding work with APWA. John Ostrowski is writing a book and he would like to have any memories you have about Jack. The book will be given to scholarship recipients so they will understand the commitment that Jack made to APWA and as a public servant.

Bob Freudenthal, the National APWA President, gave conference attendees an update on initiatives and issues, including a stronger outreach to high schools and universities. Jim Fahey, Director of Government Affairs in APWA's Washington DC office, challenged the chapters to be very proactive in their advocacy efforts.

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. The selection of a Top

Ten list of exceptional public works professionals has been a cornerstone of NPWW. The program has identified more than 400 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. APWA President Bob Freudenthal announced that Kurt Corey, City of Eugene Public Works Director, has been selected as a 2006 Top Ten winner. Congratulations!

And remember this year's National Public Works Week theme: Public Works – the heart of every community.

Lila Bradley



Oregon Chapter President Lila Bradley confers with APWA National President Bob Freudenthal at the Spring 2006 Oregon-Washington Joint Conference

JOINT CHAPTER CONFERENCE PHOTOS, 4-5



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COREY TAPPED AS TOP 10 PUBLIC WORKS LEADER

Kurt A. Corey, P.E., director of public works for the City of Eugene, Ore., was recently named a 2006 Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year. He was presented with the award during a celebration at the Downtown Athletic Club in Eugene on May 16.

APWA selected 10 outstanding public works professionals from across the U.S. and Canada for their professionalism, expertise and career-long dedication and service. Marking the 47th year of the award, the honor is among the most coveted and prestigious presented by the Association.

Overseeing an annual operating budget of \$58 million and a staff of approximately 415 permanent employees and 100 temporary seasonal employees, Corey has led his department to many achievements. He has also been actively involved with APWA, serving in leadership positions in APWA's Rocky Mountain and Oregon Chapters as well as serving for a number of years on the National Engineering and Technology Committee. He also spent the past 25 years officiating football and basketball at the high school and small college levels, including the Frontier Conference (NAIA) and the Northwest Football Officials Association (NIFOA) Division II and III. His basketball officiating resume includes numerous tournaments in Montana, including two state championship contests.

For more information about the Top Ten award, contact Becky Wickstrom, (202) 218-6736 or bwickstrom@apwa.net. To see the Top Ten recipients from 1960 to 2005, visit APWA's National Awards Program Web page at www.apwa.net.



APWA National President-elect Bill Verkest presents Top 10 Award to Kurt Corey



KLOPE RECEIVES MANAGER OF YEAR AWARD FROM APWA

Paul Klope, a principal engineer for the City of Eugene's Public Works Department, has been named Engineering/Technology Professional Manager of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA). The national award recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years experience whose primary responsibility is management of public works engineering and technology management.

Klope joined the Eugene Public Works staff in 1987. Throughout his career Klope has had a strong interest in assuring that contract specifications for capital improvement projects are clear and objective and serve all parties to public improvement contracts. He helped lead an effort to develop standard specifications for state and local public works agencies. Klope also has been a leader in incorporating innovative methods and products in construction projects.

He has mentored eight college students through the Civil Engineering Cooperative Program

in collaboration with Oregon State University, and he currently serves on APWA's National Education Committee. Last fall, Klope received the William A. Bowes Service Award, the highest award given by the Oregon Chapter of APWA to honor distinguished service given to the chapter and its members.

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OREGON APWA NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Oregon APWA Board of Directors has named Ken Fuller to a two-year term on the board. Fuller replaces Derek Forseth, who recently left Oregon to accept a position with a consulting firm in Moscow, Idaho.

Ken Fuller has been the City of Bend Public Works Director for approximately two years. He began his employment with the City as the Engineering Manager and was promoted to his current position. He has been instrumental in having the Public Works Department begin the APWA accreditation process, which is planned for completion this year. Prior to coming to Bend, Fuller owned and operated an engineering and consulting firm in the Seattle/Tacoma area. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three young sons.



Ken Fuller

Fuller graduated cum laude with a BSCE in Civil Engineering from St. Martins College in Lacey, Washington. He did his prerequisite studies for engineering at Pacific Lutheran University and Fort Steilacoom Community College.

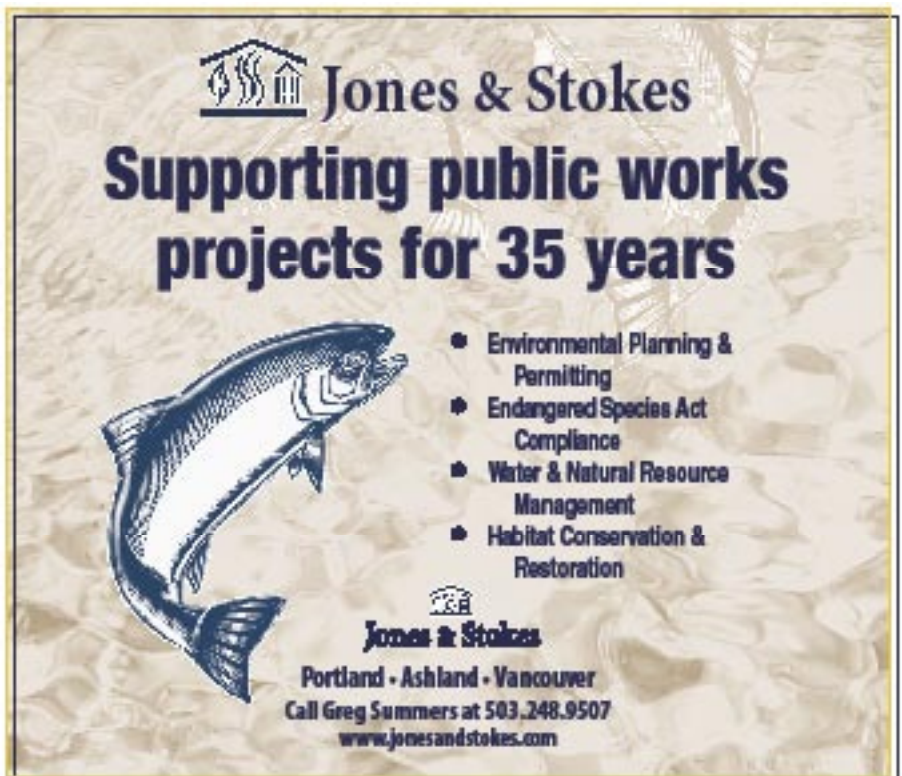
NW PUBLIC WORKS INSTITUTE SETS TRAINING SCHEDULE


The NW Public Works Institute is a training program for people at all stages in their public works careers to improve their knowledge in a wide range of topics such as public works operations, working with the public, emergency management, supervision, effective relationships with decision makers, team dynamics, and media relations. Oregon and Washington chapters are partnering to present the training through a series of classes that will be available to members from both chapters.

The "Public Works Essentials" class scheduled for June has been postponed until this fall, and an announcement detailing dates and location will be sent out in a few months. Also scheduled this year is the "Leadership Skills" class. It is planned for November 1-3, 2006, at the Surfsand Resort in Cannon Beach. Watch your mail for a flier this summer. The third in the series of Institute classes, "Developing Leader" will be held next spring.


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OREGON AND WASHINGTON UNITE FOR SPRING CONFERENCE



Let's just say you had to be there to appreciate how much fun was had at the joint chapter banquet



Oregon Chapter President-elect Kurt Corey introduces Jennifer Schieberl for a presentation on Engineers Without Borders



Playful presidents: Oregon's Lila Bradly and Washington's Katherine Claeys



Fundraiser extraordinaire: Past National APWA President Jerry Fay hits up current President Bob Freudenthal for Gizmo cash



(Left) Stephanie Reid and John Ostrowski visit at the exhibitor-hosted social

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THE OREGON APWA 2006 FALL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD OCT. 10-13 IN PENDLETON. FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING TIPS ON LODGING,

VISIT WWW.OREGONAPWA.ORG

IT'S RETIREMENT TIME FOR EVENT SOLUTIONS

By Gordon Merseth



In 1985, Jeanne Nyquist knew that the Chapter's education program had grown beyond the point of being a member/volunteer run operation. Soon after, Judy Arasmith and her firm, Event Solutions, began their 20-year relationship with the Oregon Chapter.

After reviewing the credentials of several firms, the chapter selected Event Solutions (initially known as the Conference Company) to take care of the many details involved in putting on a professional education program. Judy and Event Solutions proved to be a wise choice as she has provided exemplary service to the chapter and our client students.

In addition to helping coordinate current events and organize new ones, Judy takes care of all the local arrangements for our workshops, prints and mails the announcements, assembles and delivers session materials, takes registrations, handles all the tuition and invoices, and organizes and distributes workshop feedback. Phew!

In working with our partners at T2, Judy has proven to be a great ambassador of the Chapter. Much of the success of our education program can be tracked directly to her involvement.

As with many things, change will occur gradually. Judy has agreed to continue involvement with workshops scheduled for 2006 and provide guidance to whomever we select to take the position. After that though, she vows to spend much more time with her grandchildren and with her husband, Skeet. We'll be able to find a new firm to provide the services needed to continue our education program, but we'll never be able to replace the professionalism, smile and gentle grace Judy brought to our chapter. If you'd like to add your own personal comment, you can reach her at judy@easyevents.com.

THANK YOU JUDY ARASMITH!



In a hard-fought battle, Clark County (Wash.) Public Works Director Pete Capell edged out the competition to win the Gizmo. Golden Knuckle proceeds, with a matching contribution from the Washington Chapter, raised almost \$5,000 for the Jack Pittis Memorial Scholarship.



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BOLI CHANGES PRINTING RULE ON WAGE RATES

On May 15, the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) initiated a rule revision that allows public agencies to include a reference to a web address for BOLI wage rates rather than include all the wage rates in paper form in their bid proposals.

According to BOLI Administrator Christine

Hammond, the rule deletes “the requirement that the applicable prevailing wage rates be physically included in all bid specifications for projects subject to the Prevailing Wage Rate law, and allow a reference to the applicable wage rates to be made in the specifications.” Although this rule is temporary, it will

become permanent through the rule-making process this fall.

The text of temporary rule “839-025-0020 Public Works Contracts and Contract Specifications; Required Conditions” is available at www.oregon.gov/BOLI and click on the link for “new/proposed rules” or by calling (971) 673-0838.

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WA COUNTY PARTNERS HOST FAIR
By Victoria Sager, Washington County PIO

At its May 16 meeting, the Washington County Board of Commissioners proclaimed May 21-27 as National Public Works Week. Land Use and Transportation (LUT) and its partners Clean Water Services and the Joint Water Commission put on a Public Works Fair at Washington Square the weekend of May 20-21. Family-friendly displays and activities provided information as well as entertainment. Toy yellow hard hats topped children's heads throughout the mall that weekend.

LUT's display featured a pedestrian safety theme. Reflectors, blinkers, and reflective wrist bands were offered as giveaways to promote the "see and be seen" theme. ODOT provided the "Wheel of Safety" – spin the wheel, answer a traffic safety question, and win a prize

such as the new "ABC's of Green Engineering" coloring book illustrated by Connie McCracken. The "Good-Wall/Bad-Wall" display attracted the self-help home repair crowd.

Other partners include Clean Water Services, the Joint Water Commission, and Portland General Electric.

1,900 IN EUGENE 'DISCOVER PW'
By Eric Jones, City of Eugene PIO

More than 1,500 youngsters and nearly 400 adults attended the 14th annual Eugene Public

Works Open House on Thursday, May 18, at the Public Works Yard.

Designed primarily for youngsters, the free interactive event showcases the many services that Eugene Public Works provides in the community. "Tiny Park" highlights the work of the department's Parks and Open Space Division, "Tiny Town" teaches children how to be safe in traffic, and the "Equipment Rodeo" gives people of all ages a chance to sit behind the wheel of Public Works equipment.



TUALATIN 'ALL OUT' FOR PW WEEK
By Kathy Kaatz, Ops Program Coordinator

The City of Tualatin began its recognition and education for national Public Works Week with a month-long display in the library lobby and an official proclamation of Public Works Week.

The biggest component is the opportunity to team up with the Hazelbrook Middle School Leadership class to present a Public Works Fair that includes seven, hands-on stations, each focusing on a public works topic. Leadership students are asked to choose one of the selected seven topics and are then invited on a field trip to the city's Operations Center where they learn about their subject first-hand.

One of the most popular public works events is the backhoe competition. With safety a top priority, Leadership students learn how to run a backhoe by putting a scoop of tennis balls into a large bucket. The sixth grader getting the most balls in the bucket wins a prize.

We also sponsor a Public Works Picnic, inviting all city staff to recognize public works employees. Leadership Class students attend along with the mayor, council, and city manager.





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DEVELOPING LEADERS SET AFLOAT

The Developing Leader Workshop was held March 15-17, at Rock Springs Guest Ranch in Tumalo.

It is the 15th year this class has been held at Rock Springs Ranch, and Jeanne Nyquist has been an instructor at every one of them. As a matter of fact, Jeanne has been teaching APWA supervision classes since 1988!

Developing Leaders concludes with a final project of building four rafts by four teams with all the people using the team-building skills learned during the previous 2 1/2 days. While not intended, every year it turns into a competitive, fun race!



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2006 CALENDAR

June 22-23, **Pump Station Design**, Portland

September 10-13, **APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition**, Kansas City, Missouri, www.apwa.net/meetings/congress/2006/Preview

October 10-13, **APWA Fall Chapter Conference**, Pendleton

October 18-20, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Fall School**, Redmond

November 1-3, **Public Works Leadership**, Cannon Beach

For more information or to register online visit

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