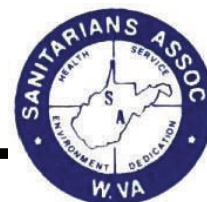


# SANITARIANS' NEWS



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### Special Thanks to the sponsors of the WVAS annual mid-year meeting:

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## MID-YEAR MEETING

BY LINDA WHALEY

The annual Mid-Year Meeting for Sanitarians was held at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV, May 5-8, 2009. Tuesday afternoon began with OEHS updates from Barb Taylor, Director and the 3 Division Directors. WVAS also held the mid-year business meeting and the annual picnic. This year saw a high number of attendees due to having two excellent learning opportunities. FDA provided a Food Est. Plan Review Course. FDA sent a cadre of 5 instructors who were all very informative and outstanding instructors. We all picked up good information along with the latest guidance documents. Jeff Smith, Readiness Coordinator, arranged for an Environmental Health Training and Emergency Response. This course was also very well attended and everyone seemed to appreciate the information. The Army National Guard 35th Civil Support Team gave a demonstration of their equipment and made everyone aware of their activities and capability. The American Red Cross also brought an Emergency Response Vehicle as a learning tool. Thanks to Jessica Lucas and Jeff Smith who coordinated the agenda topics as well as the breaks. Jeff Fowler, Bill Nestor, and TJ Witten were our chefs and arranged the picnic again which was enjoyed by all.



## OTHER UPCOMING TRAINING:

May 21, 2009 - Tri State Environmental Health Association;  
Belmont County 911 Building, State Route 331, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950;

July 31, 2009 - St. Albans In-Service Training; Toyota Plant, Buffalo

June 21-24, 2009 - National Environmental Health Association 73rd Annual Educational Conference; Atlanta, Ga

July 22-24, 2009 - 63rd Interstate Environmental Health Seminar; Hotel Preston, Nashville, TN

### KUDOS' to MOVHD

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept. set up an informational booth at the Parkersburg Wal-mart on Monday, May,4, 2009. The booth was distributing information and showing people what they can do to help prevent the spread of disease. They were providing information on general flu prevention and handwashing. Sanitarians used Glo-Germ and a black-light to demonstrate how germs can be spread from objects to the hands and vice versa. Additional displays are planned throughout the community.



It's getting near that time again that all Sanitarians renew their registration with the West Virginia Board of Sanitarians (WVBORS). Current registrations expire June 30, 2009. You should receive a renewal application in the mail or you can find it on the Board website at [www.wvdhhr.org/phs/bors](http://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/bors). The paperwork is easy and the fee is only \$20.00 but the real hang-up every year is to get everyone to obtain and **submit their required 15 hours of Continuing Education Hours**. Everyone by now should have received a report from the Board on how many hours have been submitted

# WVBORS

BY DAVID THORNTON

and approved for them. If it did not show 15 or more hours you need to be attending and submitting more hours. **Do NOT be caught short.** The educational hours **MUST BE BETWEEN July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.** By law the Board cannot renew your registration without the 15 hours. You could face a 1 year suspension from your job if enough CEH's are not submitted. You must be registered with the WVBORS (or be in Pre-Sanitarian training class completion status) to work as a Sanitarian in West Virginia. If you have

a question on your reported hours or recent submittals contact Sandy Dearien or Anita Ray at 304-358-8050.



Photos from Mid-Year—FDA Course, Phil Jones receives a lifetime achievement award

## PASSING OF A FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

Joe Wyatt, Past Director of the Public Health Sanitation Division, passed from this life on Friday, May 8, 2009. Joe was a dedicated public health professional for over 30 years. He served as President of the WV Public Health Association as well as President of the WV Association of Sanitarians. Joe also served his local community in various capacities at the Cowen Fire Dept. He was instrumental in establishing emergency medical services for southern Webster County. Joe leaves behind a wife, Bettie, and children, Rob, Sherri and Kaleena, as well as other family and many, many friends. We will always remember that Joe was kind, willing to listen, and would go the extra mile. He also enjoyed a good time with friends. Joe, we will miss you!



## 2008 TRAINING COURSE 2009 TRAINING COURSE

The Fall 2008 Training class ran from August to December of 2008. There were 16 trainees in which 4 were returning from the previous course. 1 trainee was returning to Public Health after working for DEP and wanted a refresher on the Food and Wastewater sections. 6 of the students will be returning for the 2009 course to complete their training. So, welcome to Bruce Ullom-Morgan Co., Bob Stump-Morgan Co., Carolyne Baker-Hancock Co., Michelle Trickett-Raleigh Co. (now working as an Epidemiologist), Judy Ashcraft-Pleasants Co., Stephanie Dewees-Jackson Co. (Nurse/Sanitarian), Amy Haskins-Jackson Co. (Public Health Educator/Sanitarian), and Don Jones-Jefferson Co. We wish all of them a long, enjoyable career as Sanitarians.

The 2009 Course dates are: Aug. 10-14-Charleston, Aug. 31-Sept. 4-Morgantown, Sept. 14-18-Morgantown, Oct. 5-9-Charleston, Oct. 19-23-Charleston, Nov. 2-6-Charleston, Nov. 16-20-Morgantown, Dec. 7-11-Morgantown. We have 6 returning trainees and 2 new trainees at this time.



## QuizTime

- Which Executive Council member chairs the Awards Committee?
- When were WVAS Bylaws last amended?
- According to WVAS Bylaws, what are the 4 classes of WVAS membership?
- The Vice President serves as the chair of which committee?
- When is IEHS scheduled to be hosted by WV?
- How much are membership dues for first time members and current members?
- Name 5 lifetime members of WVAS.
- What qualifies someone as a lifetime member of WVAS?
- How many people visit Cedar Lakes each year?

## WVPHA CONFERENCE 2009

BY: JESSICA LUCAS

Despite the economic situation in the state, and any rumors that may have been circulating, the WV Public Health Association will hold the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Conference will take place September 23-25, 2009 at Stonewall Jackson State Park in Roanoke, WV, and the theme is "Building Blocks for a Healthy West Virginia."

Efforts have been made in hopes of making attendance more affordable. Some changes include reduced registration fees (\$110 for the full conference), reduced section fees (\$5 for Environmental), and a reduction in the amount of break food. The Environmental Section agenda for Thursday, September 24,

consists of topics that will address the Food, Sewage, Mobile Home Park and Child Care Center programs. The speakers include representatives from Yum! Brands, Inc., the Mobile Home Park Task Force, WV State Fire Marshall, Child Care Licensing and Canaan Valley Institute.

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Recent Retirees:  
Sue Latorre-PHS  
Mark Whittaker-PHS

We wish you the best!!!!



Lana Cyrus,  
PHS Clerk  
passed away  
April 25th,  
2009. She  
worked with the Sewage  
Installer renewals and  
Hau permits. She had  
retired due to health rea-  
sons several months  
previously . Everyone  
who knew Lana appreci-  
ated her kindness and  
willingness to work.



## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

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Photos from Mingo Co. by Judy Vallandingham and Clarence Christian.

