

SANITARIANS' NEWS

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MID-YEAR MEETING



It's Spring and almost time for the annual WVAS Mid-Year Conference to be held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. The dates are April 30-May 3, 2013. Mid-Year will begin Tuesday with Environmental Health updates and the annual picnic (Thank you to Kroger and T.J. Witten for your continued sponsorship and support). Both sessions will start Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Session A, the FDA Food Borne Illness Investigation course will run through Friday May 3rd. Session B will cover a wide variety of environmental health topics and conclude Thursday, May 2nd. The full agenda and the registration form for Session B is

on the [WVAS website](#). Please come out, have some fun, learn a lot, and support our Association (not necessarily in that order!)



One of the sanitarians' favorite places

If you have photos, stories, or any good news that you would like to share in the August issue of *Sanitarians' News*, please contact Linda Whaley (Linda.K.Whaley@wv.gov) or Jessica Douglas (Jessica.L.Douglas@wv.gov).

GET INVOLVED WITH WVAS!

Nominate! If you know someone that deserves recognition for their contributions to environmental health, nominate them. Information and nomination forms for the Steve Bayer, Recognition, Citizen, and Bubba Awards can be found at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvas/awards.asp>. Deadline to

submit nominations is August 1. Please contact Awards Committee Chair, Jaclyn Johnson (Jaclyn.M.Johnson@wv.gov), if you have any questions.

Run! If you would like to run for WVAS Vice-President or 2-Year Board Member, please contact Nomination Committee Chair, Bill Nestor

(Bill.E.Nestor@wv.gov). Ballots must be mailed to members at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Election results and awards will be announced at the WVAS business meeting that will be held September 19, 2013, at Snowshoe Resort as part of the WVPHA Annual Conference.



Congratulations to the new **Registered Sanitarians** since August 2012:

Garen Rhome

Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department

Jimmy Casdorph

Lincoln County Health Department



Marriage congratulations to:

**Jennifer Beamer
Hutson & Adam
Douglas Hutson**
6/11/11

**Elizabeth (Nutter)
Ratliff & James Clay
Ratliff**
7/7/12



CURTIS EMMETT LOWE BRIDGE

Phyllis Lowe, RS, Boone County Health Department, was notified by her Delegate Rupert Phillips that a bridge on Corridor G near Chapmanville, which goes over Garrett's Fork, will be named after her father who passed away April 3rd.

Her father's name was Curtis Emmett Lowe and he was a World War II veteran and was a Naval Chief Boatswain's mate. He enlisted in the Navy in 1937 and was discharged in 1941. While on the U.S.S. Philadelphia, his ship picked up President Franklin D. Roosevelt and took him with them for a week in 1938. The Presi-

dent went fishing in the Turks Islands. While the President was on the ship a call was received from a Norwegian ship that they needed a doctor. The President sent a doctor aboard the U. S.S. Philadelphia over to the Norwegian ship to extract a piece of glass out of a sailor's eye. The U.S.S. Philadelphia and the President received a thank-you from the King of Norway. After he was discharged in 1941, he re-enlisted in the Navy after learning of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served 3½ years during the war and was on the U.S.S. Elizabeth C. Stanton.

What a great honor this is for Phyllis and her family. Her dad's contribution and legacy will continue on in Logan County.

Congratulations Phyllis!



RECREATIONAL WATER INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION WEEK

The ninth annual Recreational Water Injury and Illness (RWII) Prevention Week is May 20-26, 2013, the week before Memorial Day. It is a great opportunity to raise awareness of RWIIs and promote healthy swimming as outdoor pools and bathing beaches prepare to open for a summer full of swimming. This year's

theme is "How We Swimmers Contaminate Pools," and focuses on how good swimmer hygiene can prevent recreational water illness.

If you are interested in promoting or participating in RWII Prevention Week activities, CDC provides resources to assist in your efforts, such as community outreach sugges-

tions and press release examples. Information can be found at www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/rwi_prevention_week.htm.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Incident Command Center Refresher Course

May 14, 2013
Charleston, WV

Contact Judy Ashcraft for more information.
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New Sanitarian Training Class

August 12 - December 13, 2013
Charleston & Morgantown, WV

Information available at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/phs/training/TrainingClass.asp>

WV Public Health Association Annual Conference

September 18-20, 2013
Snowshoe, WV

Information available at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvpha/Conference/index.htm>

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

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FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Fayette County Health Department is preparing for the 2013 Boy Scout National Jamboree. We anticipate much activity during the whole month of July at the Summit and throughout the county with the many visitors, temporary food stands (legal and not), and just trying to navigate the area at that time. Although the event is from July 15 – July 24, we anticipate inspecting at the Summit the week of July 6 after setup of operations and the main activity week, and also on an as-needed basis.

Eurest and Canteen Team representing Compass Group

will be the exclusive food and vending services provider (except for one outside ice cream vendor). Compass Group is the largest contract food provider in the world and is currently hiring local staff.

The Health Department will focus on inspecting food, pools, showers, water testing, garbage removal, and portajohns. The state DIDE team will be onsite also focusing on disease and injury.

Every person who goes to the Summit must take two Youth Protection Trainings online and have certificates on hand with picture ID to be allowed onsite.



The Summit Bechtel Reserve will be drawing many thousands of people to our county every year. Fayette County leaders and the Health Department are looking forward to the new growth and challenges that are forthcoming with the building of the Reserve.

Jamboree Stats:

→32,000 scouts and 9,000 staff

→Compass Group managers and chefs are ServSafe certified

→200 Compass Group-hired temporary associates

→All volunteers and temporary associates are required to take an on-line Food Safety & Health training module, 4 retail food locations for the public

→4 base camp snack bars for staff and scouts

→Each retail location will have permanent utilities and will include hand wash sinks and 3-compartment sinks, 2 – 8ft x 20ft walk-in refrigerators

→Scout food is pre-cooked, shelf-stable. Lunches are prepackaged

→4 Olympic-sized portable pools will be installed for the event

IEHS

The 67th Interstate Environmental Health Seminar will be held at the [Hilton Garden Inn, Kent Island, MD](#) July 24 – 26, 2013. This is a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge of environmental health issues that are challenging our colleagues in the Southeastern United States. It will provide you with the opportunity to network with sani-

arians (environmental health specialists) from the IEHS member states. Relationships formed at IEHS will provide you with a great environmental health resource. Topics on the agenda include: Donnie Haynes, OEHS presentation – “Derecho” Environmental Health Response, Several presentations on land use and nitrogen reduction,

Domestic Preparedness Training, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Program, FDA Standardization, Food Code and Food Trends, West Nile Virus & Encephalitis, and Rabies in Maryland. For a complete agenda visit the [WVAS/IEHS web page](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvas). Hope to see you there!!

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QUIZ TIME: NEHA RS STUDY GUIDE EDITION

1. An employer moves employees who have reached the upper permissible level of exposure to a hazardous environment, in order to prevent further exposure. What type of hazard control is this?

- A. Professional control
- B. Personal control
- C. Administrative control
- D. Engineering control

2. Which of the following shellfish are MOST likely to

cause illness?

- A. oysters
- B. crabs
- C. shrimp
- D. scallops

3. Microbial pollution travels only a short distance through:

- A. sandstone
- B. smooth clay
- C. fissured rock
- D. limestone

4. Psittacosis is MOST commonly spread by:

- A. bats
- B. shellfish
- C. rodents
- D. pigeons

5. Microwaves are reflected by:

- A. metals
- B. plastic
- C. glass
- D. polymers



Thank you to **Kroger** for sponsoring the picnic and to **Smoke Free Initiative of WV** for sponsoring the Wednesday evening networking session at Mid-Year

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Answers to Quiz Time

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. A



WVAS Executive Council

Elected Officers

President: Judy Ashcraft

Vice-President: Elizabeth Green

Members at Large

2-Year: T.J. Witten

1-Year: Jonathan Graziani

Appointed Members

Secretary-Treasurer: Linda Whaley **Newsletter:** Linda Whaley/Jessica Douglas

Ex-Officio Member

Public Health Sanitation Director: Brad Cochran

CDC confirms rabies death in organ transplant recipient (Information from www.cdc.gov, March 2013)

The CDC and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene have confirmed that a patient who recently died of rabies in Maryland contracted the infection through organ transplantation done more than a year ago. The patient was one of four people who had received an organ from the same donor. This week, CDC laboratories tested tissue samples from the donor and from the recipient who died to confirm transmission of rabies through organ transplantation.

In early March, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene initiated an investigation after the organ recipient died, which led to the rabies diagnosis. The investigation revealed that the organ recipient had no reported animal exposures, the usual source of rabies transmission to humans, and

identified the possibility of transplant-related transmission of rabies, which is extremely rare. The organ transplantation occurred more than a year before the recipient developed symptoms and died of rabies; this period is much longer than the typical rabies incubation period of 1 to 3 months, but is consistent with prior case reports of long incubation periods. CDC's preliminary laboratory analysis indicates that the recipient and the donor both had the same type of rabies virus—a raccoon type. This type of rabies virus can infect not only raccoons, but also other wild and domestic animals. In the United States, only one other person is reported to have died from a raccoon-type rabies virus.

In 2011, the donor became ill and was admitted to a health-care facility in Florida and then died. At that time, the

donor's organs, including the kidneys, heart, and liver, were recovered and sent to recipients in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and Maryland. At the time of the donor's death, rabies was not suspected as the cause and testing for rabies was not performed. Rabies was only recently confirmed as the cause of death after the current investigation began in Maryland.

The three other people who received organs from the donor have been identified and are currently being evaluated by their healthcare teams and receiving anti-rabies shots. CDC is working with public health officials and healthcare facilities in five states (Fla., Ga., Ill., Md., and N.C.) to identify people who were in close contact with the initial donor or four organ recipients and might need rabies post-exposure treatment.