

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.

As I write this article, I have just returned from our 44th Annual Technical Training Workshop and Exhibition in beautiful Lake Placid, NY. The weather was perfect, we had record attendance for this location, and I think all involved had a wonderful week. I would like to express our gratitude to our Exhibitors who make this event possible, to our System Members for continuing to support this association, and our Staff for all the hard work and dedication to this association and to you, our membership.

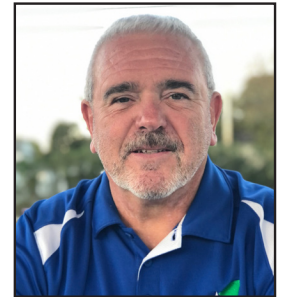
As I have previously mentioned, our Apprenticeship Program has been very successful. As it continues to grow, we are excited and look forward to working with the next generation of operations specialists entering the water and wastewater field.

As an association we continually strive to do what is best for our membership. If you have any suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board Members or our CEO. Our contact information is available on our website: www.nyruralwater.org.

I want to personally thank our Staff for their dedication and all that they do for this association. A thank you to our Board of Directors, all of whom volunteer for these positions as well. They truly have the best interests of this industry in their hearts and always consider what is the best practical and economically cost-effective ways to provide our rural communities with clean safe drinking water and the best and most innovative treatment of our wastewater as well.

It has been a very busy Winter (if you want to call it a Winter in the lower Hudson Valley)/Spring thus far. It already looks like it will be an even busier Summer/Fall as well. This region has seen a large snowfall deficit and I'm hopeful we will receive some consistent rainfall throughout the Summer months to combat the still lasting effects of last year's drought conditions.

As always, please be safe and may God bless all of you and your families. 💧💧💧



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