

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.

WaterPro Conference and more!

As I write this article, I am returning from what I believe was a very successful National Rural Water Association annual WaterPro conference in Aurora, Colorado. Many of our Associate member vendors and their national counterparts were in attendance as well. It was great to see some familiar faces and meet some new reps as well. Our staff attended training as well as our Board of Directors taking mandated Board Training sessions. NRWA President John O'Connell did a wonderful job in his opening ceremonies presentation as did the guest speakers and the NRWA staff.

During the conference the major topic of concern was the possible Federal Government shutdown, which possibly could have impacted on many of our programs. It was thankfully avoided but it has to make you wonder where the priorities of our federally elected representatives really are. It shouldn't matter what political party you belong to, but when the threat of shutting down the entire country or cutting funding to the single most important resource to human existence, drinking water, is threatened, something is very wrong. RANT OVER.

This is why we ask you, our members, to write letters to our CEO or the Board, telling us how we have helped your system when you called for needed assistance and our people responded to those needs, and what they did to rectify your issues. We share them every year at NRWA Rally with our nationally elected representatives in Washington, DC, as well as our local state representatives.

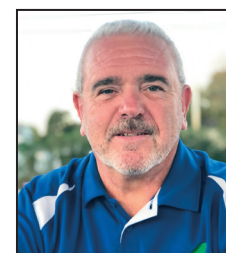
It was great to see some of the beautiful sites in the area and take some personal time to explore the majestic views of the Colorado Rockies, breathtaking doesn't begin to do it justice.

Now that we are entering the Fall/Winter season it is time to start prepping for these seasons as well. With the wild rainy weather and sometimes destructive storms we have seen this past summer along with drought conditions in many areas, it makes me wonder what mother nature will throw at us the next few months. I know most of you hate the snow word, but I'm hoping we get some good snowfalls this winter to help with the water table to replenish our drinking water supply levels.

I have said this numerous times, but I honestly believe our personnel and Board members (past and present) are the best in the business bar none, I saw that firsthand at WaterPro talking with many of their counterparts and Board members from across the nation. Our association is very highly regarded in their profession. I for one am very proud to be part of this group.

As always don't forget to check our website for upcoming training and information regarding this great association.

I ask you all to always please be safe, don't take safety for granted, return to your families each day and may God bless all of you. 💧💧💧



Matthew A. Thorp, Sr.
NYRWA President