



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TIME & THE RETIREMENT OF A VERY SPECIAL PERSON

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As I am writing this article for the fall edition of *Aquafacts*, I'm wondering what happened to summer and where did the time go! At this time, we are in the midst of a wild thunderstorm and torrential downpours, lightning so bright the photo cells on the streetlights made them go out. Amazing how Mother Nature constantly reminds us who is boss. The weather certainly has played a major role in project delays and completion for many of us, since the winter. I'm catching up slowly, but surely, and I hope all of you are as well. Our new wastewater treatment facility has gone online (one month behind schedule) and now the final phases of construction and punch list items are being completed.

I want to congratulate Florence Braunius on her retirement from the Village of Speculator and let her know how jealous I am. On June 30, 2014, the Board, CEO Scalera and some staff members, along with co-workers, village officials, local agency folks, and family all joined in for a retirement party for Florence. We had a great afternoon at a beautiful setting in the Adirondacks with great food, and some good stories to tell about our good friend. It really doesn't get any better than that!! I wish Florence the best in her retirement. Now she can really spoil the grandchildren and her husband Don. She is working part time for a private mobile home park and a campground running their water supplies.

Remember, we will be back at the Turning Stone Resort in 2015 for the Annual Technical Conference which will be at our usual time in May, so keep your eyes open for updates when you get the mailers and on our website. Also, don't forget to contact the office should you need the assistance of our field staff as they are only a call away and are always ready to assist our members.

As fall will be here by the time you are reading this article, please start your preparations for the cold season and button up those unfinished projects. I saw on the news today some long range forecasts which show us having another winter like last year, below average temperatures and above average snowfall.

Please make sure all your systems are prepared and you have all the cold weather gear and necessary safety equipment for your personnel inspected, ready and replaced if needed.



The congressional funding cycle starts again in October, and we will be asking all of our members to support the efforts of National Rural Water on funding initiatives to keep all of our programs running across America. So please keep your letters of support coming, it really does mean a lot to your representatives.

As always, be safe and make sure you get home to your loved ones every night. Be proactive about your safety and that of your fellow co-workers. SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!!

Until next time: God bless.

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