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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT RICHARD PETERSEN — LAST DROP DRILLING AND PUMP SERVICES

Well I'm still behind so the world is right side up for now. I hope all of you are in a much better place than I am right now, as I have been so rushed everywhere that I forgot to write this. Now I'm hurrying through this and hope I don't forget someone or something.

We had some drillers pass on and a few who have had to deal with health or physical matters. My prayers and I do believe the prayers from all those in our association are with you.

On the other hand it is a new year, bright with hope for all. At the forefront of that is our convention. "Wow", another great time with those that were there, and missed were the ones who could not attend. We hope we can get all to come and attend next year, or maybe stroll on over to Moab this summer. It is shaping up to be a great time for those who come and join in with us. Please sign up early, the earlier the better, plus it makes everything go much smoother and easier on all of us.

Like I said, there was lots of participation at the convention and there are a few ideas to change some things, but nothing too major. The compliments of how great the convention is were everywhere from those who attend the vast majority of shows. Great job to all those who had a part to play and did such a fine job. I know there are hundreds of hours that go into making it such a success each year. Plus the warm air and atmosphere makes for a little hope in the midst of blizzards and cold.

I also wanted to welcome the new board members and thank them for the time and work it takes to do what we need to. It is a great job, as each of you will see as you participate. Thank you to the voters. Yes, you the members who showed up to cast your vote. It does make a difference.

The mountain states show was great also. I just got back and it was great to see everyone from Utah along with friends from other states. The show had many interesting classes and presenters with some new products and ideas. I

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really enjoy seeing and hearing about these things so that I may bring them to my customer's attention first as opposed to the "they generally bring it to our attention first".

This weather has been good for the watersheds everywhere in the State it seems. I hope you all are fine and able to work and meet your obligations. Good luck to one and all in this adventure we call life with my prayers of safety in work and fun going out to all.

God Bless America

Richard Petersen — UGWA President

UGWA CRISIS FUND NEIL BURK, P.G. — NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Did you know that the UGWA has a crisis fund? The purpose of the fund is to provide some support to families of UGWA members that may be in need after a crisis has occurred. A crisis can be a serious injury or a death. UGWA members and their families are eligible to receive gifts from the crisis fund. However, the Utah water well industry is quite small and the UGWA has provided gifts to non-UGWA members that are part of the water well industry in Utah.

The recipients of gifts from the crisis fund are very grateful to the UGWA for reaching out to them during a time of need. It's not uncommon for the gifts to be returned, usually with a note stating that the recipient's family is very grateful but that they feel someone else is in more need of the gift. This says a lot about the character of the UGWA and its members.

As a member of the community, the UGWA wants to help the members and their families during a time of need. A crisis can be a private matter for many families and the UGWA does not want to infringe on anyone's privacy. The UGWA would like to acknowledge all of the families that have had a crisis this past year. Our condolences, prayers and blessings are with you.

Neil Burk—Newsletter Editor

2016 ANNUAL UGWA CONVENTION REPORT

CHRIS MIKELL, P.G. — CONVENTIONS CHAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2016 UGWA Annual Convention in Mesquite. Our numbers this year - 144 attendees and 28 displaying suppliers and vendors. Nice Job! If you didn't make it you missed out, and hope we'll see you next year.

Vendors and suppliers went big this year. Both in terms of the total number of booths and the new suppliers joining our show. We are fortunate to have Platinum sponsors – Mitchell Lewis & Staver, Western Hydro, 101 Pipe & Casing, 2M Company, and Franklin Electric. Gold sponsors were Fexcon and Shakti Pumps. A big thank you to all our displaying suppliers and vendors that support UGWA.

The UGWA golf tournament was held on Wednesday. Our biggest turnout ever, 9 foursomes and 36 golfers! Mitchell Lewis & Staver sponsored the golf event, and provided great prizes for the way better-than-me golfers that deserved to win something. But the prizes ran deep and pretty much everyone that played walked away with something.

This year we offered 6 continuing education presentations. Peter Cartwright, PE was the NGWA's 2016 McElhiney speaker. His talk was entitled "Groundwater Contaminants and Treatment Options" and focused on water quality challenges typical in Utah. Other topics included Diagnosis and Treatment of Well Problems (LeRoy Palmer, Ameriwest Water Services), Understanding the Basics of Electric Motor Design (Kyle Widdison, Widdison Turbine Services), Well Design, Group Exercise (Chris DeKorver, Bowen Collins & Neil Burk, Loughlin Water), DOT Safety and inspection protocols (Trooper Bruce Fox/Utah Highway Patrol), and updates on Utah's well drilling rules (Jim Goddard/Water Rights).

101 Pipe and Casing sponsored our social on Thursday prior to the banquet. Afterward Jeromy Anzalone volunteered as auctioneer for the UGWA scholarship auction. The auction raised \$10,280 this year for deserving kids and grandkids of UGWA members to continue their education at college. The framed Fort McHenry flag donated by Grunfos was our high \$\$ item this year and went to Scott Holt with Century Geophysical. The "DeKorver", artwork donated by Chris DeKorver of an ancient cable tool rig in the desert, resulted in the most active bidding war and was taken home by John Zimmerman. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who donated or bought items supporting the scholarship auction. The UGWA Crisis Fund, which is supported from the quilt raffle and direct donations was restocked with \$1,030 this year.

The annual convention requires a Team effort to be successful. Our executive director Colette Read did a great job on the planning, logistics, registrations, basically everything needed to make it happen. Thank you also to Carmella Worwood, Richard Petersen, Kyle Widdison, the presenters, UGWA Board members, and everyone there for making it so much fun.

Our next opportunity for CEU's and a great time is the Moab PED & Retreat on June 10-11, 2016. Hope to see you there.

Chris Mikell, PG
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2017 Mesquite Skeet Shoot

The UGWA is looking into having a skeet shooting contest as an additional function for the annual convention in Mesquite. This would be a great way to fill the down time between the golf tournament on Wednesday and convention registration on Thursday afternoon. The skeet shoot would occur at a local gun club on Thursday morning, starting at 8am, before registration for the convention.

Details:

- We will be shooting sporting clays
- Cost for a normal round with 100 rounds of ammo is \$35 per person
- Cost for a short round with 50 rounds of ammo is \$23 per person
- We will shoot in groups of 4 to 6 people, depending on the number that sign up

What to Bring:

- Bring your favorite gun and 100 rounds of ammo with hearing protection
- A few extra guns will be available for members to shoot
- You can purchase ammo and hearing protection at the gun club

Prizes:

- We would like to have prizes, just like the golf tournament
- We will be looking for sponsors, just like the golf tournament

Comments:

Please contact Dave Worwood at dave@waterwellservice.com for comments and questions. The UGWA has not decided to do this yet, we want to get some feedback from our members before a decision is made. Contact Dave and tell him what you think!

2016 Moab PED & Summer Retreat

June 10th & 11th at

The Moab Valley Inn and Conference Center

Please join us for this year's Moab Professional Education Day & Summer Retreat. We will be offering 6 hours of CEUs, combined with a fun family get away. This will be a great way to get to know and reconnect with others in our industry while enjoying some family fun in sunny Moab. We can't think of a better way to kick off the summer. You won't want to miss this one!

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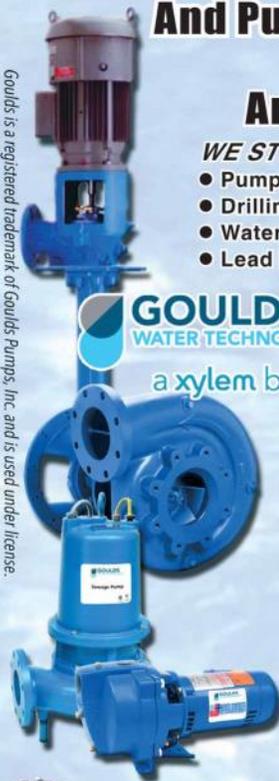
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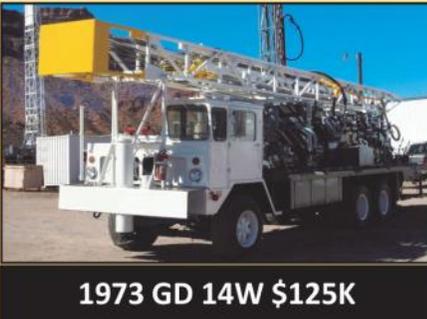
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