Once again it’s time for another President’s message for our UGWA news letter. This time I have decided to talk about some recent events that have been in the news, and discuss what we can learn from them. Recently, one of the greatest basketball players of all time, Kobe Bryant, was killed in a helicopter crash. With him was his daughter and seven other people. We are not all sports fans, and perhaps some of us didn’t really like the guy, but we can all take something away from this tragic event.

When I think of Kobe Bryant, the first thing that comes to my mind is his dedication to whatever he was doing at the time. He was constantly striving to be his very best, and he expected the same from others. He consistently practiced more than anyone else and was focused and dedicated. I take from him an inspiration to be more committed to the things in my life that are important and I want to accomplish. We all have different people, things, and events that inspire us to be better at all that we do. I believe it is important to think of what or who that is and be inspired to take the initiative to better ourselves.

The second lesson I get from Kobe’s recent death would be prioritizing the things that are most important to us individually, above everything else. Kobe had retired and was working hard at being a great father to his children. The past several years he was able to spend much more time with his children and wife. He valued his family and was grateful for the quality time he was able to spend with them later in his life after his basketball career. I once read an article about him loving to drive his children to school every day. He felt that 20 minutes in the car with them was valuable and irreplaceable. The conversation and connections were ones he wanted to create and foster. Then suddenly, without notice, his life was cut short. The opportunity for more time with his family was ended.

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At times we all get tied up in our work and personal lives and forget family and friends and what is really important. Events like Kobe’s death remind us all to find ways to focus on our work and family at the same time. I grew up having work and family always mixed together. Almost every family vacation was planned around something that had to do with my dad’s work. Often, as a family we would look at a job, visit a drill rig, or drop off a bid on the way. My parents tried to make the most of what time we could, whenever we could.

We need to remember what is important in our lives and make sure that these things do not always get put on the back burner. We do not have “all the time in the world.” Yes, material things are nice and do make our lives easier, but we can’t take these things with us. The only things that are forever are our legacy, the memories we have made, and our personal connections. How we treat people, what we helped each other with, and how they remember us are the important things to value in our life. Were we someone respected or were we only looking out for ourselves our whole life? It is my personal hope to be respected remembered positively when my time here is done. I want to continue my own father’s positive and productive legacy.

Writing this letter today has made me reflect back to my father’s funeral and remember how many people attended. My father had so many family and friends that there wasn’t enough time for everyone to all go through the line. I remember feeling very proud that so many people came to pay their respects to him. My hope is that I too will have the same invaluable friends and family that remember me in a similar way and know that I also tried my very best. My father passed this legacy to me and I hope that I will pass it as well to my children.

In closing, I hope this letter finds you all happy, healthy, and surrounded by family. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the UGWA. I appreciate your trust and friendship.

Sincerely,
Michael Anzalone
UGWA President
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The UGWA Annual Convention was held January 8-10th at Casa Blanca in Mesquite. Thank you and congrats to everyone who attended. Our numbers this year - 102 attendees, 25+ displaying suppliers and vendors, 158 folks at the banquet. Nice Job! If you didn’t make it you missed out, and hope we’ll see you next year.

The UGWA golf tournament was held on Wednesday. Steve Price/Delco Western organized and sponsored the golf event. We had a great turnout of about 40 golfers in 10 foursomes. The UGWA skeet shoot went off with a bang on Thursday morning. Charlie Fox/Franklin Electric and Dave Woodward/4-D Plumbing organized and sponsored the event. Winners of the golf and skeet were announced at the dinner banquet on Thursday night. The weather was beautiful in Mesquite and everyone had fun!

Our vendors and suppliers were very supportive to UGWA this year, both in terms of the total number of booths and the long time support they have given our show. We were fortunate to have Platinum sponsors to the convention – Mitchell Lewis & Staver, 2M Company, Western Hydro, and Franklin Electric. A big thank you to all our displaying suppliers and vendors that support UGWA.

Highlight this year was Robert Perry/Basin & Range Drilling Co showing up with a fully working model of a cable tool drilling rig, and hearing the story of how he friended up with the guy who built it while he was developing a well for Provo City (way back when).

This year we offered 7 continuing education presentations, topics included Water Well Drilling - Plan for Success (Ron Petersen, Halliburton); Planning Public Supply Wells (Deidre Beck, Div. of Drinking Water): Kennecott Mine Dewatering Program (Jeff Dunn, PG, Rio Tinto): Medical Cannabis (Ryan Nelson, Utah Employer’s Council): Job Site First Aid and CPR (Jaye Stahl, CPR Training on Wheels); DOT Safety and inspection protocols (Trooper James Curtis & Sgt Gifford/Utah Highway Patrol); and updates on Utah’s well drilling rules (Jim Goddard/Water Rights).

Jeromy Anzalone was auctioneer for the UGWA scholarship auction – as usual a lively and entertaining auctioneer. I really appreciated the return of Ronnie Jones with Worldwide Drilling Magazine and all her enthusiasm, the Johnson’s (Shelley and Ginger/Bill Johnson Equipment), and Brandi – who all got competitive and generous with their bids. The auction and scholarship raffles raised $14,841 this year for deserving kids and grandkids of UGWA.

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members to continue their education at college. The Crisis fund also raised $2,545 from donations and quilt tickets. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who donated items supporting the scholarship auction.

The annual convention requires a Team effort to be successful. Our executive director Colette Lynch did a great job on the planning and logistics needed to make it happen. Colette would like to especially thank Carmella Worwood for all her help this year (and many previous years too!). I very much appreciate the volunteer presenters, the UGWA Board for its help, and everyone that attended, to make our convention a worthwhile and fun gathering of the water well drilling industry.

Thanks UGWA members for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Board and run the conventions for so long.

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