The Advocate

Letter From The President
Richard Petersen

"Hello to One and All,

I was going to start out with how different this year is but, I’m late getting this written so not all things have changed.

Work, in my part of the world, has slowed down and for me it’s been nice. I do hope you all are doing well and getting enough work to keep you going.

The board meeting was great with a lot of new faces and view points. Please everyone remember the scholarship requirements; cross all the t’s and dot all the l’s. We love giving these out, but you are responsible to meet the requirements. If you have any questions, email Colette and please don’t wait until the last minute. We don’t want any deserving kids to miss out. Please keep up your good work and always be safe.

Richard Petersen, lastdropdrilling@yahoo.com
President UGWA
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C. TECHNICAL: Any hydrologist, geologist, or engineer involved in teaching, research, consulting and or government services associated with the ground water industry.

D. ASSOCIATE: Any person engaged in the support of the UGWA who does not accurately fit in any of the above.
UGWA Scholarship Program

Instructions for Application

The UGWA Scholarship Fund is made available to assist and encourage the education of qualified active UGWA members, their spouse, children and/or grandchildren.

The Program is funded by donations from the Our Members and the Mountain States Ground Water Association. The fundraising auction held at the annual UGWA Conference & Expo is enthusiastically supported by our members & all proceeds benefit this program.

ELIGIBILITY:

* An active UGWA member, their spouse, child or grandchild;
* And the sponsoring UGWA member has been in good standing for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years prior to application;
* And a student who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll within 6 months from award, in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school;
* And who is accepted by that institution during the year which the scholarship is given;
* And have completed the Association’s scholarship application with required supporting documentation;
* And complete application is postmarked by June 15 of each calendar year in which scholarships are awarded;
* And have not previously received 4 scholarships from this fund.

HOW TO APPLY: You must submit all information in the format you feel will best show your achievements and accomplishments during your scholastic career. Scholarship selection will be based on the following information submitted for review:

- Fully Completed UGWA Scholarship Application Cover Sheet;
- Academic Record/Grade Transcripts from the most recent school year;
- Minimum of 3 Current (6 months or less) Written Recommendations from Teachers, Advisers, etc.;
- Application Essay which will include:
  - Extracurricular Activities and Leadership Experience:
  - Community Service
  - Educational and Career Goals;
  - Work Experience and History.

DEADLINE: All applications must be Postmarked no later than June 15th. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All submittals will be confidential. No UGWA members will be directly involved in the selection process.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The scholarship award will be in the amount of $2,000. The number of awards will be based upon the funds available in the Association’s Scholarship Fund. Scholarship awards will be based on upon the merit of the applicant and the selection process will be made by an independent auditor such as the Salt Lake Community College, Office of Financial Aid. All awards will be made by check payable jointly to the student and the sponsoring member and must be endorsed by both. A maximum of 4 annual scholarships are available to any one applicant unless the applicant is obtaining an advanced degree or furthering their education in a related field to the association at which time they may receive a scholarship for an additional 2 years, not to exceed a maximum of 6 years total.

DEFERAL: In the that event community/civil service prevents an applicant from timely submitting an application for a current school year, consideration may be given for a future year’s scholarship. The applicant must submit a request and explanation for deferred consideration, along with any supporting documentation, with their completed application. Deferral requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the current sitting UGWA Board.

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

Utah Ground Water Association
11730 E 14450 N, Mount Pleasant UT 84647
or Email to Admin@UtahGroundWater.org

NOTE: If selected, you will be asked to provide: applicant’s date of birth, social security number and a 4x6 photograph prior to the receipt of funds.
UGWA Scholarship Application  
Cover Sheet  

ABOUT THE APPLICANT  

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first middle last  
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Friday, June 7th
8am Registration
8:15am CEU Classes
12:00pm Lunch sponsored by Flint & Walling
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Attention Water Users!!!!

Wow, water is for fighting and whiskey is for drinking. There is something timeless about the Art of War, it was not just dreamed-up or written down, it has existed for decades, hundreds, even thousands of years and if your beliefs go back far enough forever. The point I am making is to win a battle against a greater number, divide and conquer is the rule for success. Then why as a human race do we allow these concerns to divide us? It starts with small things; i.e. what color is your favorite house? Is it blue, brown, or is it yellow or green? Now, stop and think before you choose, is your choice going to restrict other people’s ability to choose, or in turn, your own when they choose? What do you think choice is? What we choose collectively or only individual choice? Our decisions, when not truly considered, can create majorities, minorities, and a bunch of fence sitters. My point is to think about what I am about to tell you.

Water is the second most important thing for humans’ survival. There is a bill, SB1264, being introduced to the Arizona congress by Senator Borelli, to make it financially impossible for the average owner of land to drill a well and have water. Before I continue, let me bring you up to speed. The Colorado river is not bringing the water needed to fill everyone’s shares. Each state involved must make some kind of effort to conserve. Arizona has or is trying to throw private well owners under the bus. The issue is if you have land valued at $50,000 and you can no longer get water, the land is worthless and so is the tax value. We may think we are safe, we have water, however, the state still needs to collect the same tax, so our taxes go up. This helps no one! It might just be in Mojave County along the river right now, but it will spread quickly to every river, stream, or creek where large populations are running out of water. It will soon be in every state just because it looks good on paper. Conservation will not be achieved, and more control is taken by the government with freedoms lost.
Giving public water systems, cities, or conservancies or in the east long pipe systems, power to say yes or no to private wells is going to cost millions, if not billions, throughout the west. This not only affects new well construction, but also the deepening and replacement of existing wells. It is a large, catch-all, attempt to put a wedge between private well owners and large populations because of the number of private wells. It is true there are a substantial number of private wells, however it is also true throughout the west that water consumption from these wells is 1% (by most estimates) of all water used. This bill will only help those trying to boost their political agenda of division and confusion. I understand that this may be a localized effort, and it may not hurt you now, but if you understand political action, it will take little effort to adopt this statewide once it is in the door.

I ask you to consider your position and act. Stick together, choose all colors of the rainbow and all colors in between. Stand together as a herd of elephants to protect the young and weak. We voted these people in because they claim to have real answers. Then we must ask for real solutions that make a true difference, not a political horse and pony show. Not a solution that divides us, but one that brings us all together!! When I stop and think about this, I believe it may be time to stand together and, as all water users, not to pick colors but to stomp out this train of thought. And to all of you from other states, these bills are coming to your state soon. CALL YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, all local, state, and federal. STOP AMERICA FROM BEING DIVIDED!! WE ALL MATTER!!

A Fellow Water User,

Richard Petersen
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