

Water Systems Council Celebrates 75th Anniversary at Spring Members Meeting

The Water Systems Council (WSC) celebrated 75 years serving the water well industry at its Spring 2007 Members Meeting, held February 27-March 2 in Washington, D.C.

WSC recognized its members, special guests and partners with special awards in appreciation for their continuing support of WSC and its programs, and the leadership they exhibit in promoting wells nationwide.

Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA) and Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), were honored with the 2007 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Awards, in recognition of their support of WSC and its programs. Several State Association representatives were in attendance to help commemorate WSC's anniversary and were also recognized for their leadership.

Keynote speaker Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) discussed the agency's water programs. WSC Government Affairs Advisor Rich Gold and Senate Appropriations Committee staff member Rebecca Benn led a roundtable discussion on the agenda for the new Congress.

Susan Seacrest, President of the Groundwater Foundation, and Mike Jess of the University of Nebraska discussed the impact of groundwater withdrawals on surface water and whether household wells were to blame for surface water depletion.

During an impromptu luncheon address, Rick Jordan, Screven County Manager, and J.C. Warren, Chairman of the Screven County Board of Commissioners, thanked WSC for its continuing support of the wellcare® pilot project in Screven County, Georgia.

WSC members receive awards in appreciation for their ongoing commitment to the organization.

At right, Manufacturer Representatives include (from left to right) Dan Collins, TAM Marketing; Bob Dutkiewicz, Desert Pacific Marketing, Inc.; and Dan Rickard, Rickard Sales, Inc.



Above left, Manufacturer Members pictured are (Back Row) Dennis Wierzbicki, Grundfos Pumps Corporation; Richard Mest, Master Water Conditioning Corporation; DeLancy Davis, Franklin Electric; Doug Overy, Flint & Walling, Inc.; Ken Kochamba, Pentair Water Group; Jack Creamer, Square D; (Front Row) George Simas, Flexcon Industries; Steve Anderson, Merrill Manufacturing; Dennis Coggins, ITT Industries/Goulds Pumps; John Surinak, Maass Midwest Manufacturing, Inc.; Joe Lane, Amtrol, Inc.; Emery Davis, Campbell Manufacturing, Inc.; Gerry Duggan, Flexcon Industries; Nick Farrara, Danfoss Flomatic Corporation; Jerry Laughlin, Pentair Water Group/Wellmate; Ron Jake, Pentair Water Group; Jim Mullins, Boshart Industries, Inc.



Keynote speaker Benjamin H. Grumbles assures WSC members that the wellcare® project is an important part of the U.S. EPA's water programs.



WSC honors State Association representatives for the leadership they exhibit in promoting wells. Pictured (from left to right): Paul LaFramboise, Connecticut Water Well Association; Jeff Smith, Empire State Water Well Drillers Association; Tom Bates, Empire State Water Well Drillers Association; David Kelly, Maryland/Delaware Water Well Association; Pat Patridge, Florida Ground Water Association; Bill Reichart, Pennsylvania Ground Water Association; and Pete Peterson, Georgia Drillers Association.

Below, Distributor Members include (Back Row) Randy Lyne, Preferred Pump & Equipment; Terry Dotson, United Pipe; Alan Dretel, D&S Pump and Supply; David Dretel, D&S Pump & Supply; Tom Sterzing, Austin Pump & Supply Co.; Buzz Mills, 2M Company, Inc.; Bruce Huss, CPS; Rick LaBorde, Wholesale Pump & Supply Inc.; (Front Row) Burnet Chalmers, Milby Company; Aaron Dretel, D&S Pump & Supply; Bill Mills, 2M Company, Inc.; Peyton LaBorde, Wholesale Pump & Supply Inc.



Water Systems Council Honors Members of Congress, WSC Members Visit Capitol Hill

Senator Schumer Receives wellcare® Leadership Award

During WSC's Spring Members Meeting, WSC President Dennis Coggins of ITT/Goulds Pumps; Jeff and Patti Smith of Smith Well Drilling; Alan, David and Aaron Dretel of D&S Pump and Supply; Tom Bates of Empire State Water Well Drillers

Association, and Paul LaFramboise of LaFramboise Well Drilling presented the 2007 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award to Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY).

The WSC wellcare® Leadership Award is given annually to Congressional members who have shown exemplary support to the water well industry.



Congressman Kingston Honored at WSC Spring Meeting

Water Systems Council (WSC) honored Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA) with the 2007 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award during its Spring Members Meeting in Washington, D.C. Congressman Kingston received the award for his willingness to champion new projects like the wellcare® pilot project, that incorporates wells into a project design that will save millions of taxpayer dollars while providing safe, affordable drinking water to rural Georgians.

"Managing our water resources is a major issue in Georgia," Congressman Kingston said. "We have to make sure there is enough for everybody and it has to be safe."

"Congressman Kingston's leadership on the wellcare® pilot project in Georgia is an example of his willingness to look at innovative, cost-effective solutions to water service delivery in rural areas," said WSC Executive Director Kathleen Stanley.

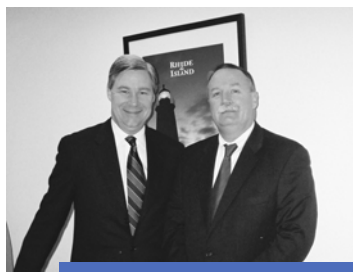


WSC members promoted the organization's message during visits to their Congressional Representatives and Senators.

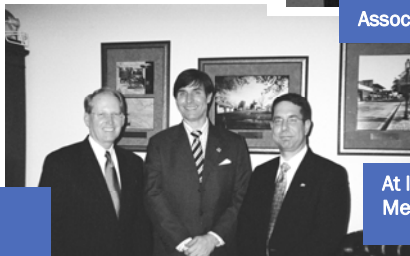
Above: WSC Member Richard Mest (left), Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA), WSC Board Member Dennis Wierzbicki (far right) and wife Marie.



Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA) (center) receives the WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award. Also pictured (from left to right) are: Screven County Manager Rick Jordan, WSC President Dennis Coggins, Screven County Board of Commissioners Chairman J.C. Warren, and GA Drillers Association President Pete Peterson.



Above: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and WSC Member Jim Paulhus.



At left: Senator Jim McCrery (R-LA) and WSC Members Rick and Peyton LaBorde.

