



Calendar of Events

May 3, 2008

SWANA-AZ Chapter
Road-E-O, Tucson

May 5 - 8th, 2008

Waste Expo
Chicago, IL

May 28th -30th

18th Annual Landfill and
Solid Waste
Management Seminar
Scottsdale, AZ

June 9-14, 2008

13th Annual Landfill
Symposium & Planning
and Management
Conference
Palm Springs, CA

October 21-23, 2008

WASTECON
Tampa, FL

Solid Waste Association of North America

Grand Canyon State Chapter

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April 2008

SWANA AZ General Membership Meeting February 15, 2008

Talking Trash on the Field

The February 15, 2008 SWANA-AZ General Membership meeting was held at University Of Phoenix Stadium (home of the Arizona Cardinals) in Glendale, Arizona. The City of Glendale hosted the meeting, which had about 70 members in attendance. Two innovative training presentations were offered to the participants. The first one featured **creative** efforts to encourage plastic bag recycling. This presentation was given by Terry Gellenbeck with the City of Phoenix, and it highlighted Bag Central Station – Where Plastic Bags Belong. The other presentation was done by James Peck with Hydro Geo Chemical. This was an overview of the Draft Solid Waste Rule currently being developed by ADEQ. Thanks to both presenters, as they did a wonderful job. After the training session, a raffle took place while lunch was served, **and** participants ended the day with a tour of the stadium.

SWANA International Road-E-O Update



The winner of the Automated Side Loader from Last year's SWANA international Road-E-O was left out from the list included in our last newsletter. His name is Mario Vasquez from the City of Glendale. Congratulations Mario, and our apologies for the error.

First Annual SWANA Softball Tourney

The first annual SWANA softball tournament went off very well. With a little bit of a late start, things came together and ran all day without any problems. This year's tournament held at Riverview Park in Mesa was very successful. There were eight teams competing for trophies, prizes and pride. Teams from the cities of Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, Town of Gilbert and Scottsdale as well as teams from Salt River Landfill and Hydro Geo Chem showed up with bats, gloves and cleats to claim first place. But most came to have fun in the sun. Third place went to the City of Scottsdale, City of Phoenix's "All Nighters" took second place and first place was Hydro Geo Chem. Looking forward to next year.





SWANA AZ-Chapter Road-E-O

The 2008 SWANA Arizona ROAD-E-O will be held in Tucson, Arizona on May 3rd. The ROAD-E-O committee is being chaired by Pat Tapia and Kristie Hallman from the City of Tucson, and we have had several meetings to date. Many thanks to Otto Inc. for hosting these meetings at their facility in Eloy.

Our most recent meeting was held on April 2, 2008. It went really well and things are coming together nicely. Tucson is doing a great job. The location of both the landfill and road course events has been secured and access to the facilities has been resolved. Flyers and applications have been distributed by Kristie Hallman.

The Clarion Hotel has been selected as the host hotel. On Friday May 2nd there will be a 2 hour training session on safe driver awareness and a meet and greet following the training.. Both events will be at the Clarion Hotel. The training is free of charge to all competitors and judges/volunteers. The meet and greet is free of charge to all competitors, judges/volunteers and family members. SWANA members can now call the Clarion directly at 1-800-526-0550 to reserve a room. Mention that you are a SWANA member to receive the discounted room rate of \$83.00 for Friday night.

Clark Burns from Phoenix will be conducting the 2 hour safe driver awareness class. Clark is a state certified third party tester and currently oversees the CDL program for the City of Phoenix. As always, we are still looking for volunteers to help set up the courses and to judge on the day of the event. You can contact Kristie Hallman at Kristie.Hallman@tucsonaz.gov. Information on the schedule of events, contestant and judging applications and other details can also be found on the SWANA website at www.azswana.org.

Eighteenth Annual Arizona Landfill and Solid Waste Management Seminar

SCS Engineers, in conjunction with Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), National Solid Wastes Management Association (NSWMA), will be conducting the Eighteenth Annual Arizona Landfill and Solid Waste Management Seminar. The seminar will be held at the Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale, AZ on May 28, 29 and 30, 2008. SWANA training will be held on Wednesday, May 28, the Seminar will be held on Thursday, May 29, and the Facility Tour and Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 30. Announcements and call for papers have been distributed. Additional information will be forthcoming shortly. For any information regarding the seminar please contact Monica Bojorquez at 602-840-2596 or by email at mbojorquez@scsengineers.com.

News Around Town



SWANA welcomes Glendale's new Solid Waste Superintendent, Christina Betz. She was hired by the City of Glendale in November 2007, and oversees the Landfill and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operations. Christina has supervisory responsibilities over a 30-member staff within the Landfill/MRF Division. The Landfill/MRF Division is one of four operating divisions within Glendale's Field Operations Department.

Before joining Glendale, Christina started her local government career in 1999 for the City of Janesville, Wisconsin. She served in various positions within the Public Works Department including Environmental Technician at the City's landfill,

Assistant Operations Director, Management Analyst for Public Works, and Interim Engineering Manager. Christina holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, Illinois) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota).

The City of Glendale landfill accepts approximately 1,100 tons per day, and staff is in the process of planning for a 120-acre expansion within the next 4 to 5 years. The MRF currently processes around 25,000 tons of recyclable material annually. Christina has been enjoying the opportunity and challenges of providing environmentally-sound and progressive solutions towards solid waste management for the citizens of Glendale.

Legislative Update

Two items of news on the legislative/regulatory front for Arizona SWANA Members are the solid waste rulemaking with ADEQ and a number of bills in the legislature.

ADEQ Integrated Solid Waste Rulemaking

ADEQ has concluded a series of workshops on the draft solid waste rule. Many stakeholders, including SWANA, participated in the workshops by providing comments on behalf of the solid waste industry. ADEQ is evaluating stakeholder input with the intent of revising the draft rule before re-establishing a dialogue with stakeholders at a yet-to-be determined date.

SWANA encourages members to submit any final substantive comments on the old draft rule to ADEQ, who will be accepting comments through the middle of April. ADEQ especially encourages stakeholders to identify what they consider to be “fatal flaws” that should have high priority for resolution.

State Legislation

SWANA has been following several bills in the legislature this session, including

- HB2416: Multifamily recycling collection
- HB2422: Statewide solid waste planning
- HB2426: Waste tire collection sites
- HB2493: Solid waste dumping
- HB2510 ADEQ Continuation through 2019
- HB2520 Large electronics recycling program
- HB2560 Beverage container recycling
- HB2761: Disposable bag surcharge fee

The only bill that appears will make it through the legislature is HB2426, which will require privately-owned waste tire collection sites with at least 500 waste tires to obtain approval of a solid waste facility plan from ADEQ. Smaller waste tire facilities (100 to 500 tires) are required to register with ADEQ. The senate adopted amendments that removed the requirement that tires be disposed of within 12 months and removed the addition of recycled glass as inert material. HB2426 has passed the House, and as of this notice, was recommended by the Senate Committee of the Whole for do pass as amended.



Call for Articles

As usual, we need more articles for our newsletter. Please feel free to submit your article to any board member or directly to Monica Bojorquez, at mbojorquez@scsengineers.com The next newsletter will be published in June/July 2008.

Scholarship Criteria and Application Submittal

Kathy Callaghan, Associate Director

!!! SCHOLARSHIPS !!!

In an effort to promote education and professional development, the Solid Waste Association of North America established the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program.

The program is initiated by the Chapters through their Chapter Scholarship Committees. Completed **applications must be received by respective Chapters no later than May 1st**. The Chapter Scholarship Committees are responsible for reviewing and selecting local winners and forwarding **one representative for each scholarship category** to the International Scholarship Committee for review, (c/o Kathy Callaghan, Staff Administrator, (240-494-2248, e-mail kcallaghan@swana.org, Association Offices). Applications will be available on the SWANA website January 1st, or electronically from Kathy Callaghan upon request.

The names and completed applications of Chapter winners must be received by the SWANA Scholarship Committee Staff Administrator **no later than June 1st** in order to be considered for an award.

At-large applicants should forward their applications directly to the SWANA Scholarship Committee Staff Administrator by May 1; no more than two At-Large scholarship applications will be accepted for each category.

The criteria for selection:

Eligible candidates must be sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA Member (sponsor) in good standing as of May 1st. SWANA Student Members in good standing are also eligible for Category II, The Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship Award and the Veolia ES Waste-To-Energy//Terrence L. Guest Memorial Scholarship Award.

Award categories:

Category I: Graduating high school seniors or graduate equivalent certified candidates who have been accepted for enrollment in a junior college, a four-year college, or a university (any program). *Eligible candidates **must be** sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA Member (sponsor) in good standing as of May 1st.*

Category II: Currently enrolled full-time college or university students who are entering their junior or senior undergraduate year and pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering, or other suitable major related to the field of

granddaughters of a SWANA Member (sponsor) in good standing as of May 1st or SWANA Student Members in good standing.

The Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship Award and The Veolia ES Waste-To-Energy/Terrence L. Guest Memorial Scholarship Award: Full-time students who are entering or are in graduate school pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to the field of solid waste management. *Eligible candidates must be sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a SWANA Member (sponsor) in good standing as of May 1st or SWANA Student Members in good standing.*

The value and number of awards:

Category I: Graduating (graduate equivalent)

High School Senior Award: 3 awards of \$2,000 each

Category II: College or University Upper Level

Undergraduate Award: 1 award of \$2,000

The Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship Award:

1 award of \$5,000

**The Veolia ES Waste-To-Energy/
Terrence L. Guest Memorial Scholarship Award:**

1 award of \$3,000

The schedule for selection is as follows:

May 1 - Deadline for submission of application materials to Chapter Scholarship Committee

June 1 - Deadline for submission of Chapter candidates for review by International Scholarship Committee

July 15 - International Scholarship Committee meets to select winners

August 1 - Announcement of International Scholarship winners

Questions or requests should be directed to Kathy Callaghan, (240-494-2248, e-mail kcallaghan@swana.org).