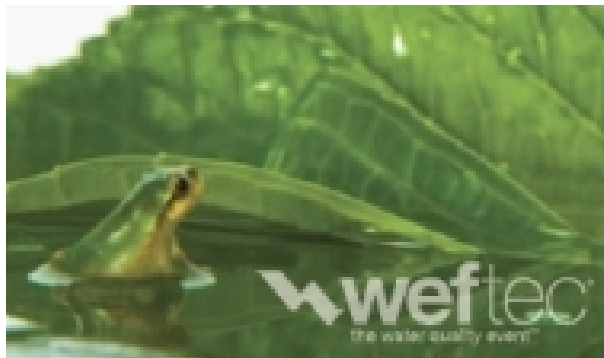




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2009 LABS Past-Presidents' Event By Wendy Wert



Attendees enjoy the Long Beach harbor setting (lt) Participants setting up the wine tasting (ctr) Attendees enjoy the scrumptious buffet dinner served on board 72 foot schooner Dirgio II will be docked at Berth 1 (rt)

On August 22nd the California Water Environment Association's (CWEA) Los Angeles Basin Section (LABS) Past President, Patrick Griffith hosted the 2009 LABS Past-President's Event in the Long Beach Marina to celebrate a term of effective leadership that has resulted in increased membership, creative training opportunities, and unparalleled opportunities for professional development for the local section membership.

Attendees arriving at the Long Beach Marina were immediately transformed from an environment of urban cares to an atmosphere of pleasant camaraderie by the relaxed harbor setting. The waterfront evening celebration kicked off dockside with lively music and a wine tasting competition, which offered prizes to the most popular wines in each category. Thanks to the generosity of the membership, the wine competition raised substantial proceeds to support the Kirt Brooks Scholarship Fund.

Participants then boarded the distinguished 72-foot schooner Dirigo II to feast on a well-stocked buffet dinner, special thanks to LABS Past-President Frances Garrett for arranging these exceptional accommodations.

The more adventurous attendees then participated in twilight tours of Alamitos Bay. LABS would like to express our sincere appreciation to Patrick Griffith not only for organizing this brilliant event, but also for exceptional service to the organization in the role of local section President. Bravo and thank you Patrick!



Attendees enjoy dockside camaraderie (lt) Participants enjoy ocean breezes on deck (ctr) Attendees relax and socialize aboard ship (rt)

12th Annual Tech Trek by American Association of University Women (AAUW) By Wendy Wert



Careers in Science and Mathematics panelists: Stephanie Manda (Materials Engineer), Cynthia Nickell (Marketing Coordinator), Wendy Wert (Environmental Engineer), Elizabeth Butler (Chemical Engineer), Dinamarie Stefani (Materials Engineer), Pam Kenoyer (Systems Engineer), Dawn Salvatore (Process Engineer) not shown, Nilsa Arias (Moderator) not shown (lt) Students at panel discussion in the Chapel of Whittier College (rt)

During the week of August 3rd the American Association of University Women (AAUW) hosted over 500 students in the 12th annual Tech Trek. Tech Trek is a week long series held at universities throughout the state of California to introduce students to academic life. Many of the students are supported by AAUW scholarships for achievement in mathematics and scientific disciplines.

Participants are assigned math and science core classes that they attend daily. Students also take shorter math and science-related classes and off-campus and attend field trips that encourage maximum interaction and instruction. They also interact with women who model a high degree of science, mathematics and computer expertise as part of their daily lives.

Tech Trek is designed to provide every student with exposure to all core subjects taught, as well as a selection of rotating labs designed to explore individual specialties more deeply. Hands-on activities in core classes, rotating labs and field trips at Tech Trek camps help to make math and science fun as well as educational. Instructors include women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields. Evening programs could include astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies to enhance the learning experience and introduce students to a variety of potential career areas.

Highlights of this year’s series field activities include: the Challenger Learning Centers Mission to Mars simulation (Fresno and Mills); a Marine Biology boat trip (UC-San Diego and Stanford); visits to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Whittier); San Jose Creek WRP (Whittier), and Lawrence Hall of Science (Mills).



Tech Trek participants at Whittier College (lt) Panelists discuss educational opportunities (ctr) Students participate in environmental global challenge discussions during the professional mentors dinner at Whittier College (rt)

2009 LABS AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

●You have until November 13 to submit your nominations●

Each year LABS, CWEA and WEF present awards to deserving professionals in the water pollution control field. These prestigious awards acknowledge personal achievement and dedication to the profession. Now is the time for you to nominate those deserving individuals with whom you work or associate. The following is a partial listing of the award categories:

- Operator of the Year
- Mechanical Technician of the Year
- Laboratory Person of the Year
- Collection System Person of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Engineering Achievement
- Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year
- Research Achievement
- Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Storm Water Person of the Year
- LABS **Oops!** Award
- Safety Award
 - Small (1-25 employees)
 - Medium (26-75 employees)
 - Large (76 or more employees)
- Public Education Award
 - Small Budget (under \$20,000)
 - Large Budget (over \$20,000)
- Treatment Plant of the Year
 - Small (less than 5 MGD)
 - Medium (greater than or equal to 5 MGD and less than or equal to 20 MGD)
 - Large (greater than 20 MGD)
- Collection System of the Year:
 - Small (0-249 Miles)
 - Medium (250-500 Miles)
 - Large (>500 Miles)



You'll feel like you want to thank the Academy if you win one of LABS prestigious awards.

If you would like to submit a nomination for award, visit http://labsofcwea.com/?page_id=822 for nomination forms, or contact Patrick Griffith at (562) 908-4288 x2117. **NOMINEES MUST BE MEMBERS OF LABS TO WIN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.**

The deadline for submission for a LABS Award is **November 13, 2009**. Completed nomination forms should be sent to: Patrick Griffith
County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
1955 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601



LOS ANGELES BASIN SECTION
THUMS ISLAND TOUR
THU., OCTOBER 15, 2009 4:45PM
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Join LABS as we tour THUMS Island.

The City of Long Beach's THUMS Island is a collaborative project between five oil companies to remove oil & gas from the site without creating environmental damage or an aesthetic eyesore.

Recycled water is delivered from the Long Beach WRP to Island White in Long Beach Harbor for oil zone re-injection for subsidence control. After the recycled water is delivered to the island, it is treated for repressurization: oxygen removal, polymer coagulation, and 5 and 10 micron filtration. Deliveries of recycled water began in December 1995 and reached a peak annual usage of 2,145 AFY in FY 03-04. This site consistently ranks in the top ten of LACSD's recycled water users every year.

Please wear flat, closed-toe tennis or walking shoes

Please be aware we will be traveling by boat to the site

Following the tour, join us for unlimited appetizers, one drink and maybe a little pool at the Rock Bottom Brewery!

Directions: 710 South; follow signs for the Queen Mary (Harbor Scenic Dr.); go past the Queen Mary (veer right under bridge), follow signs for Pier J; follow signs for THUMS (crew boat landing); park inside secured parking at 1600 S. Harbor Scenic Dr. If lost, call (562) 624-3349 or (562) 624-3151.



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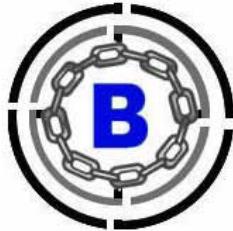
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