

# The Long Island Chapter's Digest

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## Weather Keeps Crowd Down at Annual Clambake

*By Tom Immerso*

Well – it was due to happen sooner or later...and now it's 2 years in a row! Following the great weather of the past few years at our Annual Clambake, the weather gods bestowed another 'iffy' forecast for the late afternoon/evening of our festivities. Though the skies looked threatening, very little rain fell and we actually wound up with a cool, bug-free evening (courtesy of a nice breeze). However, the damage was done as only some 88 people (our smallest crowd ever!) showed at the Long Island Chapter's Annual Clambake, held on Friday, June 22nd at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh. The evening still resulted in an enjoyable and successful outing as the crowd took part in the 'oversupplied' food fest, knocking off generous servings of burgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, kielbasa, spare ribs, chicken, clams on the half shell (plenty to go around!), clam chowder, fish salad, corn, salad, cake, etc., along with a copious allotment of beer and other assorted beverages.

The games, relatively sparsely attended, which included bocce ball, horseshoes, cornhole and volleyball (no golf chipping this year), moved along slowly, as crossovers involving pairings signing up for multiple games, resulted in delays. Thanks to the continued provision of Jerry Werner's tent (a little worse for wear these days), those who wanted to stay out of the little bit of rain that we had were able to do so. Numerous raffle prizes were awarded, as well as the big 50/50 raffle, won by none other than our main food organizer, Maurice Osman! Congrats, Mo! Anyhow, aside from handing out the big \$2,500 raffle prize, along with various bottles, tickets for ballgames, golf balls, etc. from our very generous sponsors, trophies were awarded for the games as follows:

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## YP & Operator's Committees 12th Annual Fluke Fishing Trip

*By Tom Immerso*

The New York Water Environment LI Chapter's Young Professionals and Operators Committee held the 12th Annual Fluke Fishing Trip out of Captree State Park on August 9th, 2018 aboard the Yankee III charter. The boat was filled with a crew of 60 participants, and we couldn't have asked for better weather. The boat stayed inside the bay this year, as the incoming tide helped improve the bite as the journey went on. The prize catch was a 22" fluke weighing in at 2.5 lbs, wrangled in by Frank Dawkins from WASTE Inc. During the four hour



long trip, Pete Tabone of PCS was awarded his Bronze Shovel and certificate for being inducted into the Select

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## Annual Post Contest

The Chapter's Public Education Committee held its seventeenth annual Water Conservation poster contest. The intent of the contest is to get kids in grades 1 through 6 thinking and learning about how they can conserve and protect our water resources daily. This year the 2nd and 3rd grade students from Amityville public school and St. Martins Catholic school district and the 5th and 6th grade students in from St. Martins Catholic school participated in the contest. The students came up with some creative ways to depict the importance of water to all life and best of all, had fun doing it! Please reach out to Megan Messmann (messmannmr@cdmsmith.com) or Joshua Registe (registejh@cdmsmith.com) if there is interest in participating in next year's contest or becoming active in the public education committee.

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## The Chair's Message | Spring 2019



As I begin serving as Chapter Chair, I want to thank Chris Korzenko for his steadfast leadership over the last two years. In 2019, our Chapter has grown stronger as evident by the number of sponsorships we have received. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and our members to continue to create programs and events

to promote old and new member participation. Our upcoming events include the Clambake, and back by popular demand Captain Bills social. Our most popular events YP fishing trip and the Environmental Science canoe trip will also be held this year. Check out our web site for more details!

My goal for the next two years is to increase involve-

ment of private industry such as, contractors, manufacturers and operators. These key members have a lot to offer our Chapter and can help our members with internships, operator training programs and technology exchange.

It is important that we continue to reach out to our young professionals and operators and offer real-world programs. New and progressive programs can lead to increased participation and excitement in the industry.

I believe that mentoring and encouraging our young membership and students is critical to a successful Chapter. These minds can offer a fresh perspective and create a strong foundation for the future.

This is also an exciting time for our Chapter due to the formation of a second operator challenge team Suez Long Island. The Chapter has not had two teams in many years. Let's see what team name they pick! This new team in its infancy will need our Chapter support and encouragement!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

Stephen Hadjiyane —Chapter Chair

## First Annual Biosolids Conference

*By Steve Macchio*

The Recycling and Pretreatment (RAP) Committee chaired by Steve Macchio sponsored a Biosolids Management Conference on November 13, 2018. The conference started at 8:00 am and ended at 4:00 pm. A light breakfast and a luncheon were provided at the conference site. Over 65 people were in attendance. Ten speakers provided information, ideas and commentary on biosolids collection, treatment, disposal and beneficial use.

Topics included and introduction of the subject, dewatering, handling and transportation, landfill gas recovery, technology including composting, thermal drying and marketing. Also, WEF provided valuable view points on the subject of biosolids management. Regulatory issues and criteria for reuse was a valuable discussion topic to the conference. Discussion and questions were abundant.

## YP Social Night Food Drive

*By Steve Hayduk*

On Thursday, February 21, 2019, the NYWEA LI Chapter Young Operators and Professionals Committee co-hosted a social event at Croxley's Ale House in Farmingdale with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Younger Members Committee and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Members were encouraged to provide two (2) cans of food each to help support Island Harvest, a food bank for Long Island. Island Harvest was created in 1992 with the goals of ending hunger and reducing food waste on Long Island. In total, about eighteen (18) members of the various participating organizations attended and about forty (40) cans of food were collected and delivered to Island Harvest. Finger foods and appetizers were provided to the attendees. There was a great mix of junior, mid-level, and senior members in attendance and the event was a great success. NYWEA Long Island Chapter members can expect more fun and diverse networking/social events like this to be scheduled in the near future.

## Peconic Paddlers Prevail— Again!

By Tom Immerso

Well – just when it appeared that the annual canoe trip had finally run its course, seeing as one week prior to the trip I had two (2) people registered, a final ‘e-blast’ and some late word-of-mouth effort got the number up to 10 (plus 2 DEC attendees) – just in time for a terrific day on the Peconic River on Friday, August 17th! Recent heavy rainfall made for minimal portaging as many of the narrower sections were swollen, although covered with a substantial amount of brush (limbs, roots, etc.). Partly sunny skies & warm temperatures prevailed, with our group maneuvering and meandering the upper portion of this estuary, accompanied by Daniel Lewis & Ron Gelardi, Wildlife Biologists with the NYSDEC,



who narrated the history and ecology of the river system while cruising downstream for a distance of approximately 8 miles. A light breeze and brisk current assisted the group in minimizing paddling. The only major portages necessary were for crossing Sunrise and Montauk Highways – with ‘yours truly’ & his partner in crime, Joe Massaro, showing everyone how to flip a canoe as we crossed one of the spillways! Cooled us off nicely! Occasional encounters with tree branches and roots lying across the narrower stretches of the river made things a bit tricky, but scenic, at times, as did a few early hints of Fall afforded by the change in color of some of the ubiquitous marsh plants – especially the poison ivy!

The journey took us through beautiful stretches, where numerous swans & geese, among other wildlife, accompanied us. Unfortunately, heavy patches of invasive milfoil & duckweed are evidently choking the river in

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## Annual Technology Assessment Committee Seminar

By Nick Bono

This past fall saw another successful Annual Technology Assessment Committee Seminar. Sixty people attended the day-long seminar on Thursday, October 25 at the Radisson Hotel in Hauppauge, including a mix of operators, engineers, and other interested professionals. A total of 6.0 hours of Operator Credits and 6.0 hours of Professional Engineer continuing education credits were earned by attendees.

Ten speakers shared their knowledge ranging from research being conducted by the Center for Clean Water Technology / Stony Brook University, which focused on nitrogen reducing bio-filtration technologies, to the ongoing outfall replacement project being commissioned by SCDPW at their Bergen Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as various other presentations on new technologies being used within the industry. Breakfast, lunch, and breaks provided several opportunities to network in addition to the second annual post-seminar reception offered for all attendees.

Thanks go to the L.I. Chapter Technology Assessment Committee and chair, Nick Bono, for their work organizing the seminar, as well as the speakers and volunteers. Many thanks go to this year’s sponsors for making the event possible:

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## Big Turnout for 91st Annual NYC Meeting

*By Tom Immerso*

NYWEA's 91st Annual Meeting, held at the Marriott Marquis in NYC from Feb. 4-6, 2019, once again served as a premier venue for the large outpouring of professionals in attendance. Nearly 200 Exhibitor Booths served to cover every aspect of the water/wastewater industry, along with some 26 Technical Sessions, over the 3-day period. Following an opening keynote session on Monday morning, a ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the Exhibitor area at noon, followed by initiation of the Technical Program, which celebrated the theme "Enhancing Perception of the Water Environment through Outreach, Engagement and Stewardship." Particularly relevant sessions included Green Infrastructure, Resiliency Challenges, and an enhanced University Forum & Poster Session showcasing the many talents of our students and YP's.

An Operations Challenge demo was held on Tuesday, as were Student Chapter activities, inclusive of Paper Competition Presentations and the Poster Contest. In addition, select Exhibitors were allowed to host Mobile Sessions on technical topics involving aeration, which provided some new life in the Exhibit Hall. A series of receptions, networking sessions and Committee meetings served to assist in having vendors, contractors, consultants, engineers, operators and YP's all interact in developing ideas to help better our water environment.

Of course, Awards always play a major role in the Annual Meeting as recipients were acknowledged at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday. Along those lines, initial recognition was given to long-standing members of the Association. Some of our local 'water heroes' included Bob Breslin and Paul Tu (20 years), Tim Conroy, John Fortin, 'Birthday Bob' Knecht, Carmine Marra, Paul Saurer and Chris Weiss (30 years), and 'Gopal,' Bert Stipe and Ben Wright (40 years). Under WEF Awards, Maurice Osman represented the LI Chapter as a recipient of the Federation Service Life Membership Award. LIC-WEA Award recipients included Keith Kelly of CDM-Smith for the Environmental Engineer Award; Matt Roberts of Suffolk County DPW for the Collection System Operator Award; Megan Messman of CDM-Smith for the Public Education Award;

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## Business and Election Meeting with Special Guest Speaker Vinny Falkowski

*By Steve Hadjiyane*

Our guest speaker Vincent ("Vinny") Falkowski, P.E., PMP, CCM, NCDPW Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Programs provided an overview of the Counties Capital Environmental Program. He also gave the chapter insight on various consulting and construction issues being faced by the County.

Vinny emphasized NCDPW the importance of accountability. He explained developing strong accountability starts with the design professional. The design professional has the responsibility to perform a standard of care to ensure projects are designed accurately and they are fiscally responsible. Contractors have the responsibility to execute projects diligently and that delays often result in the County incurring additional costs for construction administration and management services. Vinny is truly a "thought leader." By sharing his fields of expertise on vertical and horizontal construction, he inspired the audience with his real-world industry experience and how he sees the environmental profession today and in the future.

New members voted to the Board of Directors on election night include Nick Bono, Megan Messman and Kevin Nastos. Several awards were also given out:

Chapter Achievement  
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Michael Reichel

Nicholas J. Bartilucci Lifetime Achievement Award  
Tom Immerso

Nicholas J. Bartilucci Lifetime Achievement Award  
Steve Fangmann

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<u>Bocce Ball</u> 1st Place	Steve Fangmann, Tom O'Dwyer
2nd Place	Ralph Loggio, Tim Gaye
<u>Horseshoes</u> 1st Place	Jay Martin, Gary Breslin
2nd Place	Steve Hayduk, Billy Nylic
<u>Cornhole</u> 1st Place	Steve Fangmann, Tom O'Dwyer
2nd Place	Jake Miller, Nick Barresi
<u>Volleyball</u> 1st Place	Team WASTE
2nd Place	H2M

As in the past, those that took time out from their busy schedules to be in attendance had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's outing. There has been talk of moving to a different venue, but we'll just have to bide our time & see what happens. Returning to Cedar Creek Park is always a viable option, though. Special thanks go out to Dick Crescenzo's WASTE crew, along with the "Ops Crew" (Donna Bee, Tom Mortensen, Craig Carlson, 'Birthday' Bob Knecht, Tim Conroy and, especially, YP's Kevin Nastos, Dave Colucci and Marc Buondelmonte for setting us up, along with '50/50 guy' Mo for arranging with Dennis and the Davenport Restaurant in Mineola to cater our affair so lavishly once again. Also, a big shout-out of "Thanks" goes out to all of our generous sponsors (see separate listing) and attendees. See you again next year!

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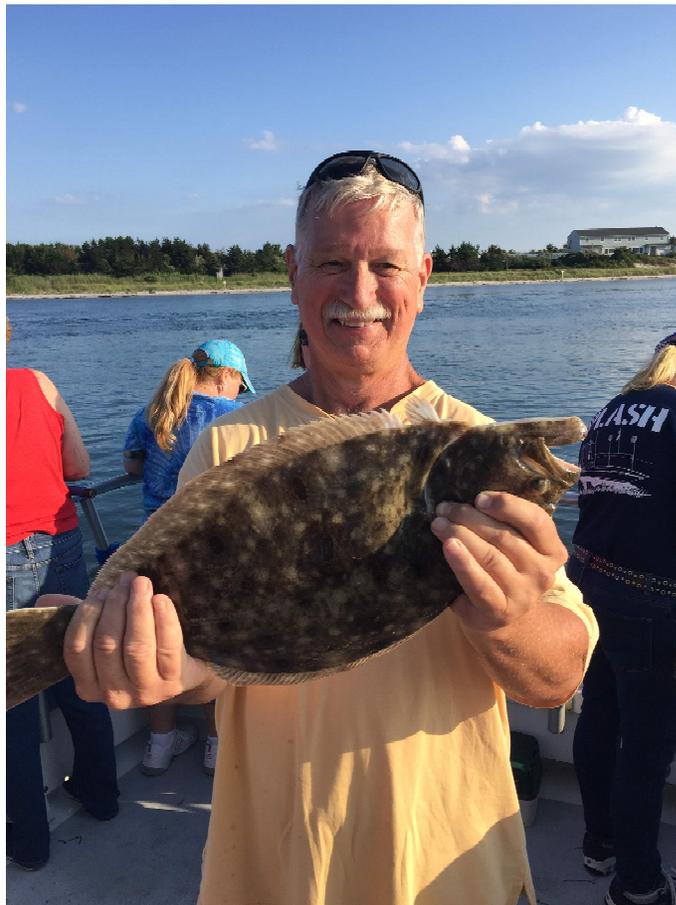
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Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (SSSSS) as a Young Professional.



The crew consisted of members from the following organizations:

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The trip was a great success as everyone aboard had a memorable fishing experience.

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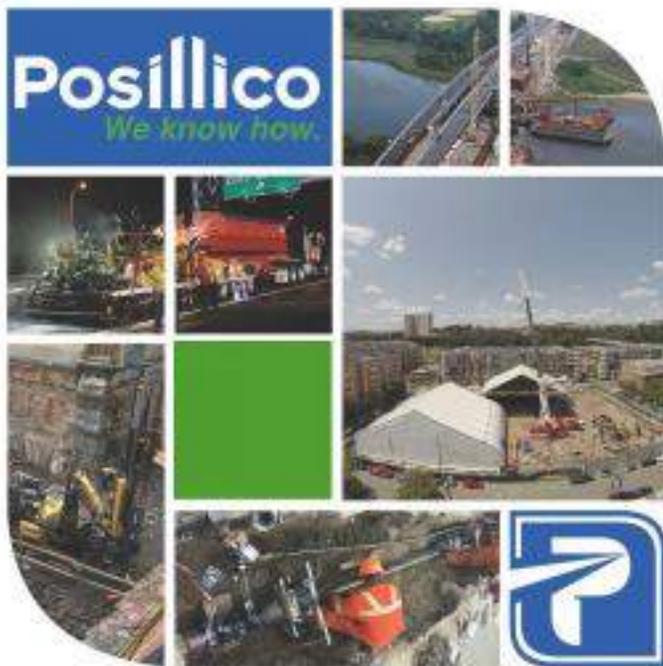
various areas. Following an hour-long break for lunch at an outdoor restaurant on the banks of the river (the deli we had used for years finally closed down), the trip continued southeast to the brackish estuary waters leading into Flanders Bay. The outing ended with a final 2-mile paddle, which left us in close proximity to Main Street in the heart of Riverhead. Wind and current conditions changed just enough to offer everyone relatively 'smooth sailing' to get to our endpoint. Despite a long day of paddling, all seemed to have enjoyed themselves overall.

Mostly sunny skies made for warmer-than-expected conditions, but a light breeze throughout the day kept us essentially 'bug-free.' The group appreciated the fact that they had gotten a chance to 'cruise' the longest river system on Long Island and to see one of the last rural and pristine regions that still exist here. Unless things change, in 3 years, we'll visit it again. This is due to the closing of the Connetquot River to all water craft a few years ago, when most of the trout succumbed to a waterborne virus. Until then, join us in completing the now '3-river circuit' that will take us to the Nissequogue River next year (and the Carmans River the year after that). Hope to see you there! And hope to hear from everyone a little earlier next year!

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and George Desmarais of H2M for the Board of Directors Service Award. In addition, a Special Recognition Legacy Award was posthumously presented to Nick Bartilucci, formerly of D&B, for serving 30 years as Treasurer and attaining 50 years of Membership. Finally, Steve Fangmann, also of D&B, was given the Retiring Committee Chair Service Recognition Award, recognizing his unwavering commitment to furthering the mission of NYWEA. Congrats to all Award recipients!

Contact hours for Engineers (PDH's) and Water/Wastewater Operators were approved for all sessions. Contributions were encouraged from new donors for the Phase III Matching Fund Scholarship Program, demonstrating NYWEA's continuing commitment to advancing the water environment cause. Contact Madison Quinn at (315) 422-7811 or [Madison@nywea.org](mailto:Madison@nywea.org) if you would like to make a pledge or donation to this important program.



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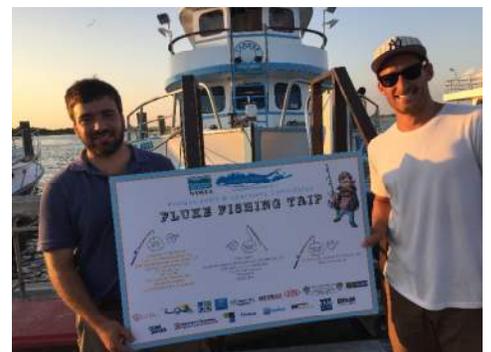


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9	Technology Assessment Seminar		x	x
10	Young Professionals Fishing Trip	x	x	x
11	Election Night Dinner Meeting	x	x	x
12	O&M Committee Meet & Greet		x	x
13	Clam Bake		x	x
14	Royal Golf Outing (Includes Tee Sign)			x
15	O&M Committee Golf Outing (Includes Tee Sign)			x
16	Membership Event Invitation Emails			x

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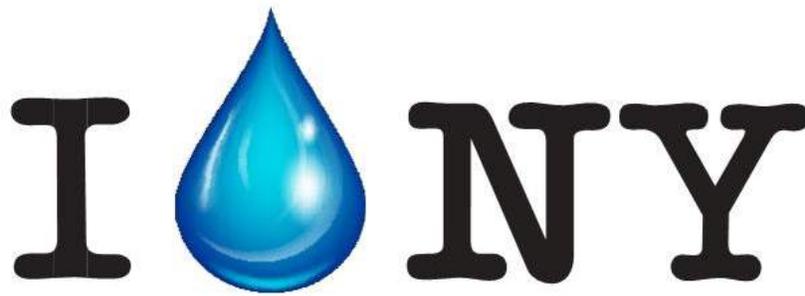


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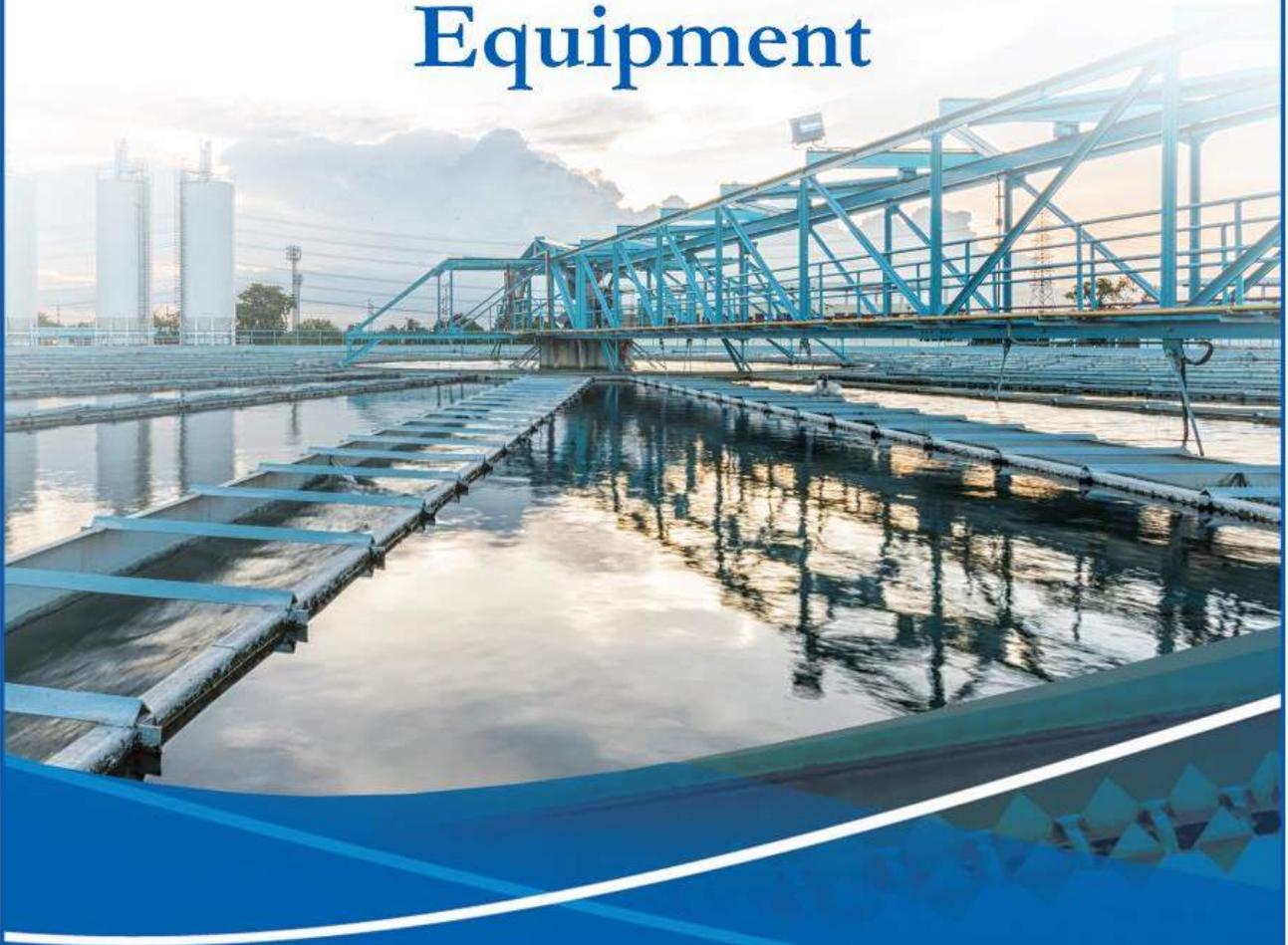
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## 2019 Long Island Chapter NYWEA Meeting and Event Schedule

### June

- 10-12 NYWEA Spring Conference, Saratoga Springs
- 13 LI Board of Directors Meeting—Cameron Engineering, Woodbury
- 21 Annual Clambake—Cedar Creek Park, Wantagh
- 27 O&M Committee Seminar—Arc Flash, Bergen Point WWTP, West Babylon

### July

- 9 O&M Committee Tour—National Grid Power Station, Northport
- 17 NYWEA CHAPEX—Pine Bush, Albany
- TBD LI Board of Directors Meeting—Cameron Engineering, Woodbury
- 18 O&M Committee Poo & Brew—Oyster Bay

### August

- 1 YP Fishing Trip—Captree Boat Basin, Babylon
- 2 Chapter Social—Captain Bills Restaurant, Bay Shore
- 16 Environmental Science Committee Canoe Trip—Nissequogue River, Smithtown

### September

- 11 NYWEA Board Meeting—Saugerties
- 20 O&M Committee Meet & Greet—Sea Gull Restaurant, West Babylon
- TBD LI Board of Directors Meeting—Cameron Engineering, Woodbury
- 22-25 WEFTEC Conference—Chicago, Illinois

### October

- 7 Royal Golf Outing—The Hamlet, Commack
- 10 Technology Assessment Committee Seminar—Raddison Hotel, Hauppauge
- 24 NYWEA Training Seminar—Collection Systems I/I, Bergen Point WWTP, West Babylon
- TBD LI Board of Directors Meeting—Cameron Engineering, Woodbury

### November

- 13 NYWEA Board Meeting—Pine Bush, Albany
- TBD LI Board of Directors Meeting—Cameron Engineering, Woodbury

### December

- TBD Annual Election Meeting/Dinner—Fox Hollow Country Club, Woodbury
- TBD LI Board of Directors Meeting—Post Office, Babylon