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RE: FSAWWA Region XII
Year end summary and next year's events

Dear FSAWWA Region XII Member:

I wanted to touch base with each of our members in Region XII to discuss this past year, and let you all know about some of the events we're planning for 2010.

While we did not get as much accomplished this past year as hoped or expected, we believe we've positioned ourselves for takeoff in 2010. This past year we held our first regional member meeting in years, filled out our executive committee, and had members active at the state level of FSAWWA!

After a year of getting to know the ropes of the FSAWWA and familiarize ourselves with our responsibilities as a Board, we're poised to put on the following activities in 2010:

- January 14th – Drinking water symposium (0.6 CEU's/6 PDH's)
- February – First Membership meeting of the New Year.
- February – 2010 FSAWWA Region XII drinking water taste competition.
- April – FSAWWA bowling social get together. Fund raiser for "Water For People"
- May – Region XII breakfast at the 2010 Water Resources Conference in Orlando.
- June – FSAWWA lunch social.
- August – Second Membership meeting of 2010.
- September – Region XII vs. Region 9 Golf challenge
- October – "Oktoberfest" social event
- November/Dec. – FSAWWA Annual Conference
- December – Social #3 of year.



Also during 2009, the Region Executive Committee identified the following goals for the Region for 2010:

- Increase Region membership to 60.
- Provide a minimum of one FSAWWA training seminar to help water professionals in northwest Florida further their careers.
- Team with other professional organizations in our region to co-host an additional training seminar (separate from the FSAWWA training).
- Contribute \$500 to Water for People through FSAWWA.
- Hold a minimum of 6 meetings or activities for our members.
- Have 5 members join and take an active role on statewide committees.

In addition to the items listed above, I have personally worked with FSAWWA's newest addition, the "Operators Council", to create a lower cost membership, and training directed specifically at Water Plant and Distribution System Operators. This is a work in progress that we hope to be able to roll out in 2010.

Please keep an eye on our website, and review the emailed newsletters for info on Region XII.

For those of you that attended our meeting back in May, thank you for your attendance, and we look forward to providing more training, meetings and get-togethers to help build our profession in Florida's Great Northwest over the next few years.

Lastly, I need to ask you for your help by volunteering. We have started moving forward but it will take your help for us to keep moving in a positive direction. We all can benefit as Water Industry Professionals by helping at an International Level with AWWA charities "Water for People" and "Engineers Without Borders". Both organizations help bring clean, safe drinking water to people less fortunate than ourselves, all around the world.

Please forward this letter to friends and encourage them to join FSAWWA today!

Sincerely,

Don Hamm,
Region XII Chair

PS. We couldn't have a yearend summary letter without thanking our 2009 sponsors!

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