



# Association of NJ RECYCLERS

Winter 2010

## *Beyond the Curb...*



### A Message From ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio

Dear Members:

Our Winter Newsletter and the end of another year, time goes by so quickly! It seems like just yesterday we were lamenting the fall of the recycling markets and awaiting our first payouts under the Recycling Enhancement Act. Now with the election of a new governor we await to see what direction the new administration will take.

As for ANJR, with your help and support we still, despite the economy, remain solvent and prosperous - 270 people attended our 2009 Symposium; our membership has increased to over 300.

In the coming year we continue to work with our industry members, and the DEP to achieve a workable solution to the Proposed Rules governing the operation of Class B & C Facilities. As we approach the full implementation of New Jersey Electronics Waste Management Act, ANJR has teamed with the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) in an effort to streamline the transition of electronics recycling in New Jersey to make the future of electronics recycling a success.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to thank Marie Kruzan, our Executive Director, and tell her how much we appreciate the endless hours she dedicates to ANJR. ***We all say "thank you".***

I thank all our members for your enthusiastic and continuing support of recycling and ANJR. I look forward to a productive and successful 2010.

## Different Shades of Green

### The 29th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

On October 16, 2009, ANJR hosted the 29th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel, Eatontown, NJ. The topic of the symposium was Different Shades of Green, and presentations included the following; Sustainable Jersey; Building a successful municipal green team; Where oh where are markets?, and Green building.

ANJR Board member Alan Yoss received the 2009 ANJR REX Award in recognition of the outstanding contributions he and his company, Laser Save, have made to recycling in NJ. Also, during the event, winners of the annual recycling poetry contest for children in fourth through sixth grades were honored.

What does a construction company that uses recycled steel to build a stadium, a pharmaceuticals firm that diverts food waste from landfills, and a woman who teaches Bergen County schoolchildren the importance of recycling have in common? Each of them were among those honored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as New Jersey's recycling leaders. The following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were awarded at the symposium:

#### **Institution**

South Jersey Healthcare, Vineland

#### **Business**

Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Raritan

#### **Government**

Ocean City

Township of Edison - Department of Public Works

#### **Outstanding Educator**

Lori Russo, Bergen County Utilities Authority

#### **Recycling Industry**

Trans-America Trading Company, Clifton

#### **Commissioner's Award**

New Meadowlands Stadium Company, East Rutherford



2009 REX recipient Alan Yoss (center) of Laser Save with ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio (left) and Ron Hutchinson, ANJR Vice President - Development at the 29th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon.



### Inner Circle Spotlight



Green Sky Industries, Inc. is a privately held company specializing in commercial and municipal recycling. They offer a diverse range of recycling services designed to meet the ecological, financial, and logistical needs of its customers and those that they serve. Their goal is to make recycling sustainable by designing programs that are functional and effective. Green Sky makes waste reduction a priority, not only for their customers, but in their facilities as well. Recycling lessens our dependence on landfills, ultimately reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Green Sky has a strong sense of social responsibility and believes that it is important to give back. You will find Green Sky's "educators" in the classroom demonstrating the importance of recycling to New Jersey's youngest residents. You will find them in local communities sponsoring projects that encourage recycling and environmental stewardship. They also assist businesses with their recycling and waste reduction goals.

Green Sky's plant facilities in Clifton and Carteret process over 1,000 tons per day of municipal and commercial recyclables. They accept material source separated, dual or single stream at both facilities. Green Sky Industries has over 70 municipal contracts covering over 2 million of the state's population. Green Sky is an industry leader. Whether it is adding new materials like 3-7 plastics or chipboard to a collection; or sponsoring a community shredding event, they find creative ways to enhance municipal or commercial recycling programs. They are particularly proud of their recycling education program for elementary schools.

Their latest initiative is a partnership with Tetra Pak, a multi-national food processing and packaging company. Tetra Pak's innovation is in the area of aseptic packaging which allows liquid food to be stored under room temperature conditions for up to a year. Green Sky's municipal partners may now include juice, milk and any other aseptic container in their commingled or single stream recycling mix.

Green Sky Industries is proud to do its part by contributing to a cleaner, greener environment.

### Deadline to Become Certified Recycling Coordinator Extended

On November 20, 2009 Governor Corzine signed bill A3541, which extends the deadline to January 13, 2012 for municipalities and counties to designate a certified recycling coordinator(s), into law.



Paul Petto (right) pictured with ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio at the 29th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon was honored for his part as one of the original incorporators of ANJR.

## NJDEP Update

While the recycling winds are unpredictable and ever changing, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Recycling and Planning (BRP) continues in its mission to increase recycling in the state.

The issuance of recycling grants has been and continues to be an important job of the BRP. In fact, over \$14.5 million dollars was recently distributed to New Jersey municipalities and counties through the recycling tonnage grant program for their 2007 recycling efforts. In addition, the BRP is currently in the process of issuing grants to counties for program implementation and education. Over \$10 million in grant funding is available for county recycling efforts thanks to the recycling tax established by the Recycling Enhancement Act.

The Recycling Enhancement Act also set aside funding for grants to institutions of higher education for recycling demonstration, research or education, including professional training. Presently, these funds are being used for the Recycling Coordinator Certification class at Rutgers University and are earmarked for an upcoming waste composition study; a study on artificial turf systems that use crumb rubber derived from recycled scrap tires; and a study on the stormwater runoff at recycling centers for Class B recyclable materials.

In addition to its other duties, the BRP oversees the solid waste planning process for the state. This includes reviewing plan amendments, such as the recycling plan amendments that have been submitted over the past two years. The BRP also coordinates the activities of the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network, is a participating member in the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse and will be administering the new legislatively prescribed electronics waste recycling program starting in 2010. E-waste recycling rules are currently under development in the BRP and will be proposed in early 2010.

*Article provided by NJDEP staff member Steven Rinaldi.*

## Why should we recycle toner cartridges?

What is it that we use almost on a daily basis, takes less than one day to produce from scratch and nearly 1000 years to disappear? It's the toner cartridge that goes into the typical laser printer that we see in offices, factories and even at home.

It takes approximately three quarts of oil to produce just one cartridge. A more graphic view of what is required is that the amount of oil consumed in the production of just seven months worth of cartridges is equivalent to the amount of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez – 10.3 million gallons. Once manufactured, the end product takes 1000 years to breakdown in our landfills. This can be staggering when you consider that almost eight cartridges are thrown out every second of every day in the U.S. Returning them to the manufacturer, in many cases, results in them being shipped to third world countries, as TV news reports have recently shown. Some manufacturers no longer take the empty cartridges back.

The picture doesn't have to be as bleak as it appears. For almost 22 years, LASER SAVE has been working with New Jersey and New York area businesses and governmental entities collecting the empties for reuse, keeping them out of our landfills. Many fellow ANJR members have been utilizing LASER SAVE to remove the empty cartridges, as well as using them as their supplier-the best of both worlds.

For more information, call LASER SAVE at 732-431-3339.

*Article provided by Alan Yoss, President Laser Save, ANJR Board Member.*

### 2010 Calendar of Events

**February 9<sup>th</sup> - Swap & Share,  
Vineland City Hall, Vineland**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Swap & Share,  
Morris County MUA, Mendham**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> - ANJR Annual  
Meeting, EcoComplex,  
Bordentown**

**May - New Jersey WasteWise Business Network meeting  
(date to be announced)**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual Recycling Symposium and  
Luncheon, Eatontown Sheraton**

**November - New Jersey WasteWise Business Network  
meeting (date to be announced)**



Additional Pictures From the 29th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon



2009 Outstanding Educator recipient Lori Russo (right) of the Bergen County Utilities Authority pictured with NJDEP Assistant Commissioner Nancy Wittenberg



(l. to r.) Green Sky Industries representatives Gabe Arace, Jerry Lobosco, and Joe McNellis (also an ANJR Board Member)



(l. to r.) John Wohlrab of Waste Management/Recycle America, Ralph Giordano of Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions with ANJR Board members Wayne DeFeo of DeFeo Associates and Anthony Giordano Sr. of Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions



The 2009 graduates of the N.J. Recycling Certification Series with Carol Broccoli (sitting) and Jim Morris (far right back row) of Rutgers and NJDEP Assistant Commissioner Nancy Wittenberg (far right)



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