



Association of NJ RECYCLERS

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Beyond the Curb...



A Message From ANJR President

Dominick D'Altio

Dear Members:

We're Back!

Due to some software issues we haven't been able to produce a newsletter since last year, but thanks to editor Mark Vangieri's persistence we're up and running – THANKS, Mark!

I'm pleased to announce that our membership has remained stable; we have added new government and business members. PSE&G and ReCommunity have renewed as Sustaining Members.

We have been actively participating in the National Standards Certification Board (NSCB) with Executive Director Marie Kruzan as a Board Member. The NSCB, originally under the Recycling Organizations of North America (RONA), has merged into the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) and has developed standards to accredit Certified Recycling Professional programs. ANJR is applying for accreditation for the New Jersey CRP program.

In August, at the National Conference of the NRC, Executive Director Marie Kruzan was elected to the Steering Committee of the ROC (Recycling Organizations Council) – Congratulations!

ANJR has an active Board. Over the past year, through their standing and ad-hoc committees, the Board has been working on issues including plastic bag bans, food waste recycling, Senate Bill S2528, pallets and plastics at recycling facilities and our first golf outing.

In closing, let me modify what I said in previous years; "We can't **and will not** rest on our success." ANJR will continue to be pro-active and provide for the needs of its members. All members must continue to lend a hand in support of ANJR! Please keep the Board informed of any concerns that you may have regarding ANJR.

I wish you all good fortune in 2014 and hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting on March 27, 2014 at the EcoComplex.

Carol Broccoli and Monica Gismondi Honored

In recognition of the outstanding contributions they have made to recycling in New Jersey, Carol Broccoli, Assistant Director, Rutgers University - Office of Continuing Professional Education received the 2012 ANJR REX Award, and Monica Gismondi, Recycling Coordinator and Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator for the Gloucester County Improvement Authority, received the 2013 REX Award.



2012 REX Award recipient Carol Broccoli with her husband, Tony (left) and her father, Ambrose.



2013 REX Award recipient, Monica Gismondi, during an interview following the ceremony.

The 32nd Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

What does a Woodcliff Lake student who worked to recycle plastic bottles at his middle school, a Passaic County firm that made a major investment in developing single-stream recycling facilities, and ANJR have in common? Each of them were among those honored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as New Jersey's recycling leaders at the October 17, 2012, ANJR 32nd Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ.

The topic of the symposium was "Vote for Recycling," and presentations included the following: Recycling Jobs Platform, Better Data Management, The Changing Face of the Plastics Market, Public Space Containers-What Works, What Does Not and New Technologies.

At the symposium, winners of the annual recycling poetry contest for children in fourth through sixth grades were honored and the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were awarded:

Institution

Samsel Upper Elementary School, Sayreville

Government

Vernon Township

Rising Star

Jacob Sperber, Woodcliff Lake Middle School

Educator/Educational Program

Bergen County Utilities Authority

Recycling Industry

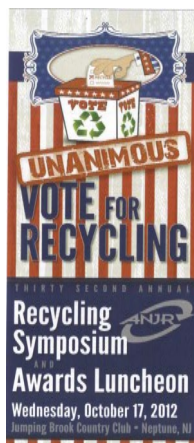
Atlantic Coast Fibers, Passaic

Source Reduction/Resource Management

Sunny Delight Beverage Company, Dayton

Commissioner's Award

Association of New Jersey Recyclers

***Inner Circle Spotlight***

ReCommunity is New Jersey's largest recycling and recovery provider without the conflict of owning landfills. They call it 'pure-play.' This means their 118 community partners in New Jersey know that ReCommunity's sole focus is the dramatic reduction of land-filled waste. ReCommunity's commitment to leading a Recovery Revolution™ helps partner communities reposition waste as a strategic resource instead of a growing liability.

ReCommunity has invested \$18 million and created 209 jobs within New Jersey at its Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) located in Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, and Morris counties. These investments allowed ReCommunity to process more than 320,000 tons of material in 2012 with additional capacity to process up to 920,000 tons of material drawn from New York to Philadelphia.

ReCommunity pursues continuous innovation and a vision of zero waste, which enables its community partners to generate additional revenue, recover community-owned resources, create new jobs, fund budget shortfalls and reduce their carbon footprint.

Through customizing their solutions to each community, ReCommunity has become the largest pure-play recycler in North America. Previously FCR Recycling, GLR, and Hudson Baylor, ReCommunity currently has 35 facilities in 14 states, and more than 1,500 employees. However, their processing capacity in New Jersey presents the opportunity for ReCommunity to partner with additional communities. Visit www.ReCommunity.com to learn how they may partner with your community to create economic, social and environmental benefit.

You may also like to participate in a virtual tour of a ReCommunity material recovery facility by visiting their web site at www.ReCommunity.com/Education.

The 33rd Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

An Essex County town that has taken a unique approach to recycling odd items such as sports trophies and sneakers, a Holmdel woman who has spearheaded waste reduction efforts in her hometown school district, and a PSEG environmental manager who has led his company's recycling efforts for more than two decades were among businesses, organizations and individuals honored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as New Jersey's recycling leaders at the October 16, 2013, ANJR 33rd Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ.

The topic of the symposium was "Green Fence-Obstacles and Opportunities," and presentations included the following: The New Normal-China's "Green Fence" Impacts Recycling, From Milk to Soup Cartons Join the Recycling Parade, Christmas Trees and Dunes - Perfect Together, Preparing for the New Plastic Bottles Full Sleeves.

At the symposium, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were awarded:

Institution

Kean University, Union

Government

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Plainsboro
&

Nutley Township

Rising Star

Middle School of Pleasantville

Educator/Educational Program

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

Recycling Industry

ReCommunity Recycling, Minehill

Volunteer

Dina Hamwj, Holmdel

Commissioner's Award

Albert Fralinger, III

New Jersey Celebrates 25 Years of Recycling

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012 the State of New Jersey celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the NJ Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act. Former Governor Thomas Kean was the keynote speaker at a symposium that was held at Stockton College.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Assistant Commissioner Jane Kozinski moderated a panel discussion of the State of Recycling that featured Robert Anderson, regional business development manager for ReCommunity, Issac Manning, director of recycling for the Occupational Training Center of Burlington County, and ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio.

Panelists addressing New Technologies & Innovations were Jerry Powell of Resource Recycling magazine, Rocco D'Antonio of Organic Diversion, and Gary Sondermeyer of Bayshore Recycling.

Taking a look back at the history of recycling in NJ were John Haas, former Ocean County Recycling Coordinator, Mary Sheil, former administrator of NJDEP's Office of Recycling, Ron Riskie, Mayor of Woodbury (first recycling program in the U.S.), Penny Jones of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, and Gary Anderson who created the ubiquitous "Chasing Arrows" recycling symbol.



ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio responding to questions at the Celebration commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the Recycling Law held at Stockton College. He was a panelist on the "State of Recycling" moderated by NJDEP Assistant Commissioner Jane Kozinski.

Bernie Peterson Relocates

ANJR Treasurer Bernie Peterson announced at the February 19, 2013 ANJR Board of Directors meeting that he would be retiring on March 1, 2013 and that he would be relocating to South Carolina. Bernie also resigned from the ANJR Board and he recommended that Donna Caputo of the City of New Brunswick replace him as Treasurer. The ANJR board accepted Bernie's resignation with regret and unanimously voted to appoint Donna Caputo Treasurer for the remainder of Bernie's term.

Bernie – Best of luck to you in your future endeavors. Your dedication and service to ANJR and recycling in New Jersey will be greatly missed.



Former ANJR Treasurer Bernie Peterson (right) is being thanked and honored at the February 19, 2013 Board of Directors meeting by President Dominick D'Altilio.

Remembering "Jack Dye the Recycling Guy"

Recycling in New Jersey suffered the loss of one of its pioneers. Fondly known by many as "Jack Dye the Recycling Guy," passed away.

A true innovator, Jack helped to bring our industry from its infancy to where it is today. Long before today's mechanized recycling systems, Jack, an old timer and true gentleman, sorted, stacked, crushed and moved materials by hand and did whatever was needed to get the job done. Like others who worked in the recycling business in the 80's, Jack learned to work with very little and just 'make things work.' A donated fork truck and old supermarket baler were cherished pieces of equipment, even if they needed constant TLC. Jack always had a "part" from his stock of 'stuff' to fix anything that needed fixing. A true believer in reuse, he found it hard to part with things that might come in handy down the line.

A truck driver in a prior career, Jack could drive any piece of equipment and make it work for whatever job was at hand. He understood the need to transport material, not air, and was a master at packing loads so full that when he was done, not even a dime could be added.

Jack's positive, 'can do' attitude was always accompanied by a smile and twinkle of his baby blue eyes. He, like so many other recycling pioneers, lived by his famous ten two letter words, "If it is to be, it is up to me." He will be greatly missed and remembered with appreciation by today's recyclers for laying a strong foundation for us to continue to build upon.

Thank you to Nancy Paquette for providing this memory.



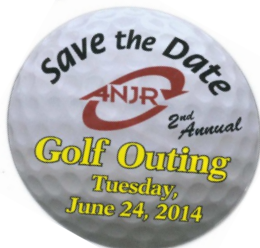
Jack Dye keeping time at an ANJR Annual Meeting.

ANJR Golf Outing a Huge Success!

The first Annual ANJR Golf Outing was held on June 25, 2013 at Mercer County's Mountain View Golf Course. Thanks to five gold sponsors, individual and corporate prize sponsorships, including a huge donation by Modells Sporting Goods, every golfer left with a prize. Tee sign sponsors also gained exposure and helped to support the outing. Golfers and volunteers enjoyed lunch and dinner as well as golf with unlimited beverages. All of this made for a great time and financial success for ANJR.

The second annual ANJR golf outing is scheduled for June 24, 2014.

Members are asked to support the event even if they do not play golf. Asking union officials, elected officials and corporate leaders to sponsor a foursome, a sign or prize will make a huge difference. Individual donations are also encouraged and gift cards to retail or restaurants are very popular. Watch for the event brochure or contact ANJR if you would like to play or become a volunteer!

**A special thank you to our Golf Outing Gold sponsors:****Bayshore Recycling****Green Sky Industries****Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions****ReCommunity Recycling****Waste Management**

Golfers are lined up and ready to go!

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