

## **Association of**

## NJ RECYCLERS

# Beyond the Curb...

### Guy Watson Resigns as ANJR President

Guy Watson has notified the ANJR Board of Directors that he is resigning as ANJR President effective October 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

As many of you may know, Guy moved from New Jersey at the end of August and he continues providing consulting services through Watson Environmental Solutions, LLC. In Guy's letter to the Board he stated "I don't think I can continue to serve the interests of ANJR as President while I am devoting my energy to this new enterprise. Therefore, please take this as notice that I am resigning as President of the Board of Directors of ANJR effective October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. I would love to stay involved with the Board, but not as President." Guy went on to thank the membership for their support in electing him President.

The ANJR Board would like to thank Guy for his years of support when he served as Bureau Chief at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and for his tenure as President. The Board has also approved the appointment of Guy to ANJR Board Member Emeritus status.

# Guy - best of luck to you in your future endeavors!



Guy Watson at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium informing the membership that he has resigned as ANJR President effective October 18, 2018.

## Angela Andersen Named ANJR President Pro-tem

Since the recent resignation of Guy Watson as the ANJR President, the ANJR Vice President - Administration, Angela Andersen will serve as President Pro-tem until the term expires in April 2019. Angela currently serves as the Sustainability Coordinator for Long Beach Township, Ocean County.

### NJ Recycling Community Mourns the Death of Jean Clark



The New Jersey recycling community mourns the death, on June 24, 2018, of Jean Clark, 95, widely regarded as the state's Mother of Recycling.

Clark, in the 1970s, developed one of the first community recycling

centers in her hometown of Montclair. It soon became a model for municipal and county recycling programs that followed statewide--and nationwide.

"Jean was a true recycling pioneer," said Guy Watson former ANJR President and former recycling chief at the NJDEP. "Her efforts were crucial to the development and passage of legislation that made our state the first in the nation to require curbside separation and recycling of household paper, glass and metal."

ANJR Executive Director Marie Kruzan said: "I was fortunate to know and learn from Jean for over 30 years. As a newbie in recycling, Jean guided me, in her quiet way, sharing her knowledge and understanding. Jean may have been quiet, but she held strong views and was not shy about sharing her opinion and experience. We all are better for

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### The 38th Annual Recycling Symposium & **Awards Luncheon**

What does a business that recycles typical as well as unusual materials, a county government recycling program that creatively uses social media and its website to promote recycling, and a high school student whose battery recycling initiative at school is now a town-wide initiative have in common?

Each of them is among those honored by the NJDEP as New Jersey's recycling leaders at the October 17, 2018, ANJR 38th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ. The topic of the symposium was "When in Doubt...Throw it Out" and presentations included the following: 1) give reuse a chance 2) ) adjusting to the Chinese import specification changes 3) keeping it clean 4) recycling education and awareness 6) Wow! look at what a few people can do 7) working together for sustainability 8) recycling is still the law and good for the environment.

ANJR board member Bill Lehman, Business Development Manager for Waste Management, received the 2018 Jean Clark REX Award in recognition of the outstanding contributions he has made to recycling in New Jersey.



ANJR Board Member Janet Pellichero congratulates her son Nicholas, one of the CRP Graduates honored at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium. Janet and Nicholas are the mother and graduates of the CRP course!



NJDEP Deputy Commissioner Debbie Mans presents the award for Rising Star to the Delaware River and Bay Authority - Cape May Ferry Terminal. Accepting the award is Environmental Compliance and Safety Manager and ANJR Board Member Albert A. Fralinger, III.

At the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Symposium, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were presented:

#### **Business**

**New Jersey Resources** 

Government

**Burlington County Board of Freeholders** 

Institution

Stockton University

Leadership

Sustainable Jersey

**Outstanding Educator/Educational Program** 

**Atlantic County Utilities Authority** 

**Recycling Industry** 

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**Retail Merchant** 

**Hipcycle** 

**Rising Star** 

Delaware River and Bay Authority - Cape May Ferry **Terminal** 

Source Reduction/Resource Management/ Sustainability

Pioneers, Chapter 99 and Ericsson

**Volunteer Citizen** 

Linzy Rosen

# Bill Lehman is Recipient of the First Jean Clark Recycling Excellence Award

ANJR Board Member and Business Development Manager for Waste Management (WM), Bill Lehman, is the first recipient of the newly named Jean Clark Recycling Excellence (REX) Award. Bill who was joined by his wife Michele, and two children, Jaclyn and Joseph, was awarded ANJR's highest honor at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Jumping Brook County Club in Neptune.

Bill has been working in the recycling industry for almost 34 years. He began his career with Giordano Recycling and worked for the company for 14 years before it was purchased by Allied Waste. Waste Management acquired Allied's New Jersey assets in 2003.

"I really have had the best of both worlds, working for a family owned business and a corporation," Bill said. "Like so many of my WM colleagues, we all came from a smaller family-run business that gave us a good foundation of work ethics, people skills, and customer appreciation that made the transition to a great company, like WM, seamless, rewarding and enjoyable."



2018 Jean Clark REX Award recipient Bill Lehman, is joined by ANJR Board Member and 2017 REX award recipient Donna Caputo.

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knowing and working with Jean."

Clark received many awards: "Recycler of the Year" from the National Recycling Congress (1980), "Recycler of the Decade" (1980) from the NJDEP, the New Jersey Pride Award in the field of Environment (1986), and the Wells College Alumnae Association Award, (2000). Jean also served on the ANJR Board of Directors for many years. In 2012 she was the first ANJR member to be appointed to ANJR Board Member Emeritus status.

Clark graduated from Wells College in Aurora, New York in 1945, and had a M.A. in Philosophy from Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. She championed women's colleges, but made an adjustment to her worldview when men were admitted at Wells College a few years ago.

Clark's single-minded devotion sometimes made her an inadvertent pioneer. In 1970, the New Jersey Audubon Society felt there should be at least one woman on the Board, so they made her the Secretary. "Someone to take the notes," she recalled. Being the only woman in a room full of men did not faze her, and she was soon joined on the board by other women. She served the organization for more than 30 years.

Former NJDEP Chief of Staff Gary Sondermeyer said: "Jean was the true "Founder" of the recycling movement in New Jersey and a total inspiration. Her legacy most certainly lives on with a reputation beyond reproach."

"I feel blessed to have been inspired by Jean's determination, motivated by her actions and encouraged to make a difference based on her efforts." said Sussex County Recycling Coordinator and ANJR Board member Renee Casapulla." Jean's wit and contagious laughter will always warm my heart."

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## ANJR Hosts its Second Annual 5K Walk/ Run 4 Recycling

ANJR held its Second Annual 5K Walk/Run for Recycling on November 3, 2018 at Duke Island Park, Bridgewater, NJ. Despite the rain showers, gusty winds and the Raritan River flooding over its banks, over 50 participants made the day a success. 14 of the walkers/ runners were under 15 years old and had a fun day and even asked about next year's event!

A mother-daughter team finished first and third in the female category. Linda Paquette Brown was first and her mother, ANJR Board Member Emeritus, Nancy Paquette finished third.

Prizes were awarded to the following three fastest men and women runners:

#### Men

## 1. George Troemel

2. Luke Houtz

Paul Candon

#### Women

- 1. Linda Paquette Brown
- 2. Sarah Kukan
- 3. Nancy Paquette

A special thank you and congratulations to ANJR's 5K Committee members and the race day volunteers for a job well done!



5K - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall finishers Linda Paquette Brown (L) with her mother and ANJR Board Member Emeritus Nancy Paquette and Chester who won for fastest, friendliest & best overall canine too!



### Silver

- Bayshore Family of Companies
- All American Recycling Corp.

#### **Bronze**

- **Graham Company**
- Mott MacDonald
- RLG Americas
- Sims Municipal Recycling

#### **Friends**

- Sims Metal Management
- RR&T Design & Construction
- People Care Inc.

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Some of the many volunteers including (L to R), ANJR Secretary Mark Vangieri, Bergen County Utilities Authority; Board Member Jennifer Solewski, Bayshore Recycling Corp.; Chris Gulics, PS&S; Volunteer Asia Harvey; Board Member Melissa Harvey, Somerset County; ANJR Executive Director Marie Kruzan; Board Member Ernie Kuhlwein, Ocean County; Board Member Donna Caputo, City of New Brunswick: and 5K Committee Chairman Jim Lawler, Sims Municipal Recycling.

#### **ANJR Launches New Website**

## ANJR is pleased to announce a new and improved website!

The ANJR website has undergone many changes over the last two months. It was redesigned with an



updated look and will now work well on both computers and mobile devices.

The website will continue to act as a valuable resource for the recycling community. It contains an events calendar, copies of important letters from NJDEP, a link to our YouTube site and links to our sponsors. The site also includes a "Recycle Right" tab which provides members with ideas on the allimportant topic of reducing contamination in our curbside mix. The ANJR Facebook page is also featured prominently in the center of the page. The Facebook page is updated almost on a daily basis and contains articles and links to all of the recycling news in New Jersey and the surrounding areas. Lastly the webpage has links to organizations that ANJR is proud to work closely with, including New Jersey WasteWise Business Network and the Rutgers Certification Series. ANJR

will continue to work on updating some of the older information over the next few months, including an update to the School Recycling Toolkit.

Please visit us at: <a href="https://anjr.com/">https://anjr.com/</a>.



Rinaldi of the Steve addresses the crowd at the ANJR Recycling Workshop held at Kean University, Union, on June 1, 2018.



Damon Carson of Repurposed Materials addresses the capacity crowd at the ANJR Annual Meeting held on April 30, 2018 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown.



## President Pro-tem Angela Andersen Executive Director Marie Kruzan

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