



Beyond the Curb...



**A Message from ANJR President
Angela Andersen**

Hello Fellow ANJR members

I am honored to come into this new position with the ANJR board of directors. I have been a member of the ANJR board for 5 years and it is a fantastic opportunity. It is a privilege to work with the board of directors and our vast membership in the dynamic family that is ANJR.

2019 proved to be both tumultuous in the global markets, and heartbreaking for us here at home, as we lost 2 great friends suddenly - Ron Hutchinson in February and Janet Pellichero in November. Both served ANJR with dedicated pride and their legacies will live on through our shared hard work in recycling in NJ. We will be restructuring the executive board in the wake of Janet and Ron's passing - with a focus on membership development and fundraising into new audiences. We welcome new blood into the ranks.

As we work through all the negative headlines and global news, we are charged with digging our heels in and making sure the value system of recycling stays intact and that we continue to work with the legislature for market development and investments in local infrastructure. The legislative committee has been very active along with our ANJR legislative liaison, testifying and meeting with Trenton leadership to make sure the changes that are coming are the most productive for our industry.

Recycling is the law. It is a service we provide our communities. We know some of the towns will have a hard time maintaining that service, but we must remember that recycling is the last of the R's reducing consumption, reusing what we can and recycling the rest is the strongest shared message.

It is my belief that once we clean up contamination, recycle right and develop markets, the course will shift.

We won't go back to the glory days of being less conscious of what we put in the recycling bin. The new way of focusing on the value of each item that we purchase will help us develop better products to market.

Recycling is not waste - it is a precious resource - like our friends and colleagues all is fleeting, but placing value on the full life cycle is the key to shared successes.

Wishing you all a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

ANJR Mourns the Deaths of Two of its Board Members

We are sad to report the passing this year of two of ANJR's Board Members, Ronald Hutchinson and Janet Pellichero.

Our ever upbeat Vice President-Development and former ANJR President and 1996 REX Award recipient, Ronald Hutchinson

passed away on February 4th. Ron was a great friend to many ANJR members and worked tirelessly to recruit new business members into the ANJR family.

Ron's family wrote: "It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather - Ron Hutchinson passed away suddenly this past Saturday due to cancer. Ron was well known as a film historian



Ronald Hutchinson (r.) is joined by ANJR Board Member Andriana Kontovrakis (l.) and ANJR Board Member Emeritus Penny Jones at the October 19, 2016 Recycling Symposium.

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through his tremendous efforts restoring early Vitaphone films. His love, humor, and support will be missed by many.”

To view an interview with Ron Hutchinson about three collections of Vitaphone shorts, as well as *Why Be Good?* (1929), all of which originally aired on December 5, 2016, please click [HERE](#).

On October 28, 2019, the ANJR family was shocked to learn of the passing of Janet Pellichero. Janet was a long time board member and she recently volunteered to fill the position of Vice President -Development, that was left void with the passing of Ron Hutchinson.

When hearing of Janet's passing board member Anthony Giordano, Sr., stated that “Janet was a ball of fire, and always upbeat. We will certainly miss her!”

Board member David Oettinger stated that he was stunned and saddened by the news. “Janet was a mentor and friend to me when I started at Princeton. I always looked forward to seeing her and listening to that infectious laugh. She will be sorely missed.”

For those of us that knew Janet, she really was a ball of fire! She never quit and always strived to make a true difference. She was a rock and a person we could always count on. She will be missed terribly by all of her friends.



2008 Leadership Award recipient Janet Pellichero (right) pictured with former NJDEP Assistant Commissioner Nancy Wittenberg.



Janet Pellichero with her son Nicholas, in 2018, at the 38th Annual Symposium. Janet and Nicholas were the first mother and son graduates of the CRP course!

Mary Ellen Gilpin Receives NJDEP Commissioners Award

At the 39th Annual Recycling Symposium, Mary Ellen Gilpin, the Director of Environmental Programs for the Hudson County Improvement Authority, was recognized by the NJDEP for her over thirty years of service to the recycling community in New Jersey. Mary Ellen who will be retiring in the spring of 2020, received the prestigious Commissioners Award. During her 30-year tenure, she has served as the Solid Waste Coordinator, County Recycling Coordinator, County Clean Communities Coordinator and Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator. Mary Ellen was a graduate of the first-ever Certified Recycling Professional series in 1993. Over the years she has led the way in many first-of their-kind recycling programs and has coordinated numerous recycling events, including household hazardous waste events, mobile paper shredding events, Earth Day events, and recycling education programs in schools. In 2007, she received a NJDEP Outstanding Achievement in Recycling award in the category of Outstanding Educator/Educational Program.

Most importantly, she has always been a friend and mentor to her fellow recycling coordinators.

Mary Ellen best of luck in your future endeavors!



Gina Gambacorto of the NJDEP staff presents Mary Ellen Gilpin (r.) with the NJDEP Commissioners Award at the 39th Annual Recycling Symposium.

The 39th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

What does a business that recycles almost 80 percent of its waste, a university with a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling program, and a municipal recycling coordinator whose dedication has increased recycling in multi-family housing developments, have in common?

Each of them was among those honored by the NJDEP as New Jersey’s recycling leaders at the October 10, 2019, ANJR 39th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ.

The topic of the symposium was *“Don’t Stop Believing”* and presentations included the following: 1) *future health of the recycling industry* 2) *the circular economy and recycling* 3) *newest innovations in MRF’s - robotics* 4) *glass to landscape & construction products* 5) *working to reduce contamination in a big city* 6) *NJ recycle right social media campaign.*

At the 39th Annual Recycling Symposium, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were presented:

- Business**
IKEA Distribution Services North America
- Government**
Maurice River Township
- Institution**
Monmouth University
- Leadership**
Carolyn Brown-Dancy, Atlantic Health System
- Outstanding Educator/Educational Program**
Raritan Valley Community College
- Recycling Industry**
Waste Management of NJ., Inc
- Retail Merchant**
Hipcycle
- Rising Star**
Kellie Ann Keys, Roxbury Township
- Source Reduction/Resource Management/
Sustainability**
Second Chance Toys
- Commissioner’s Award**
Mary Ellen Gilpin, Hudson County Improvement Authority



Jim VanWoert (r.) of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., accepts the Recycling Industry Award from NJDEP representative Gina Gambacorto at the 39th Annual Recycling Symposium.



Leadership Award recipient Carolyn Brown-Dancy (r.), of Atlantic Health System, with NJDEP representative Gina Gambacorto at the 39th Annual Recycling Symposium.

ANJR Hosts its Third Annual 5K Walk/Run 4 Recycling

This past November 2nd was a beautiful bright and crisp Saturday morning, and ANJR hosted more than 60 participants at its third annual 5K Walk/Run 4 Recycling. Held at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater, the event was a great success and raised funds to support ANJR's ongoing programs.

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

Men

- 1. George Troemel
- 2. Evan Walter
- 3. Adam Westrick

Women

- 1. Keri Calabrese
- 2. Elizabeth Gargon
- 3. Christina Santarpia



Even though he was pushing his brother Kieran, ANJR Board member Jim Lawlor's son James, wasn't letting that slow him down!

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



The humans weren't the only ones having a great time at the ANJR 3rd annual 5k run. ANJR Board member Wayne DeFeo and Jolly made an impressive showing.



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ANJR Seventh Annual Golf Outing

On June 18, 2019, 44 enthusiastic golfers had a great time at ANJR's seventh annual golf outing at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing, NJ. The food, drink and golf made for a great day. ANJR and all the golfers appreciated the support our sponsors, which made the day possible. All proceeds support ANJR and its mission and goals.

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