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DENNIS HARMER OF KENOSHA SE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations, Dennis, for receiving the 2002 SE Region Operator of the Year Award.

Dennis started working for Kenosha Water in 1963 and in 1966 he was certified in Sewer and Water under the Volunteer Program. In 1978 he received his grade 3 certification.

The positions Dennis has held include: Swing Shift Operator, Lead Mechanic, Operator II, and General Supervisor. Dennis has been the Plant Superintendent since 1990.

During a drought in 1988, the City water system needed a booster pump station to supply water to the west side of Kenosha. Dennis planned and built a water booster station in six days (normally takes 2-3 months of construction time). For this effort, he received a commendation from Kenosha Mayor Patrick E. Moran.

Other high-lights include:

- Spending his entire career at the Kenosha WWTP.
- Being the only current City of Kenosha employee who worked at the original 1939 WWTP.
- Training over 40 operators (that's more than one per year of employment).
- Helping to design 2ndary treatment plant.
- Part-time operator/consultant for 20 years at Pleasant Prairie WWTP.
- Being a member of WWOA since 1970.

Congratulations again, Dennis, and our best wishes as you finish up your career!



Dennis Harmer receives SE award.



SE Region WWOA Life Members.



Directors from the SE Region

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SPORTS

KERRY GLOSS TAKES CHARGE

As of January 1, Kerry Gloss will become the new SE Region chair.

Kerry was born and raised in Chicago, IL and moved to Kenosha following Army service in Vietnam.

Since 1972, he has pursued a career at the City of Kenosha, including:

- '72 seasonal worker
- '73 waste collector
- '76 WWTP
- '78 Cert. Ops. License
- '84 Supervisor of Operations-WWTP
- '90 Supervisor of Ops-Water Plant
- '96 Supt. of Water Plt.
- '99 Dir of Ops.

Kerry is active in the AWWA, the Kenosha Local Emergency Planning Committee, and has been a member of WWOA since 1979

In his free time Kerry enjoys deer hunting, water gardening, traveling, completing home improvement projects & motorcycling.

CALENDAR

Feb 13, '03 – Grafton, WI

Topics:

- GBT project
- Revised CMAR

May 2003 – Kenosha, WI

Aug 2003 – 4th Annual Pig Roast, Bristol, WI

Feb '04 – Pleasant Prairie

May 2004 – Union Grove

Aug 2004 – 5th Annual Pig Roast, Sheboygan, WI

WANTED

THE GRAPEVINE

BE A SHOW-OFF!!

You work hard to maintain your plant and serve your customers. Show it off by hosting a SE Region meeting in 2005 or 2006!!!

Your Regional officers will help with the details – contact Kris Gauger (262-763-4627) if you are interested.

Congratulations SE Region Operators Competition Team

on a great 2nd place finish!!
(See Page 3 for photos)

Thanks to our competitors –

- ❖ Jim Bergles, Sussex
- ❖ Dale Hapner, Union Grove
- ❖ Randy Kirkman, Bristol
- ❖ Dan Waala, Waukesha

Special thanks to Dan for stepping in as a last minute alternate.

If you are interested in participating next year, contact Kris Gauger at 262-763-4627.

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The 2nd place SE Region team in action.



We welcome your input and comments!!! This is your region & your webpage! Please contact us with information or questions -

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