



# IWA QUARTERLY

January 1985

## The Island Water Association, Inc. - 1965 to 1985

This twentieth anniversary of IWA's incorporation has been chosen as "the year of the water user". A study of some two dozen different kinds of contacts between IWA and the water using public has been given to the Board of Directors for its reference. Some related action has already been influenced by this report (see "New Policy for Bill Payment" below). All comments and suggestions from the public for improving IWA's service have been and will be genuinely appreciated.

## New Policy for Bill Payment

IWA's water bills, which have been payable "upon receipt", now show a due date. Because IWA's bills are sent far and wide around the globe this new due date was set to give ample time for payment, without the imposition of penalties, to every water user with the possible exception of arctic explorers and orbiting astronauts.

## Can It Be Almost Five Years?

IWA's Reverse Osmosis plant started treating water in the fall of 1980. And as predicted the oldest of its three sets of membranes is almost worn out. Fortunately R.O. technology has moved fast since 1980. New low pressure membranes are now on the market, costing about two thirds as much to buy and to operate as the old ones. IWA just ordered a set of these new membranes at \$102,000. If it performs well the other two sets will be changed ahead of schedule to take advantage of lower operating costs.

## The Best Laid Plans...

IWA's new maintenance garage, designed to handle high winds and water, was to be finished in December, then in January, now in February. At least it's fairly certain the contractor will turn the building over to IWA before the 1985 hurricane season. Even without finishing touches it will serve its protective purpose for vital IWA repair equipment.

## Annual Meeting and Election

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Sanibel Community Association. In accordance with the IWA Bylaws, a Nominating Committee has been appointed to prepare a slate of candidates to stand for election to the Board of Directors. Members of the Committee are: John T. Burr, Milton H. Scheiter, Penny Rogers, Robert S. Merklas and Allen Lloyd.

IWA Bylaws also provide that "candidates for the Board of Directors may be nominated by any member of the Association provided the name or names of such candidate(s) shall be presented in writing to the secretary in a letter signed by at least ten (10) members and delivered at least 60 days (15) days before the meeting." "

Good Well News

Drilling of the fourth Suwannee production well, located across from Sanibel Elementary School, was completed at 720 feet. The quality of the water was found to be surprisingly good -- only about 2,000 milligrams of minerals per liter of water (the other three Suwannee wells average over 3,000). The job of connection to the treatment plants is underway.

...And Baby Makes Three

Administrative Secretary Marcia Simons is back at her desk after an eleven week leave. And on the desk are snapshots of 7 pound 5 ounce Grayson James born to her and husband Chris. Welcome back Marcia!

Financial: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of December 31, 1984.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>TWELVE MONTHS OF</u>	
	<u>1984 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>
Water Sales	\$ 2,535,000	\$ 2,742,934
Interest	50,000	105,993
Other Receipts	15,000	8,971
Connection Fees	400,000	509,631
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,367,529
Carryover		815,796
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>		\$ 4,183,325

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>TWELVE MONTHS OF</u>	
	<u>1984 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Disbursements</u>
Wages and Benefits	\$ 820,500	\$ 833,234
Professional Fees	54,600	62,569
Electricity	600,000	606,089
Telephone	15,000	16,229
O & M Service & Supply	411,400	415,201
Motor Fuels	12,500	13,271
Insurance	49,800	54,670
Postal Charges	12,000	11,255
Travel, Training, Conferences	19,500	16,111
Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.)	300,468	300,468
Capital Expenditures	789,300	448,151
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	\$ 3,085,068	\$ 2,777,248
<u>EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</u>		\$ 1,406,077
<u>LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS &amp; CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS</u>		\$ 952,974
<u>NET AVAILABLE FUNDS</u>		\$ 453,103

Sincerely,

  
William D. Angst  
President