



# IWA PIPELINE



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## Your 2013 Island Water Association Board Members



**Paul Garvey**  
Vice President

**Gary Dutton, Jr.**  
VP/Secretary

**Jim Griffith**  
VP/Treasurer

**Ralph Sloan**  
Vice President

**Jack Cunningham**  
President

### 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

On April 8th, 2013, The Annual Meeting of The Island Water Association, Inc. (IWA) was held at the Association's offices, located at 3651 Sanibel Captiva Road.

Board President, Bill Carr, presented his President's Report pertaining to the state of the company. Mr. Carr noted that IWA's outstanding safety record continues, with the last lost time incident occurring in November, 2000 (4,439 accident-free days).

Mr. Carr then reviewed the progression of General Managers since Roger Blind's retirement in 2007, thanking previous GM Rusty Isler for his contribution as GM from 2007 to 2012. Don DuBrasky took over the reins as General Manager in 2012. Mr. Carr then honored the memory of long time Board Member Tim Gardner, who passed away in November 2012. He followed by introducing Mr. Ralph

Sloan, who had been appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Gardner's term. Mr. Sloan was also nominated to complete the second year of Mr. Gardner's term.

Mr. Carr discussed the major Capital Projects completed in 2012. The largest of these was the Dunes Mains Replacement project which finished months ahead of schedule and well under budget. The Automated Meter Reading project continued in 2012 and into 2013. He discussed the upcoming projects for 2013, the largest being the upgrade to our Distribution Pumping Station (High Service) at the RO Plant, to better meet peak demand periods.

Mr. Carr then recognized the following employees for their long service to IWA:

**John Leiter** has been at IWA for 32 years.

**Jan Krisman, Ron Leavitt, Pat Henry, Mike Miller, and Steve Rensing** have all been employed at IWA for the past twenty-six years; a very

impressive accomplishment for this group.

President Carr concluded his time at the podium by reflecting on his six years as part of the IWA Board of Directors, the last as President.

Vice President Gary Dutton, Jr., standing in for Treasurer Jack Cunningham, presented the Treasurer's report. He stated that IWA remains financially sound, with 2012 revenues at \$7.1M while O&M expenses were at \$5.1M. 2012 Capital and debt services were \$2.9M, bringing the total expenses to \$8.0M. IWA's 2013 Budget includes revenues of \$7.1M with expenses of \$7.5M.

Next, IWA General Manager Don DuBrasky presented his annual report on operations and accomplishments in 2012, detailing the projects mentioned by President Carr. He talked about Capital Projects for 2013, including the High Service upgrade which is detailed in this newsletter. Mr. DuBrasky then mentioned ways we communicate with our members, including this newsletter, our website, and the Annual Meeting. He closed by thanking Department heads and their crews for their hard work and dedication.

During the meeting, the Board cast the 484 proxy votes along with the 3 live votes for James Griffith, Gary Dutton, Jr., Ralph Sloan, and Paul Garvey, who were selected by IWA's Nominating Committee. Mr. Griffith and Mr. Dutton, Jr. were re-elected to their second two-year terms, Mr. Sloan replaces the late Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Garvey replaces outgoing Board President Bill Carr. The Membership also approved two amendments to IWA Bylaws dealing with Board residency requirements (6 months as opposed to 10 months), and Annual Meeting quorum requirements (50 members in person **or by proxy**).

After the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to elect Mr. Jack Cunningham President, Mr. Gary Dutton, Jr. Secretary, Mr. Jim Griffith Treasurer, Mr. Sloan and Mr. Garvey Vice Presidents.

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## STORM SEASON (PREPARATION)

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By the time this newsletter is issued, it will be hurricane season 2013. We have completed our annual update to our Emergency Response Plan which includes our hurricane plan. Our emergency supplies and food pantry have been restocked and we have replenished our emergency reserves, as we do every year. IWA is as ready as

we can be; however, we certainly hope that all our preparations prove unnecessary this year.

We like to encourage our members to turn off their house valves when they leave the Islands for storms or extended periods of time. Water pipe breaks and leaks are wasteful and can be expensive. Water leaks inside an unoccupied home can be disastrous. Failed dishwasher, washing machine, and ice maker hoses can all lead to a very bad day inside an unoccupied home. There is one good side to storm season—more RAIN—and hence lower water consumption and increased water conservation!

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## HIGH SERVICE YARD PIPING

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In the previous Newsletter, and at the Annual Meeting (if you were there), we mentioned the upgrade to our pumping facility at the RO Plant over the next few years. Part of that project includes replacing the pipe that runs from the pumps in the



### *Measure twice; cut once*

plant to the distribution pipes at the street, a distance of about 450 feet. The new pipe will be upsized from 16-inch to 20-inch, and will be C900 PVC, as opposed to the ductile iron now in place. The new pipe will run parallel to the old pipe when it is completed. This will significantly reduce pumping pressures while increasing flow from the plant. Our three booster stations should see much less run time during peak demand periods, as more water will come from the plant storage tanks, which will reduce re-pumping costs, a highly desirable situation.

Excavation for the new pipeline began in early May and should be completed in June. This section of our yard/driveway is full of many conduits, cables, and smaller water pipes, not to mention the existing 16-inch pipeline which has to be crossed .



***New 20" C-900 Pipe Staging***

The digging will be slow and methodical with much of it done by hand. To connect the new pipe to our system, three 14-inch "hot taps" will be utilized. A hot tap allows a pressurized pipe to be tapped without losing pressure in the system, thus avoiding water outages and or having to issue a system wide boil water notice. Stay tuned for updates on this significant upgrade to our system.

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### **JAN KRISMAN'S RETIREMENT**

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Jan Krisman was part of the IWA family for twenty-six years. She worked in Accounting and was well-liked by all our employees, not only because of her quick wit and fabulous cooking, but also because she was responsible for payroll and other HR related issues. Jan and her husband, Ben, both retired in May and are now true snow-birds. They plan on spending summers at their cabin in the mountains of Virginia and winters here in the Fort Myers area near family and friends. Best wishes to Jan and Ben on this new chapter of their lives. We will all miss her sense of humor, compassion, and sage advice on life's challenges.



***Jan taking a fresh air lunch break***



***Lizzie the office cat was one of Jan's biggest fans***



***Jan lending a hand and a grape to a Hurricane Charley survivor***

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### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Can IWA reach you in case of an emergency? Our technicians, meter reader, and your neighbors often report leaks, hoses left on, and irrigation problems to us. Kathy, our Membership Coordinator, in turn tries to reach you, the homeowner. Please make sure that we have your current contact information, whether it is a cell number, a summer phone number, a caretaker's phone number, or an email address. You can update your information by calling the office at (239) 472-1502, fax at (239) 472-1505, email to [kathy@islandwater.com](mailto:kathy@islandwater.com), filling out a change of address form on our website, or by filling out the back of the stub that is returned with your payment. We do not release any membership information to non-government organizations so you won't receive advertising or solicitations as a result of the contact information that we maintain.

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## PATTY HERRICK



Patty Herrick has returned to the IWA family after taking a six year hiatus in the Michigan snow and ice. She and her husband, Doug, along with their three dogs, returned to the Island and IWA on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Patty is now the Purchasing Coordinator and is experienced at spending IWA money on chemicals and equipment needed to run a water utility. She acquired this position when Steve Dover became the Accounting Coordinator after Jan Krisman retired. Patty worked at IWA in this same position from 2001 to 2006 before moving up north. As they say, "Once you get the Florida sand in your shoes, you will always go back!"

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## HAZMAT REFRESHER COURSE

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Another spring time task here at IWA, along with reviewing and updating our emergency planning, is a refresher course in Hazmat. This training was recently hosted at the Reverse Osmosis plant.



*Hazardous Material Class*

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## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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The 2012 edition of IWA's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), for the first time, is **not** included as an insert with this newsletter. In accordance with new rules from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, we are not required to mail the CCR as long as we: (1) post a direct link to the CCR on our website, (2) provide a direct link in this Newsletter, and (3) make a hard copy available in our lobby. We will be happy to mail a copy of our CCR to anyone who requests it by calling (239) 472-1502. IWA's CCR can be found on our website at [www.islandwater.com/wp-content/waterReports/CCR2012.pdf](http://www.islandwater.com/wp-content/waterReports/CCR2012.pdf). This EPA required annual report covers our water quality for 2012. IWA's water meets and exceeds all water quality standards, as has always been the case in the past. Please read over this information, and if you have any further water quality-related questions, just give our Production Manager, Pat Henry, a call at (239) 472-2113 ext. 122.



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