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President's Message

Garrett Guillozet, MPH, R.S., REHS, AEMT
Franklin County Public Health

Hello! I am starting my term as president with a great sense of privilege and honor. Our past president, Paul DePasquale, deserves a tremendous thank you! Paul has worked tirelessly over the past year guiding and leading OEHA. He has set the bar high for me, and for all future presidents!



OEHA continues to be involved in various legislative matters. Primarily, OEHA is continuing to work with the Ohio Departments of Agriculture and Health on improving the food survey methodology for local health departments. While this is an outcome of H.B. 65, the agencies have committed on working together with OEHA and AOHC to improve the survey process. I realize that the work over the last month has been troublesome; I do believe that we are continuing in the right direction. OEHA will continue to work toward a common sense solution that helps to improve the survey process, while working to improve food safety in Ohio.

Legislative work and public health engagement are top priorities for my presidency. I firmly believe that we should continue to work toward growing our membership. Through membership, we expand our shared objectives and increase our visibility statewide. We all know people who have no understanding of the work we do, and I believe that OEHA has an obligation to help educate other public health associations and the public about environmental health issues. During my tenure, I hope to continue to build our relationships with our partner public health associations across the state. OEHA should support and seek support from other associations to help further our shared mission of improving and protecting public health in Ohio.

The next six months will be very telling for environmental public health in Ohio. Our board is preparing our list of legislative concerns and policy initiatives, which will be shared with our newly elected state government officials. Public health should be a non-partisan issue, and the board will continue to engage elected leaders to advanced environmental public health in Ohio. As we move forward and prepare for a new session of the General Assembly, I encourage you to reach out to myself, or any board member to share your ideas and voice your concerns.

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Recognizing Ohio's Newest Registered Sanitarians

In this section we recognize those individuals who successfully met the standards to earn the title Registered Sanitarian in the State of Ohio. In this issue we congratulate the following individuals who achieved the status of Registered Sanitarian from February 16, 2018—May 15, 2018:

- Elizabeth M. Kirby
- Maria Fernanda Bibish
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Featured District Director's Message: Northeast

Melissa O'Connell, R.S.
Medina County Health Department

Hello fellow sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training throughout Ohio! It has been my privilege to be a Registered Sanitarian for the past 22 years! I began my career at Tuscarawas County Health Department as an SIT and gained valuable training in the food protection programs, campground inspections, pool inspections, school inspections, solid waste, infectious waste, water samples, nuisance complaint abatement, rabies prevention, and household sewage treatment systems. After working at Tuscarawas County for three years, I moved to Cleveland and worked with the fine folks at Geauga County for one year before landing at Medina County Health Department. I have been employed with Medina County Health Department for the last eighteen years working in the food protection programs. Currently, I am the Food Programs Supervisor. I work with the most amazing team including clerks, sanitarians, nurses, epidemiologists, community health educators, etc. I am proud to announce Medina County Health Department is accredited, we recently opened our



new Health Center, we continue to do quality improvement projects, and changed our logo and website to better serve the public.

I have met many of you during Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA) trainings and worked with many of you during the course of my career at local health departments, during outbreak investigations, and sharing information through the quarterly roundtable meetings in the northeast quadrant of the state! Everyone I have met during the course of my career (you know who you are) has shaped me and helped me grow professionally. Thank you! I am committed to making you proud. For those of you I haven't met, let me say it is a privilege to know I am working with other sanitarians across the state that are as passionate as I am about environmental health. I certainly would like to meet all of you, but if I miss you at a conference, I just want to say "Thank you" for working in this field with me every day protecting public health. We are making a positive impact daily together!



Being a member of the OEHA has helped me grow professionally, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage other sanitarians or SIT's to join. Benefits of joining include but are not limited to: networking with colleagues, receiving updates about new legislation, training opportunities at a reduced rate, and scholarship opportunities.

This is my third year being involved with the Northeast District OEHA planning committee and I am currently serving as NE District Director. We have been diligently meeting once a month to plan for this year's annual educational conference which will be at the Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Wadsworth, Ohio on October 9 and

10, 2018. This location has served us well the last two years and is centrally located for our district. This year's theme is "Tricks to Treat the Environment and Protect Public Health." I want to express my gratitude to the committee members for their guidance, help, and sharing their experience and knowledge with me. Being a part of this committee has been a truly rewarding experience. If you like being a part of a team, please consider joining. Similar to my Ohio University marching band experience, everyone plays a part to make the show better than the best ever!



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Stephan Ruckman, RS, MPH
Worthington City Schools

Work continues on many items that were highlighted during the Annual Educational Conference. Topics still being discussed include, but are not limited to surveys of Local Health Department Food Programs and Bills related to Dogs on Patios of Food Service Operations.

In other news, the Ohio Public Health Advisory Board met on April 27th, 2018. This was a special meeting to consider changes to Ohio Administrative Code Sections 3701-36-03 and 3701-36-05. Both sections relate to Public Health Standards for Local Health Departments. Specific language regarding Local Health Department reporting of inspection frequency and survey results was discussed in depth. After considering input from various stakeholders, the Ohio Department of Health updated the rule to reflect comments and

suggestions made by the OEHA Board of Directors. This language was inserted prior to OPHAB recommending approval to the Director of Health. The next meeting of the Ohio Public Health Advisory Board is June 29th, 2018. Topics which may be on that agenda include Private Water System and Registered Sanitarian Rules.

It will likely be a busy year for all of us tasked with the responsibility to monitor issues that will impact our members. We are all very fortunate to have great leadership guiding us and very skilled legislative liaisons assisting along the way. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns you would like to share.



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Remembering June Davies

Sue McFadden, R.S.
Retired

June Davies has been a special friend of mine for a number of years, and I count myself very privileged to have known her!

June passed away on March 27, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. June was born March 1, 1948, and was a graduate of Mineral Ridge High School, class of 1966. She attended Youngstown State University, where she graduated with honors in 1991.

June was an accomplished dietitian and food safety instructor. She was the founder of Nutrition Plus, where she certified thousands of people in the ServSafe program all across the state of Ohio for over 25 years. June was a delight to teach for; she was the ultimate organizer and had such an amazing memory of each and every person who took her classes. Many health departments throughout Ohio worked with June and Nutrition Plus to present ServSafe to their licensed operators. June also presented ServSafe to companies such as Dairy Queen at their annual conventions.

June also spent a number of years working for EcoSure, conducting audits of participating

restaurants in her territory in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Other than her work, June loved spending time with her family. She was married to her husband, Glenn, for 51 years; he was her high school sweetheart. They have two sons, Glenn “Bip” Davies of McDonald and Eric (Kristin) Davies of Mineral Ridge. June enjoyed spending time at the beach and collecting beach glass as a hobby.

June was a great friend and member of the Ohio Environmental Health Association. She and Glenn exhibited at many district conferences, as well as at our Annual Educational Conference. She also presented educational seminars at several conferences. We will miss seeing June and Glen at conferences and I will certainly miss June’s friendship as I’m sure other sanitarians throughout Ohio will! Thank you, June, for your contributions to our Association and for being a special friend to many of us!

Legislative Updates

- 2017 Ohio Executive Budget Bill
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49>
- 2017 Ohio House- Proposed Budget Changes
http://www.ohioeha.org/aws/OEHA/asset_manager/get_file/154757?ver=1468
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2018 Annual Educational Conference Award Highlights

Gus E. Dria, R.S., REHS
Canton City Public Health

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners and thank the District Awards Chairs for their work recognizing member achievements at the State and District level.



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- Colton Masters, RS Northeast
Canton City Public Health
- Nicki Rumschlag, RS Northwest
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- Carrie Yeager, RS Southwest
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- Kathryn Madden, RS Southeast
Columbus Public Health

Kathryn also serves as the Science Fair subcommittee chair. At the AEC, Kathryn announced that after years of servicing in this position that she would be stepping down. Thank you for dedicating your time each year at the State Science Day and representing OEHA to Ohio's future scientists and possible public health employees. James May, RS, Franklin County Public Health, has stepped up to assume this position for next year's Science Day. Anyone who is available to assist next May can contact Jim or me to join the judging team.

Life Members

The following 2018 class of new Life Members were recognized:

- Dr. Charles Hart (NE District), Ohio University and Kent State University - 44 years
- Jim Lynch, RS, (SE District), Franklin County Public Health - 34 years

Thank you for your years of service to public health and OEHA. Enjoy retirement.

George Eagle Scholarship Awards

The George Eagle Memorial Scholarship Committee annually reviews applications and awards a graduate and an undergraduate scholarship for \$2,000 each.

- The 2018 undergraduate scholarship was awarded to Amelia Staats from The Ohio State

University. Amelia is majoring in Environmental Public Health.

- The 2018 graduate scholarship was awarded to Colton Masters, RS, from Canton City Public Health. Colton is pursuing his Masters in Public Health from NEOMED.



Photo: Colton Masters, GE Graduate recipient with Joe Ebel, GE Scholarship Committee Chair.

Outstanding Legislator Award

The Outstanding Legislator Award was presented to Ohio Representative Brian Hill for his outstanding contributions in support of Environmental Health.



Photo: Representative Brian Hill, Outstanding Legislator Award recipient with President Paul Depasquale.

Publication Award

The 2018 State Publication Award was presented to Anne Kaup-Fett, MS, RS, REHS, from Clark County Combined Health District. This award was presented for Anne's article published in the 4th Quarter 2017 Issue of the Ohio Journal of Environmental Health entitled "Common Sense Guidance on Mold."



Photo: Adam Howard, OEHA Publications Committee Chair with Anne Kaup-Fett, Publication Award recipient.

Each year, the District Director and District Planning Committees recognize members with a Membership Award and Outstanding Sanitarian Award at the Fall Education Conferences. Here is a summary of the 2017 fall winners:

Membership Award Recipients

- NE – Nicole Bradley, MS, RS, Summit County Public Health
- NW – Aaron Longworth, RS, Auglaize County Health Department
- SW – Michael Buchanan, RS, Public Health –

Dayton & Montgomery County

- SE – Chad Brown, MPH, RS, REHS, Licking County Health Department

Outstanding Sanitarian Award Recipients

- NE – Suzanne Krippel, MPH, RS, Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- NW – Tyler Pigman, RS, Marion Public Health
- SW – Charles Noble, RS, Hamilton County Public Health
- SE – Larry Holbert, RS, ODH (Posthumous)

The Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award

The Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award is given to a member who has made a sustained effort for many years in promoting the advancement of the Ohio Environmental Health Association. The 2018 Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award was presented to Michael Buchanan, RS, from Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County.



Photo: Mike Buchanan, Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award recipient with Jennifer Wenzel, award presenter.

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The Ray Watts Outstanding Sanitarian Award is given to a member who has made outstanding contributions in the field of environmental health. The 2018 Ray Watts Outstanding Sanitarian Award was presented to Suzanne Krippel, MPH, RS, from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Photo: Suzanne Krippel, Ray Watt Outstanding Sanitarian Award recipient with President Paul Depasquale.



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Photo: Shannon Self, OEHA Exhibitor Chair with Carolyn Watkins, Ohio EPA Office of Environmental Education, Outstanding Supporter Award recipient.

President's Award

The 2018 President's award was presented to Chuck DeJonckheere, RS, Hamilton County Public Health.



Photo: Chuck DeJonckheere, President's Award recipient with President Paul Depasquale.

Vice President and Program Chair Award

The Vice President's Award was presented to Treva Stetson, RS, REHS, Summit County Public Health.

Past President's Award

The Past President's Award was presented to outgoing president, Paul Depasquale, MPA, RS, from Stark County Health Department by incoming President Garrett Guillozet, MPA, RS, REHS, AEMT, Franklin County Public Health.

OEHA Outstanding Supporter Award

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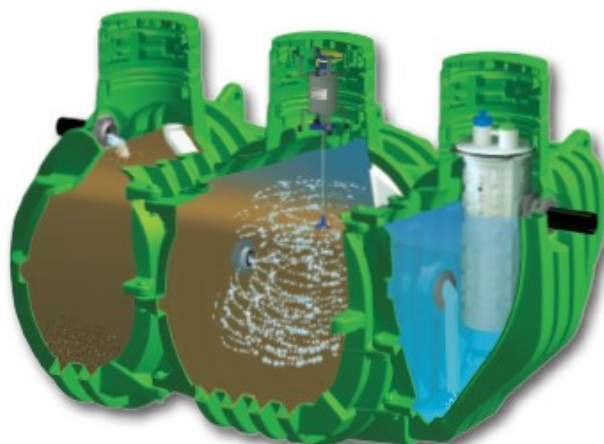


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- May 15 for the 2nd quarter
- August 15 for the 3rd quarter, and
- November 15 for the 4th quarter.

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