



# Association of NJ RECYCLERS

Winter 2016

## Beyond the Curb...



### A Message from ANJR President

**Dominick D'Altilio**

Dear Members:

2015 proved to be a very busy, yet productive, and successful year. A big thank you goes out to all involved in making our annual meeting and symposium a success. I would also like to congratulate all who worked so diligently on helping to get the changes to the E-Waste legislation as far as it has gotten. As of this newsletter, the Bills A4763/S2973 have been passed by both houses and have been sent to the governor for his consideration – let's keep our fingers crossed.

Every New Year's Day, most of us make a resolution. Some make the promise to quit smoking; some make a promise to go on a diet; I want you all to think about and commit to this resolution - **What more can I do for ANJR?**

Now I know that some of the easier answers are attending Swap-and-Share meetings and our annual meeting and symposium. But how about committing to getting one person or business to join ANJR? We can always use more members with their time and talent.

What does 2016 hold for us? None of us have a crystal ball to see into the future – but we are working on having our Food Waste Bill become law; Working with Sustainable Jersey for Schools; and keeping an “eye” on environmental issues that have an effect on our members.

I hope that this year will be better than the last. May we all have a wonderful new year to look forward to, one that is filled with new hopes, new dreams, new beginnings, new challenges, and new commitments.



**2015 REX Award recipient Gary Sondermeyer joined by his colleagues from Bayshore Recycling Corporation, Valerie Montecalvo (l.) and Jenny Barton.**



**The 2015 graduates of the N.J. Recycling Certification Series at the 35th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon.**



## Company Spotlight...



A strong commitment to the environment is not a new concept for Wall-based New Jersey Resources (NJR). In fact, 25 years ago NJR created its Environmental Committee to encourage customers and employees to engage in environmental preservation efforts.

Consisting of employee volunteers, the Environmental Committee upholds the practices and principles of the company's environmental policy. Moreover, it helps drive environmental efforts, such as participation in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program, which helps organizations and businesses apply sustainable materials management practices.

NJR has been a member of WasteWise since 2003, and currently has 60 WasteWise programs in place. Designed to promote recycling, reduce waste and use remanufactured or environmentally friendly products, these programs help prevent pollution, reduce costs and provide an overall positive effect on the environment. For example, in 2014 it transformed more than 29,000 pounds of used, high-density, plastic pipe into new conduit piping for irrigation systems, saving 210 cubic yards of valuable landfill space. In addition, the company recycled 762,000 pounds of metal and 2,000 pounds of electronics, wires and associated e-waste. Other WasteWise initiatives implemented by NJR include Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Beach clean-ups; donation of office supplies to schools; the use of remanufactured printer cartridges, as well as recycling metals, paint, pallets, paper and cardboard, among others. NJR even has a company "reuse center" for employee office supplies that would have otherwise been discarded.

The company's sustainability efforts extend beyond WasteWise. Through Conserve to Preserve™ (CTP), the umbrella for its commitment to environ-

mental stewardship, NJR provides customers and employees with the tools and resources they need to make wise energy choices and help lower their carbon footprint. In fact, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), NJR's principal subsidiary, promotes programs and initiatives to help customers better understand and manage their energy usage. E-Tips, NJNG's electronic newsletter, delivers customers seasonal energy-saving recommendations while The SAVEGREEN Project® offers residential and commercial rebates and incentives to make energy-efficiency upgrades more affordable.

Since 2006, NJNG has helped customers reduce their natural gas usage by more than 320 million therms and save approximately \$332.5 million - preventing the release of over 3.7 billion pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. This is the same as the annual energy use of more than 154,000 homes or removing over 357,000 cars from New Jersey's roadways each year.

NJR recognizes the importance of protecting our natural resources. WasteWise is an important part of its environmental preservation efforts that serve to enhance the quality of life today and for future generations.

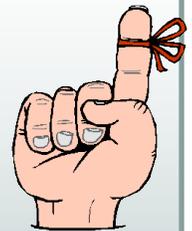
### Remember to attend an ANJR regional Swap & Share

**February 9th - Southern Session**

**Clayton Government Services  
building, Clayton**

**February 18th - Northern Session**

**Bergen County Utilities Authority, Little Ferry**



**9:30 AM -12:30 PM**

**CRPs will earn 2.5 CEU's (meeting)**

**A group of “REXies” assemble at the 35th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon**



*On the day when Gary Sondermeyer was named recipient of the 2015 REX (Recycling Excellence) Award, he and all of the former award recipients who were at the luncheon gathered for a photo. (The year printed next to each name is the year during which the award was given.) The back row left to right: Wayne DeFeo, 2005; Ann Moore, 1994; Monica Gismondi, 2013; Gary Sondermeyer, 2015; Alan Yoss, 2009; Kathleen Hourihan, 2003; Ron Hutchinson, 1996; Front row left to right: Carol Broccoli, 2012; Carole Tolmachewich, 2011; Melinda Williams (kneeling), 2010; Dominick D’Atilio, 2001; Barbara Fiedler, 2007; Mark Vangieri, 2014.*

*Not pictured: Nancy Paquette, 1995; Penny Jones, 1997; Anthony Giordano, Sr., 1998; Linda Hardy, 1999, Virginia Lamb, 2000; Dennis DeMatte, Jr., 2002; Albert Fralinger, III., 2004; Jean Clark, 2006; Alice Tempel, 2008.*

**The 35th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon**

What does a Bergen County Municipal Recycling Coordinator, Gloucester Township, Stop&Shop®, a facilities management company and a retired educator have in common? Each of them was among those honored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as New Jersey’s recycling leaders at the October 14, 2015, ANJR 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ.



The topic of the symposium was “LOOKING BEYOND RECYCLING,” and presentations included the following: recycling revisited; moving forward — sustainable materials management; it’s still economics — reality check on glass; care to recycle — sustainable corporate practice at work; shell recycling — building sustainable communities; and sustainable business registry.

At the symposium, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were presented:

**Business**

SBM Management Services, Edison

**Government**

Gloucester Township

**Leadership**

Ron Lottermann, Fair Lawn

**Retail Merchant**

Mike Winschuh, Stop & Shop, Franklin Lakes

**Commissioner’s Award**

Lori Russo

Bergen County Utilities Authority - retired



*Not only is he the President...ANJR President Dominick D’Atilio and other veterans were recently asked by the NY Giants to participate in a pregame flag ceremony!*

**Pictures from the 35th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon**



*Sondra Flite of the NJDEP with Rachel Weisslitz (l.) of SBM Management Services, the award recipient for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling — Business.*



*ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio and Fran McPoland, Vice President, Colling, Swift and Hynes, are answering questions from the symposium crowd.*



*ANJR VP—Administration Barbara Fiedler (l.), ANJR VP—Programs Monica Gismondi and ANJR Board Member Melinda Williams (r.) are coordinating another successful auction.*



*Sondra Flite of the NJDEP with Ron Lottermann of the Borough of Fair Lawn, the award recipient for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling — Leadership.*



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**Upcoming ANJR Events**

**2016**

**March 23rd - Annual Membership Meeting**

**October 19th - 36th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon**