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President's Message

By Mike Houlihan

Welcome to a new year as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA! Our chapter is very active each year, and this year will be no different. Our most recent activity was held on September 10th, when we held our Annual Meeting and technical seminar. At the meeting, we elected a new group of officers and Directors, who are identified on the left side of this page; thanks to each of you for contributing your time and effort to the organization, and a special thanks to our outgoing President, Evelyn Tomlin of Howard County, for her leadership and service as President of the Chapter for the past two years. At the meeting, we also discussed a variety of technical topics addressing recycling, bioreactors, and landfill facility management. Thanks to all of you who joined us and made the meeting a valuable use of time, and thanks to Dana Murray for all of her work in organizing the event.

For the upcoming year, the officers and Board are planning a slate of activities to address issues that are important to you in your everyday solid waste management activities, whether they are related to collection, facility operation, design, planning, or construction. At our meeting on November 10th, we developed a meeting schedule for the upcoming year; associated activities will be decided upon at the next Board Meeting on January 19th, 2005. See Agenda on page 4. Save the dates! Note that we plan to continue the recent practice of holding luncheons and facility tours after several of the Board

meetings. We also plan to address some important administrative issues, such as balancing our budget and reviewing our bylaws. Finally, we plan to coordinate with the National SWANA group to keep you updated on issues that affect your work, like maximizing the benefits of landfill gas tax credits and responding to legal challenges to the recent Research, Development, and Demonstration Rule. Our goal is to make the chapter a valuable resource to each of our more than 200 members.

We look forward to working with each of you to keep our Chapter active and valuable to the members. Please join us for one of the upcoming tours and the technical events that we'll be holding throughout the year. And have a happy holiday season.

Education Committee Seeks Feedback on Survey Letter

The education committee is still waiting for replies from the local school districts so we can begin to formulate an outreach proposal to the Board. If any members send their children to private schools, we would appreciate input from them as well. Reply to khartline@co.ba.md.us or ehsmolen@co.pg.md.us. Anyone who needs the letter to be mailed, please email Kerry Hartline with the name, address and any other contact information.