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# SOLID WASTE NEWS For Waste Professionals

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## WASTECON 2012

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### Exhibit Hall

It is almost HERE!!! WASTECON is coming to the Gaylord National Resort at National Harbor located in Prince George's County and just southeast of DC along the Potomac River. It is all happening right in your backyard August 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. If the conference registration fee is not in your budget this year, or you cannot be away from the office for 3 days, you can attend the exhibit show for **FREE** on the following days:

Tuesday (August 14)	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday (August 15)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday (August 16)	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Exhibit Hall Only passes are FREE. These passes are available for SWANA members AND non-members;** therefore, spread the word to people in your organization and to others in the "trash" and recycling business. Do you send a newsletter to your collectors, to your agency or company employees, to your clients? Are you involved with other associated groups which might be interested in WASTECON? If so, inform them of this

**opportunity.** As one of the local host chapters, we want to get as much traffic on the show room floor as possible. (If it is like the past few years, sponsored free food will be available on the show floor.)

Please go to our chapter website [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) and click the link to "WASTECON Registration Brochure" which gives all the info on WASTECON (the sessions, exhibition, training courses, etc.). Click on the picture of the "Free Show Pass," to print a show pass.

Registration on-line prior to arriving or at the registration desk at WASTECON is required with the "Exhibit Hall Only" pass.

To avoid waiting in line at WASTECON, even with a pass, register on-line. This is especially recommended for large groups. Pre-printed badges will be available for pick-up if registration is completed on-line before the first week of August.

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### SWANA Mission Statement:

**"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."**

Exhibitors can still register to exhibit so if one's company has not yet taken advantage of this opportunity to exhibit at a WASTECON being held in our area, which seldom occurs, there is still time; or if there is a firm, whether local or national, which should be contacted about the opportunity to exhibit, forward the name to SWANA.

To register on-line for the "Exhibit Hall Only," go to [www.WASTECON.org](http://www.WASTECON.org) (more info on WASTECON can be obtained at this site too). Note that an e-mail address is required or the registration cannot be completed. If an individual does not have an e-mail address, an administrator's or supervisor's e-mail can be used for receipt of a confirmation e-mail from SWANA. Other ways to pre-register are to print a registration form ([http://swana.org/portals/Wastecon/2012/WASTECON\\_Reg\\_Form\\_529.pdf](http://swana.org/portals/Wastecon/2012/WASTECON_Reg_Form_529.pdf)) and mail or fax it to SWANA, or to register via phone at 980-233-3777.

Therefore, if you or others in your organization want to come to see all of the equipment and vendors at WASTECON at no cost, bring a copy of the pass (electronic or hard copy), register on-line, or register via phone, or just show up and register.

(FYI-- Parking at the Gaylord is >\$21/day; however, there are other lots and garages nearby for \$11.)

P.S. - If you have never been to National Harbor before, it is a chance to visit where it is being debated to be another site for a Maryland casino.

P.S.2 - Potential Exhibitors – there is still time to register and take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit at a WASTECON being held in our area. If interested, please contact Steve Lippy [s.lippy@verizon.net](mailto:s.lippy@verizon.net) or Dana Murray [dmurray@scsengineers.com](mailto:dmurray@scsengineers.com).

### **Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available**

Even though WASTECON is fast approaching, there is still time to step up and sponsor something in order to help our Chapter put on a great WASTECON - SWANA's 50th Anniversary show. Opportunities include sponsoring food at the Wednesday night party {We have sponsors for the Capitol Steps entertainment [Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (a.k.a., GBB); RRT Design & Construction; and Renewable Energy from Waste] and music (Waste Management)}, golf tournament on Monday (available to be sponsored are lunch, transportation, golf holes, et. al.), and transportation for the Monday technical tours (lunch is being provided by Covanta and KCI). Arcadis is also recognized as a general sponsor for the WASTECON event.

For more information, contact: Hallie Clemm [hallie.clemm@dc.gov](mailto:hallie.clemm@dc.gov), Carrie Pendleton [cpendleton@geosyntec.com](mailto:cpendleton@geosyntec.com), and Lee Flick [dlflick@co.pg.md.us](mailto:dlflick@co.pg.md.us), respectively.

A full list of sponsors will be listed in a subsequent newsletter.

Steve Lippy and Dana Murray  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter Local Committee Co-chairs

# Retirement News

## **Stephen G. Lippy**

After 40-years of service, Steve Lippy retired from Baltimore County government on June 30, 2012. Steve is currently working on an on-call part-time basis with the Maryland Environmental Service. Steve is still very active in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA.

## **Evelyn E. Tomlin**

After 28-years with Howard County government, plus 2 years with the State, Evelyn Tomlin retired on June 30, 2012. Evelyn plans to take a sabbatical, which will include travel and volunteering in third world countries on clean water projects and/or disaster assistance.

# 2012 Annual Scholarship Recipients & Sponsorships

By: Mehal Trivedi, BCEEM  
Frederick County

Through the past 6 years, accounting for ties and repeat winners, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA, Office Paper Systems (OPS) and International SWANA, together have presented a total of \$49,250 in Scholarship awards to 32 chapter recipients. Included are two students who also have won the International SWANA Scholarship. Scholarship funds are to be applied to tuition, books and other school related expenses.

To add some context to our top candidate for 2012, the most recent Academy Award recipient Meryl Streep, was honored at the 84th Academy Awards ceremony (2012) for her performance in *The Iron Lady*. Katharine Hepburn, with four wins, has more Best Actress Oscars than any other actress. But our own Ms. Tanya Maude Adams has won 5 awards in 2 consecutive years. Two each, International SWANA and OPS to top it with a Professional Achievement award.

The 2012 recipients of Scholarship Awards included:

**Tanya Maude Adams** – Tanya received the highest score (Category 3) by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter Evaluation Committee and received a \$2,000 scholarship provided by OPS under the Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Program. This is Tanya's second year in a row of being the Chapter's top awardee. She has also won numerous awards for



her work in recycling, public speaking and organic food preservation. Under the Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program of SWANA, Tanya also won the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Category for a scholarship of \$5,000. She is a full-time employee at Cecil County and is currently enrolled in an Environmental Management program at the University of Maryland, University College. Following are excerpts from Tanya's essay:

*In order to advance solid waste management, a thorough understanding of not only landfilling, but waste to energy, recycling, reuse, composting, and new management technologies must be realized. This realization must then be properly communicated to all stakeholders in such a way that the most economically and environmentally beneficial solutions are found.*

*Current issues that the solid waste management field is facing include increased regulation, a lack of positions for educated professionals which can guide waste management in this new millennium, and the challenge of communicating our message. With new and increased environmental legislation, solid waste professionals must have the training to implement waste management techniques that will keep the solid waste management industry in compliance with these regulations.*

**Diana Michelle Reighart** – Diana was one of the Category 1 winners and was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship. Diana is the daughter of Charles Reighart, Recycling and Waste Prevention Manager, Baltimore County. Diana plans to attend the University of Richmond with a major interest in Biology and Environmental Science. Following are excerpts from Diana's essay:



*As part of "Project Citizen," a curricular program, in which students identify a local problem and propose solutions, I decided to take action against local littering.*

*The summer before my junior year, the Towson Chamber of Commerce and Delegate Lafferty recognized my environmental leadership at the site of the pilot program, with hundreds of people in attendance. This gave me the opportunity to inspire others, especially younger people, to be leaders in improving the community through environmental activism. Encouraged by the pilot program's success, officials at the highest levels of Baltimore County Government are laying the groundwork for installing up to 800 recycling bins throughout the county.*

**Laura Ann Goudreau** – Laura was one of the Category 1 winners and was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship. Laura is the daughter of Michael Goudreau, Project Manager/Engineer, SCS Engineers. Laura plans to attend the Catholic University of America with an interest in Musical Theater.



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Following are excerpts from Laura's essay:

*If these waste products are not regulated properly, they can create a myriad of problems, from cultivating diseases and releasing toxic chemicals to exuding horrendous smells and spoiling nature's beauty. I saw these effects firsthand when I traveled to Haiti last summer. There, trash is piled in heaps on every street corner, the ocean and river are muddied dumping grounds, and a pervasive stench permeates the air. The water that the Haitians drink is toxic and you can see children and adults alike crippled with disease, infected by the toxins that they ingest due to poor waste management. In America, we hardly think of these problems, but without the solid waste management system we have today, they could be realities.*

*Current issues facing the profession of solid waste management include reduced government funding because of the economic downturn, and the increasing costs of energy while consumer spending on recyclable materials is down.*

Additional scholarship recipients included:

**Andrea Rigg Skaggs** was one of the Category 1 winners and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Andrea is the daughter of Christopher Skaggs, Executive Director, NMWDA. Andrea plans to attend the Western Kentucky University of America with an interest in Photojournalism.

**Benjamin Thomas Turner** was one of the Category 1 winners and was awarded a \$750 scholarship. Benjamin is the son of Dana Murray, Vice President, SCS Engineers.

**Mariana Lins de Matos Medeiros** was one of the Category 1 winners and was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Mariana is the daughter of Lucas DeMelo, Senior Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants. Mariana plans to attend the UMBC with an interest in Psychology and Education.

## **2012 SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O (SWANA Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania & New Jersey Chapters)**

*By: Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., BCEE  
Maryland Environmental Service (P/T)  
Baltimore County (retired)*

The 2012 Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O was held at the Maryland Environmental Service, Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility located in Ridgely, Maryland on Friday, June 15, 2012. Many thanks to Chuck Ingram of MES, who coordinated the Road-E-O; all the MES volunteers; MES for hosting the event; and the other volunteers from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (and other chapters). This event is a major effort to host and MES pulled it off without a hitch!

The Midshore facility was a great venue as all the events could be conducted at the same location (whereas some Road-E-O's have had to be split between different locations).

After the event, it was noted that Steve Lippy was in charge of the weather. He did a great job as conditions were sunny and warm, perfect for the event.

Provided below are a series of web links to a more in-depth article regarding the Road-E-O, the competition results and winners, and some photographs. Thank you again to MES and all the participants.

**Published Article written by Abbey Andrews for the Star Democrat**

[http://www.stardem.com/business/article\\_f6148dce-c3f1-11e1-bdc1-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.stardem.com/business/article_f6148dce-c3f1-11e1-bdc1-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Competition Results**


<http://www.menv.com/SWANARoadE-O.shtml>

**Photographs**

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/meswave/sets/72157630178465070/>

# Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ **“Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.**
- ◆ **Important Websites to Remember:** [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org), [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) and [www.mdrecycles.org](http://www.mdrecycles.org).
- ◆ **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ **SWANA E-sessions:** If your organization presents e-sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU's. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- ◆ **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Tim Ford [tford@menv.com](mailto:tford@menv.com) or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or SWANA's website [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org).
- ◆ **Newsletter Ads:** These are business card size ads only (2" x 3.5"); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG or PDF file to [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org). Please make check payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- ◆ **American Academy of Environmental Engineers:** If you are an environmental engineer, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. See [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or [www.aeee.net](http://www.aeee.net).




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## ***SWANA Guiding Principle:***

***“Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems.”***