

APWA CENTRAL PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

A Letter from the President

I am humbled and honored for the privilege to assume the role of President of the [Central PA Chapter of the APWA](#) for the second year in a row. I am proud to be given this wonderful opportunity and am looking forward to another great year.

On behalf of the Executive Team, I would like to welcome our new team members to the Board and am looking forward to the additional wealth of information and resources they have to offer. As an organization, as a Chapter Board Member and as a Chapter President, their input and feedback is truly appreciated.

None of us ever know the full impact of our actions; none of us know the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make and the opportunities we seize, but I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow, and when we choose service above self as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one.

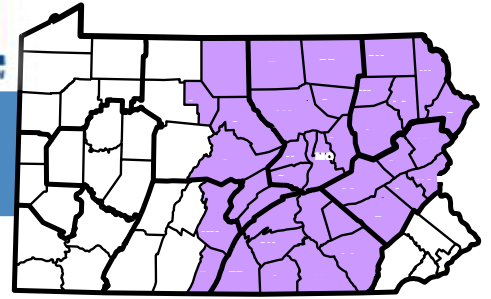
To be a great Board Member, you need to be humble and grateful for the opportunity. You need to be passionate and believe in what you are doing. You need to give the time needed and never be afraid to address tough situations or ask the hard questions. A Great Board Member thinks beyond the here and now.

No one can see the future; no one knows what changes lie ahead, but I have faith in Public Works that with every passing year, we together will make our communities a better place.

Let me close by saying "Thank You" once again for the privilege of letting me lead our Chapter again this year.

Donna Jessup

2017 President, Central PA Chapter



Newsletter Contents

Central PA Chapter Executive Board Members.....	3
• Branch Officers.....	4
Meeting Dates & Events.....	5
APWA Central PA Chapter 2017 Symposium.....	6
Branch News.....	7
APWA Central PA Attends 2017 PSTATS.....	8
Central PA Chapter APWA 2017 Visits the FBI Academy.....	9
APWA Central PA Chapter 2017 Symposium Registration Forms.....	11

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER



Central PA Chapter Executive Board Members



PRESIDENT (2017):
Donna M. Jessup

Operations Manager
City of Lancaster
120 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 291-4839 OFFICE
(717) 989-3644 CELL
djessup@cityoflanasterpa.com

TREASURER:
James M. Close

104 N Lakeview Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-3987
(717) 234-3810
jmclosesr@comcast.net

**PRESIDENT ELECT
(2018)/ALTERNATE
DELEGATE/DIRECTOR (2017):**
Sherri Chippo, Ph.D.

Assistant Prof./Managing Director, ALS-RTC
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Dixon University Center, Richards Hall
2986 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 720-4066 OFFICE
(717) 919-2482 CELL
sherriz@iup.edu

FIRST PAST PRESIDENT (2015):
Don Bortner

New Freedom Borough
49 E. High Street
New Freedom, PA 17349
(717) 577-7442 CELL
bortnerd@comcast.net

SECRETARY:
Amy Kerner, PE

Borough Engineer
Borough of State College
243 S. Allen Street
State College, PA 16801
(814) 234-7140 OFFICE
akerner@statecollegepa.us

CHAPTER DELEGATE:
Charles M. Jones, PE, PWLF

Project Manager
Great Valley Consultants
75 Commerce Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
(610) 375-8822 OFFICE
(610) 207-8611 CELL
cjones@greatvalleyconsultants.com

2017 Directors

George Schwarz

1311 N. 17th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103
(717) 236-7636 HOME
(717) 805-9390 CELL
gschwarz1@comcast.net

Rod Stahl, PE

Principal
Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC
301 Science Park Road, Suite 333
State College, PA 16803
(814) 689-1562 OFFICE
rstahl@sse-llc.com

Sam Robbins

Assistant Manager/Dir. of Public Works
Camp Hill Borough
2145 Walnut Street
Camp Hill Borough, PA 17011
(717) 554-0311 CELL
srobbins@camphillborough.com

2018 Directors

Deborah Hoag

Public Works Director
State College Borough
243 South Allen Street
State College, PA 16801
(814) 278-4716 OFFICE
dhoag@statecollegepa.us

Barry Myers

Supt. Buildings, Grounds & Fleet
County of York
400 Mundis Race Road
York, PA 17406
(717) 840-7230 OFFICE
(717) 324-3967 CELL
Barry192@comcast.net

John Solovey

A&H Equipment
1405B Hagy Way
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9264
(717) 371-8703 CELL
jsolovey@ahequipment.com

2019 Directors

Kay Whitson

Lancaster Truck Bodies
310 Richardson Drive
Lancaster, Pa. 17604
1-800-732-0004 WORK
717-629-6426 CELL
kwhitson@lancastertruckbodies.com

Dave Modricker, P.E.

Public Works Director
Ferguson Township
3147 Research Drive
State College, Pa. 16801
814-238-4651 WORK
dmodricker@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Steven Parse, PE, CPMSM

Project Engineer
Gannett Fleming, Inc.
P.O. Box 67100
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-7100
717-763-7211 X2908
sparse@GFNET.com

Jim Phipps

Phipps Engineering
2570 Springwood Road
York, PA 17402-8869
(717) 741-0259
jp2570@comcast.net

Betty Espenshade

Damage Prevention Coordinator
Columbia Gas of PA
1600 Colony Road
York, Pa. 17408
717-849-0122 OFFICE
717-817-5845 CELL
bespenshade@nisource.com

Branch Officers

CAPTIAL BRANCH
PRESIDENT/Director (2018):
Ron Jones

261 Windy Hill Road
Liverpool, PA 17045
(717) 275-2738
rjones3@centurylink.net

YORK BRANCH
PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR (2018):
Bob Gates

E.M. Kutz, Inc.
2456 Morgantown Road
Reading, PA 19607
(800) 974-9779 OFFICE
(610) 587-9296 CELL
bob@emkutz.com

LANCASTER BRANCH
PRESIDENT:
Carol Moulds

Engineer 2
ARRO Consulting
108 West Airport Road
Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 560-2774 WORK
carol.moulds@thearrogroup.com



Meeting Dates & Events

Snapshots from Last Year's Annual Dinner



Find more event photos in the APWA Central PA Chapter DropBox*!

*Please do not alter or delete photos from the DropBox. They are originals, and if you delete them, they are gone for everyone. If you wish to make changes to them, please download them to your computer for editing.

July/August 2017:
No Meetings Scheduled

August 5, 2017:
Flagger Training/Certification
Sponsored by Lancaster Co. Branch

August 27-30, 2017:
PWX Orlando, FL

September 15, 2017:
Board Meeting

September 21, 2017:
Symposium*
Lower Winsor, York County
*Registration forms attached

September 29, 2017:
Lancaster Branch Golf Outing
Highland of Donegal

October 5, 2017:
Berks County Trade Show
Oley Fairgrounds

October 20, 2017:
Board Meeting

November 4, 2017:
Annual Dinner/Board Meeting*
Hollywood Casino, Grantville, PA

*Registration forms will be available soon, and all APWA members are invited!

"Public Works Connects Us"
This Year's National Public Works Week celebrates the vital role Public Works plays in connecting us all together. As the cornerstone of civilization, Public Works provides, maintains and improves the structures and services that assure a higher-level quality of life for our communities.



APWA CENTRAL PA CHAPTER 2017 SYMPOSIUM & EQUIPMENT SHOW

Join your friends and colleagues for an exciting & informative day at the [2017 Symposium!](#)

This year's speakers will provide you with tools to enhance your efforts as public works professionals.

2017 Key Topics Include:

- Curves on Local Roads: Issues and Safety Tools (credit course)
 - Geosynthetics
 - Adaptive Traffic Signals

Also, be sure to visit the exhibitors, check out the latest municipal equipment and stick around for a chance to win door prizes!

When?

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Where?

The 2017 APWA Symposium and Equipment Show will be held this year in:
Lower Windsor Township at 2425 Craley Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368.

How Do I Register*?

*Registration forms attached at the end of this newsletter (pgs. 11-12).

Please mail registration forms to the below address:

APWA Central PA Chapter
c/o Kay Whitson
290 Gay Street, Red Lion, PA 17356

Questions?

Please direct any questions you may have to Kay Whitson (717) 629-6426



Branch News

For information regarding APWA branch activities, contact:

Capital Branch President

Ron Jones
(717) 275-2738
rjones3@centurylink.net



Capitol Branch: Golf Outing

Lancaster Branch President

Carol Moulds
(717) 560-2774 WORK
carol.moulds@thearrogroupp.com



Lancaster Branch June Meeting:
Training Session

York Branch President

Bob Gates
(800) 974-9779 OFFICE
(610) 587-9296 CELL
bob@emkutz.com



York Branch Public Service Project:
Howard Tunnel Restoration

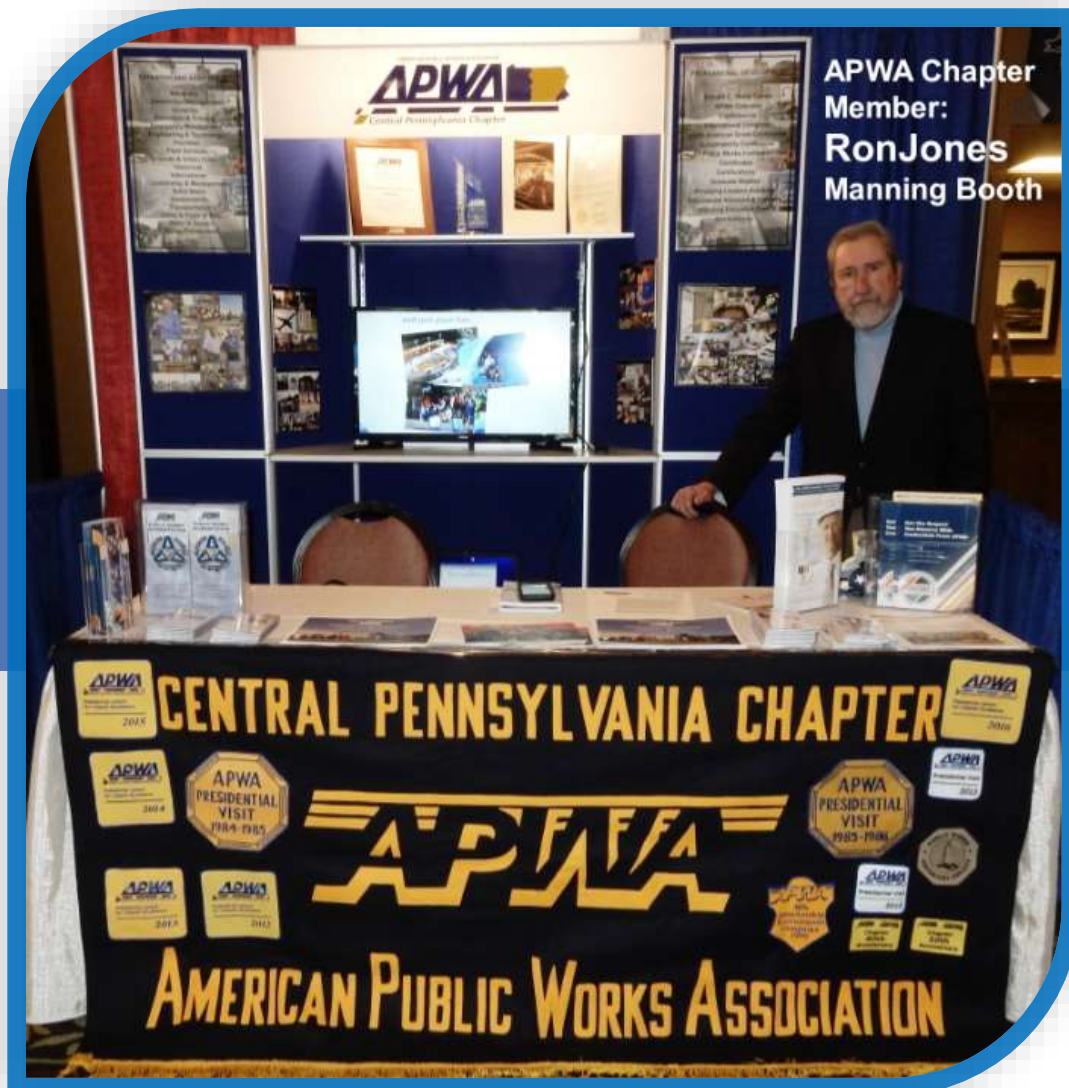


APWA Central PA Attends 2017 PSATS

Annual

The Central PA Chapter of the APWA staffed a booth at the [PSATS 95th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show](#), held on April 23-26, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.

According to the [PSATS Annual Conference website](#), the PSATS Annual Conference “offers an unparalleled training and networking opportunity for township officials and employees, as well as the biggest municipal trade show of its kind in Pennsylvania.”





APWA Central PA Chapter Visits the FBI Academy

It all began after many months of planning. It was in the very early morning of Wednesday, the 24 of May 2017 when the [Central PA Chapter of the American Public Works Association](#) (for their Annual Membership Meeting / Field Trip) began their southbound trek. With 27 individuals registered (not including the coach operator), the R&J Motor Coach picked up APWA passengers at the Harrisburg Mall and then traveled to the Queen’s Gate Mall in York, PA. Once at the Queen’s Gate Mall and after the remaining APWA passengers boarded the coach, we all headed south, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [The FBI Academy located in Quantico, Virginia](#), that is. The plan for the day was to tour the Academy and, as time permits, the Marine Corps Museum located in close proximity to the Academy and also in the Quantico Marine Corps Base.

On the way to the FBI Academy, the traffic became a challenge shortly after leaving York, but to pass the time, many enjoyed refreshments on board which included hot coffee, donuts, sodas, lemonade, iced tea, barley pop, chips, pretzels and popcorn. Oh, did I forget to say donuts and donuts of all flavors.

When arriving at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico where the FBI academy is located, we attempted to clear the Base Entrance Check Point. After some confusion and being detained (the Officers were not able to find our names on the list which provides clearance and allows for entry), we were finally approved to proceed.

Once arriving at the front entrance of the FBI Academy, about an hour and a half late incidentally, we were joyfully greeted by Ms. Lori Kuna, Special Programs Coordinator, who would be our tour guide for the next 4.25-hour tour.

Briefly, the tour consisted of the Academy and Academy grounds with Ms. Kuna describing almost everything we viewed and providing answers to our many, many questions. Naming just a few of the highlighted areas were the Firing Range, Gymnasium, Hogan’s Alley, The Chapel, Memorial Grounds, The Blacksmith/Weapons Area and the wooded area where Agents train and learn about hidden bodies and decomposing corpses. We were even fortunate enough to witness helicopters in-training and performing scraping missions which are often used in terrorist and hostage situations. And for those who do not know, [Hogan’s Alley](#) is the area where there is a mock town (store fronts) where the Agents train for bank robberies, hostage situations, burglaries, raids, terror threats, “take down” scenarios and other crimes. Incidentally, there was even an open “Subway Shop” in the heart of downtown Hogan’s Alley where those who are in training have the opportunity to get a quick “bite to eat.” We all took a break about mid-way in the tour to eat lunch in the Academy cafeteria, The FBI Café as it is called. After

“This is Central PA Chapter’s second trip to the FBI Academy...I think most will agree, this tour of 2017 once again far exceeded any, and all, expectations.”

lunch, additional touring and a brief stop at the Bureau's Canteen (where we all purchased at least one souvenir) our tour concluded with Ms. Kuna boarding the motor coach and providing a fifteen-minute presentation about serial killer(s). Her presentation was interesting, to say the least, and definitely gave us some very interesting facts to think about on the way home.

Because we were late on arriving for the tour and with the tour lasting longer than expected and since we really did not have sufficient time, the group regretfully decided that we would pass on the tour of the [Marine Corps Museum](#). With this, the next trek back to York and Harrisburg.

On the way back, I had the privilege to present to the Chapter President, Ms. Donna Jessup, a [proclamation from the Pennsylvania Legislature that formally proclaimed the week of May 21st National Public Works Week](#).

There were also periods when everyone had to put up with an MC providing interesting facts about the FBI and asking trivia questions. Hopefully this made the trip down, and back, to good old PA seem just a bit briefer. We returned safely to our originating point, the Harrisburg Mall, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

In closing, I am,

George L. Schwarz, CFPF

Board of Directors

Central PA Chapter

American Public Works Association

16 June 2017

P.S. I hope the Chapter's President, Ms. Donna Jessup, is quickly recovering from her little stumble/tumble at the Academy.

P.S.S. Plans, for the 2018 Membership Meeting / Field Trip, should begin promptly!

This is Central PA Chapter's second trip to the FBI Academy. The previous trip was taken in 2011 and enjoyed by all. Overall however, and I think most will agree, this tour of 2017 once again far exceeded any, and all, expectations.

While the expenses were not sufficient to cover the trip, the Chapter previously and graciously decided to cover any remaining/outstanding expenses. The financial reconciliation report will be submitted separately.

It is with the submission of this report, I **would like to THANK EVERYONE who participated or was involved in any manner to make this an EXCELLENT trip! A special shout out to the Chapter's photographer, Mr. Jim Phipps**, who took many photos during the trip and posted them in the Chapter's "Drop Box."



Central Pennsylvania Chapter: 2017 Symposium and Equipment Show
Thursday, September 21, 2017

Lower Windsor Township

2425 Craley Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368

Join your friends and colleagues for an exciting and informative day at the 2017 Symposium! Speakers with relevant topics will provide you with tools to enhance your efforts as public works professionals. Visit with exhibitors and check out the latest municipal equipment.

Make sure you stick around for the door prizes!

Limited to the first 200 Registrants

Municipal attendees are encouraged to bring:

One (1) non-perishable food item to benefit York County Food Bank.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ | Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____ | Title: _____

Email: _____

of Attendees: _____

Please mail registration forms to:
 APWA Central PA Chapter
 c/o Kay Whitson
 290 Gay Street, Red Lion, PA 17356
 Please direct questions to: Kay Whitson (717) 629-6426

AGENDA

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.: REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m.: EXHIBITS OPEN

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.: CURVES ON LOCAL ROADS: ISSUES AND SAFETY TOOLS (*credit course*)

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. GEOSYNTHETICS

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.: ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.: LAWN MOWER RODEO AND CONE TOSS–CASH PRIZES (*sign up day of event*)

12:00 p.m.: OPENING REMARKS

12:20 – 1:10 p.m.: LUNCH

1:10 – 2:00 p.m.: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2:00 p.m.: DOOR PRIZES AND AWARDS

Course Registration Form

Central Pennsylvania Chapter 2017 Symposium and Equipment Show

Thursday, September 21, 2017 | Lower Windsor Township | 2425 Craley Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368

8:00 – 11:00 a.m.: CURVES ON LOCAL ROADS: ISSUES AND SAFETY TOOLS (credit course)

This course will provide students with information on the application of horizontal alignment signs (for curves). Based on national and state standards, this course will cover:

- Curve Warning sign details & applications
- Curve Warning sign placement & installation criteria
- Curve study components

Further, the course will instruct students on the studies and application of curve warning signs and other safety features for curves. The course will also examine other features germane to curve safety, including pavement quality, super-elevation, shoulder edge drop-offs, clear zones and fixed object hazards. Students will be able to explore the application of curve warning signs through several real examples, including a field visit to nearby curves.

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.: GEOSYNTHETICS

This course identifies various types of geosynthetic materials used in road maintenance operations. Attendees will gain the knowledge and understanding of the common types of geosynthetic materials as well as their functions. Instructors will review the cost benefits in using geosynthetics in the preventive maintenance of roadway assets. The course will discuss such uses of geosynthetics as subsurface drainage, subgrade stabilization, erosion and sedimentation control and paving fabric.

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.: ADAPTIVE SIGNALS

Poor tragic signal timing contributes to traffic congestion and delay. Conventional signal systems use pre-programmed, daily signal timing schedules. Adaptive signal control technology adjusts the timing of red, yellow and green lights to accommodate changing traffic patterns and ease traffic congestion. The main benefits of adaptive signal control technology over conventional signal systems are that it can:

- Continuously distribute green light time equitably for all traffic movements
- Improve travel time reliability by progressively moving vehicles through green lights
- Reduce congestion by creating smoother flow
- Prolong the effectiveness of traffic signal timing

Please select the course (s) that you would like to attend. Space is limited – sign up early!

Course 1 Selection: _____

Course 2 Selection: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ | Fax: _____

Trainee: _____ | Email: _____

Please mail registration forms to:
 APWA Central PA Chapter
 c/o Kay Whitson
 290 Gay Street, Red Lion, PA 17356
 Please direct questions to: Kay Whitson (717) 629-6426