



T.W.W. Association Meeting held in LaFollette

The East Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association met in LaFollette, Tennessee on May 13th.

LaFollette Utilities sponsored the event, and according to Mark Skeen, LUB's Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, representatives of 9 or 10 systems attended.

After registration in the morning, attendees toured LaFollette's new Wastewater Plant.

"It had great water output and drinking-water clarity," said Jon Baker, a manufacturer's representative of Crocker & Associates, an engineering Firm headquartered in Georgia.

Later, the weather cooperated as members enjoyed a golf tournament held at The Greens at Deerfield.

"This organization has been in existence since 1968. I've known many of these people for 40 years. They're a good group of guys," said host of the event, Joe Bolinger, LaFollette's Water Treatment Plant Supervisor.

Later in the evening, members gathered at Castleton's Banquet Center to enjoy good food and camaraderie.

As members funneled into the dining room, Joe Bafford greeted them and distributed tickets for a raffle, to be held later.

Bafford, Chief Operator of the Cleveland, Tennessee Filtration Plant, has performed as chairman of the association for the past year



Joe Bafford, Chairman



LaFollette Utilities Executives hosted the annual spring meeting, along with: Fulghum-Macindoe & Associates; United Labs; Ducho Chemical Co.; Microbac Labs; and United Utilities. (Left to right: Joe Bolinger, LUB Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; Kenny Baird, LUB General Manager; Marlene Broadway, LUB Director of Administrative Services. (Not Pictured) Mark Skeen, LUB Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Eddie Troxell, LUB Superintendent of Water Operations.

and a half.

"I've also served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Chairperson," said Bafford, who described the association in a nutshell statement.

"Basically, these meetings provide an excellent opportunity for networking with other utilities and building friendships," said Bafford, as Baker, of the aforementioned Crocker & Associates, began his presentation.

Baker, whose company produces equipment for water, wastewater and air pollution control, presented a case study on the Dick Creek Water Reclamation Facility in Forsythe, Georgia.

Baker said that the facility had a 13-year history of reuse of quality effluent and today, thanks to equipment provided by his company, the facility is meeting metro phosphorous limits without the use of membranes.

After the presentation and during the meal, members conducted a business meeting, which, according to Skeen, dealt primarily with phosphorous removal and reduction through filtration.

"There was good discussion and many of the members are looking forward to the Tennessee/Kentucky conference in Nashville in July. That conference provides some of the best training available," said Skeen.

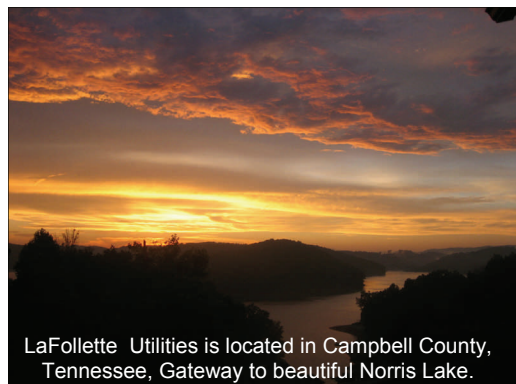
At the end of the meeting, LUB General Manager, Kenny Baird was complementary of the group.

"LUB always looks forward to hosting these meetings and we extend an invitation to everyone to visit our community again," said Baird.





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