

31st Annual Conference & Exhibition Show



The 2010 Annual Conference was very exciting for me, my family, and all of my Montana Rural family friends. Our theme, "Making A Difference" is what Montana Rural Water Systems is all about.

There were close to 1000 attendees, 85 vendors and we were able to provide you with numerous topics and a wonderful night of entertainment with "The Cold Hard Cash Show".

A big thank you goes out to our many volunteers, moderators, and speakers who worked so hard to make our annual conference so successful. So many hours go into making the conference a success, we cannot thank everybody enough. And to the attendees who took time off from work to attend the conference (operators, clerks, consultants and engineers, board and council members, and spouses) we're glad you were with us!

If you didn't notice, we added a 1/2 hour session Thursday afternoon to allow for additional CEC's. These sessions covered different water and wastewater case studies. We know that the Heritage Inn needs to expand to handle all of us, so we are making every attempt to make the class room and balcony dining area situation better. If you have a good idea that would help us out, please let us know.

At the conference we honored our operators who had more than 30 years of service. We will continue to honor these operators when they attend the annual conference. Our top operator is John P. Crowley from Harlowton who is retired from there with 42 years of service and who is still the operator for Two Dot, Montana. In all, we honored 15 operators who attended the opening session. A few of the operators were caught off guard! Surprisingly, there are over 64 operators who have 30 years of service or more. And next year there will be 16 more operators.

Until we see each other again...You are making a difference, every day.

Again, thanks and we will see you in 2011 (February 23 - 25)!

Donna Wadsworth - Executive Director



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“Awards”



Friends of Rural Water
Senator Jon Tester



Water Operator of the Year
Tami Quinn—Missoula County
Water District



Outstanding System of the Year
City of Columbia Falls—Gary Root



Wastewater Operator of the Year
Ward Smith—Wolf Point



Clerk of the Year
Raedelle Aspenlieder—Culbertson



Friends of Rural Water
Mike Halladay—Muller Co.



Supplier of the Year
BETA—Becky & Alden Beard



Manager of the Year
Joe Wilson—

PRIZE WINNERS

