News

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Rick Roehm, president of CALCP, recognized Donna Ralston, Executive Director of CALCP for the past 20 years, as the Golden Gun recipient for 2015. Donna is approaching retirement in October having "Moved CALCP Forward". The STC was started in 1989 ……...*cont. page 2*

President's Message **Rick Roehm**

As I write this, it is 60 plus degrees in the city, just as it has been for the last several weeks. Our spring training conference is a week behind us and that is usually the beginning of our season. But this year the weather tells us otherwise.

Surely it's going to snow or rain again, and soon. Most of us are proceeding with spring time treatments a bit earlier. We're making adjustments based on something we have little control over. And more and more in my life, I find myself having to make adjustments based on things I have little control over. I thought as we get older, this was supposed to not be the case. It was my understanding that as I reached middle age, I would make the call, and answer for, more aspects of my day to day life. Not so much. I am more at the mercy of things such as traffic, other peoples' priorities and circumstances than ever before. And weather. One of my favorite and oft used statements now is "the world is a changing place." More often I've tried to live and adapt to that…….cont. on page 2

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This calls for more patience and calm. Try to bring that into your professional and personal lives.

Our industry is challenged with economic, weather and labor issues more than ever this season. Especially labor. I'm told there is a job opening down at Dove Valley, even. That one can be a little demanding but the pay is good.

At CALCP, we're proceeding on with our tree planting at Riverside Cemetery, changing the place for the better. We're also continuing our lobbying at the legislative level for what's best in our industry (how much control there?). And we'll do our best to keep you up with the latest new pests and solutions. Stay with us, please. And be adaptable.

STC Summary

March 1 & 2 were the dates for the 28th Spring Training Conference held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. We surpassed all previous records with a high attendance of 347 professionals! With our 30 exhibitors, 23 speakers, and 11 board members that brought the total participants to 411. The board has determined to stay at the Ramada Plaza Hotel for another year but there will be some changes to the layout and set up.

Dates are March 7 & 8, 2017, so mark your calendars so you don't forget. Watch for the mailer and register early! If you have any great ideas concerning the conference, contact any board member (listed on the front page).

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In the early days, there were a little over 100 attendees and a few exhibitors. At this year's conference there were over 400 attendees and 30 exhibitors. The program of excellent speakers and relevant topics have earned the reputation of a "great value for the money and time spent". The board of directors works tirelessly to make the conference run smoothly and meet the needs of everyone who needs CEU credits or verifiable training.

Donna started her career in the green industry working for 5 years with the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado prior to starting her own company. Since 1996 she has served as Executive Director for the Rocky Mountain Sod Growers, the Garden Centers of Colorado, the Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Colorado Weed Management Association, GreenCO Foundation, and CALCP. She also served as Treasurer of the Green Industries of Colorado, an umbrella organization of all of the green industry segments that supports a lobbyist to keep the industry abreast of statewide legislative issues, works on water issues and has developed the Best Management Practices during the 2002-3 drought that are still being encouraged today.

Her other major achievement was working and orchestrating fund raising events for GreenCO Foundation through events such as the Gala at Hudson Gardens, the Bookstore that was always held at ProGreen Expo, and the Casino night event. When GCF folded in 2012, almost $100,000 was donated to the CSU Horticulture Department for future research projects.

In her closing remarks after receiving the award, she encouraged all the young folks in the audience "to get involved in the industry that feeds you and your families, not to take your job for granted and to learn all you can about what makes the job successful. We need young leaders, so step up and take your turn."

In retirement she plans to play with grandkids, travel, continue working on mission projects and gardening.

Have a safe and productive season!

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BMP class in Castle Rock

The Best Management Practices classes offered by ALCC will be held on Thursday, March 17 at the Town of Castle Rock's Utilities Operations and Maintenance Building. The attendee registration form is attached to this newsletter. All members of GreenCO organizations receive a discount to attend (this includes CALCP members).

Water Smart Phone App

The app is available to download onto your phone or tablet and has info from the following cities concerning water restrictions, permits and other info you might find helpful in the field this season. Go to http://m.h2oregsco.org or in your app store or Android store search for **H2Oregsco.**

Aurora
Colorado Springs Utilities (City of Colorado Springs)
Denver Water (Denver and some surrounding cities)
City of Fountain
City of Thornton
City of Greeley
Town of Castle Rock
Centennial Water and Sanitation District
Loveland Water and Power
City of Fort Collins

Those working on entering it include:
City of Boulder
Pueblo
Town of Breckenridge
Grand Junction and surrounding cities

Planned cities include:
Parker, Englewood, and others.

Calendar of Events:

March 22—GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC office. Call 303 756-5611.

April 5—GreenCO legislative committee at ALCC office. Call 303 756-5611.

April 19—GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC office. Call 303 756-5611.

April 22 -Day of Service at Riverside Cemetery –tree planting and clean up. Volunteers welcome. Call 303 850-7587.

May 3—GreenCO Legislative Committee at ALCC office. Call 303 756-5611.

June 10—Finish Day of Service at Riverside Cemetery—plant Buffalo grass plugs. Call 303 850-7587.

July 28—CALCP Board meeting at the US Bank on 38th St. Call 303 850-7587.

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Chuckles

Don't talk about family things you want to do "someday". Do them.

Be willing to admit, "I need some help".

Know your neighbors. When someone new moves in, take a fresh baked pie or loaf of bread and start a relationship!

Take your family to a nursery and let everyone buy a new plant. Then plant it and encourage each family member to take care of their plant.

Draw out those who are less talkative.

Make family birthdays count. Build memories.

Remain vigilantly on the lookout for potential accident situations. Practice prevention.