

CHAPTER NEWS

Solid Waste Association of North America



COLORADO SWANA
Rocky Mountain Chapter

2012 Chapter Educational Scholarship Awarded

By Curtis Ahrendsen



Julia Nyiro

Colorado SWANA recently awarded a \$1,000 College Scholarship to **Julia Nyiro**. Julia is the daughter of Doc Nyiro, a Waste Management employee. She just graduated from Chaparral High School in Douglas County Colorado with a 4.18 grade point average. Julia will be continuing her education at Kansas State University in the field of Chemical Engineering. She received numerous academic and athletic awards during her years in high school and was active in many various community and scholastic groups including National Honor Society, the school newspaper, a student advocacy group, and others.

The Board of the Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter, on behalf of our membership, extends our best wishes to Julia in her future academic endeavors.

The SWANA Colorado Chapter offers grants and scholarships to fulfill our goal of enhancing academic and professional development to our membership and others related to the solid waste management discipline. There are three types of scholarship programs available, including:

- **The SWANA Grant H. Flint International Scholarship Awards Program** (administered by the National Organization)
- **The Colorado SWANA College Scholarship Program**
- **The Colorado SWANA Training Scholarship Program**

Details, chapter policies and selection criteria are available on the Colorado SWANA website at coloradoswana.org/scholarships

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Colorado SWANA Goes West - Really, Really West By Jeff Emmons

Join solid waste professionals from around the state this September at Colorado SWANA's Annual Conference in awe-inspiring Grand Junction, Colorado. This two-day conference will include a full slate of activities including technical sessions and presentations, local tours, vendor exhibits, networking opportunities and rousing entertainment. Be sure to take advantage of the discounted "Early Bird" registration rate by registering before August 26th and discounted hotel room rates at the Double-Tree. Full registration and lodging information is available online at coloradoswana.org



YOUR TO DO LIST:

- ✓ Register for conference
- ✓ Reserve your hotel room
- ✓ Plan on having a great time

The 2012 Annual Conference will be held at the Grand Junction DoubleTree Hotel on Thursday, September 27th and Friday, September 28th. In addition to technical sessions &

presentations, the conference will include visits to Mesa County's Landfill and CRI's recycling facility. This year's annual Thursday night banquet will be preceded by a performance by the popular bluegrass music band "Straygrass." Conference planners are also working out final arrangements for additional afternoon tour options on Friday, September 28th. For a detailed conference agenda visit the chapter's website at coloradoswana.org/annual_conference

An exciting and valuable part of the Annual Conference will include the sponsors exhibiting area where attendees will be able to find out about new and existing services and equipment. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for your company or organization to join in on this year's conference.

CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Mon. - Wed., Sept. 24-26

- MOLO & Compost Certification Training

Thursday, Sept. 27

- Registration & Welcome, 7 am
- Breakfast, 7:30 am
- Exhibitor Visiting, all day
- Concurrent Sessions, 9 am
- Luncheon & Speaker, Noon
- Facility Tours, 1:45 pm
- Reception, Entertainment & Annual Banquet, 5:30 pm

Friday, Sept. 28

- Breakfast, 7:30 am
- Exhibitor Visiting, 8 am
- Concurrent Sessions, 9 am
- Joint Session, 10:30 am
- Luncheon, Noon
- Optional Tours, pm

SWANA Certification Training Classes & Exams

By Dick Sprague

In association with this year's Annual Meeting in Grand Junction, the chapter is offering two SWANA Certification training programs, MOLO and Composting. Also, testing for any certification exam will be offered. These three-day training programs will occur concurrently Monday, September 24th through Wednesday, September 26th and will include:



- Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO)** - This program will be instructed by Dwayne Woolley and Bill Rose. Dwayne Woolley has been the General Manager of the Trans-Jordan Landfill in West Jordan, Utah, for the past 15 years and is a member of the SWANA MOLO faculty. The landfill facility includes a residential transfer station/Public Convenience Center, a HHW drop off facility, a methane energy recovery project and lined disposal cells. Bill Rose is the local area manager for Waste Corporation of America (WCA) for the southwestern tier of Colorado counties. WCA operates collection, recycling and disposal operations in this area, including the landfill in Bondad, CO, within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Both Dwayne and Bill are MOLO Certified Professionals.
- Compost Operations** - This program will be instructed by Matt Cotton, a consultant specializing in integrated waste management. Matt co-wrote the current SWANA Compost Operations training manual and is on the compost operations training faculty for both SWANA and the U.S. Composting Council; he has also served as president and director of the U.S. Composting Council.
- Certification Exams** – Exam testing will occur the morning of Thursday, September 27th. Exams in any area of SWANA certification will be offered (*note: only one exam per person*).



Registration is required by August 31st, since training manuals and exams need to be ordered ahead of time from SWANA National headquarters. Take advantage of the “Early Bird” training class registration rate by registering by July 31st.

To registered for a training class and/or a certification exam or more class specifics go online to coloradoswana.org/training

2012 TRUCK DRIVING & MECHANICS ROAD-E-O

By Alek Orloff

Who says waste trucks can't be high performance vehicles? While what jumps to mind may be a giant lumbering steel beast, a waste truck in the right hands can be wielded like a high precision scalpel carving up a challenging road course. On Saturday, June 16, about 150 attendees at the Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter's 2012 Road-E-O witnessed just how skilled our industry's best drivers and mechanics can be.

Invited from public and private waste collection operations all over Colorado, the state's most elite waste truck drivers and mechanics converged on the City and County of Denver's Central Platte Public Works Campus to compete in the premier annual contest of driving and mechanical skills. This year, 7 truck mechanics and 37 truck drivers battled for bragging rights, trophies and great prizes. Contestants hailed from City of Loveland, City of Thornton, Alpine Waste & Recycling, Waste Connections, City & County of Denver, and Bestway Disposal.

This year was the first in which our chapter held a mechanics competition. In the mechanics competition, the mechanics diagnosed mechanical challenges against the clock on trucks rigged with various failures and took a written test. Young mechanic **Donnie Cruz** from the City & County of Denver displayed the greatest aptitude and poise under pressure, becoming the 2012 Mechanic Road-E-O Grand Champion.



Donnie Cruz

The drivers, competing in either rear-load, front-

GRAND CHAMPIONS

TRUCK DRIVING:

Richard Trinidad, City & County of Denver

MECHANICS:

Donnie Cruz, City & County of Denver

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY WINNERS

MECHANICS

1st – Donnie Cruz, City & County of Denver

2nd – Luck Wells, Alpine Waste & Recycling

3rd – Tom Phillips, City & County of Denver

FRONT LOADER DRIVING

1st – Larry Bettale, City & County of Denver

2nd – Gary Smith, Alpine Waste & Recycling

3rd – Nicholas Mayorga, Alpine Waste & Recycling

REAR LOADER DRIVING

1st – Richard Trinidad, City & County of Denver

2nd – Andrew Stewart, City of Loveland

3rd – Anthony Robb, Bestway Disposal

SIDE LOADER DRIVING

1st – David Clark, City of Thornton

2nd – Adrian Nevarez, City of Thornton

3rd – Matt Strom, City of Loveland

ROLL-OFF DRIVING

1st – Raymond Jones, Waste Connections

2nd – Mark Wilson, Alpine Waste & Recycling

3rd – Gary Pollak, City of Loveland

load, roll-off, or side-load truck divisions, threaded their respective trucks through a tight obstacle course that mimics many of the most challenging situations that they encounter on-route. Drivers received a score for their performance against each obstacle and time, as well as a written test.



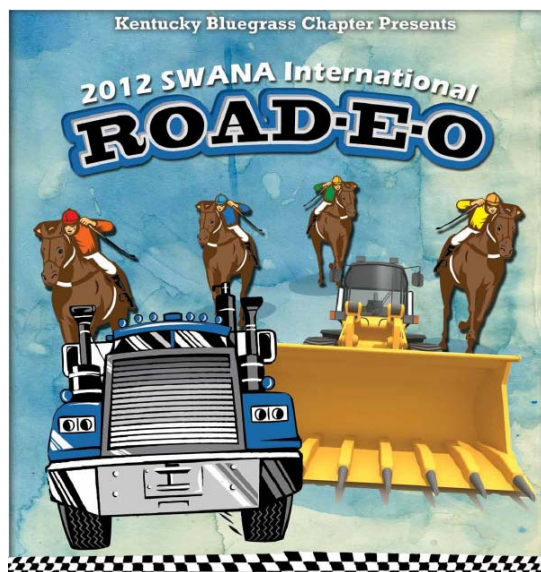
Richard Trinidad

In a closely pitched contest, the ultimate driving champion was decided by the fastest time. Rear-load truck driver **Richard Trinidad** from the City & County of Denver's Solid Waste Management department was crowned 2012 Driving Road-E-O Grand Champion.

Richard and Donnie will be going on to represent Colorado SWANA in the International SWANA Road-E-O to be held in Lexington, Kentucky this September.

Tremendous thanks go out to our sponsors who made this exciting event annual possible. This year's event was presented by title sponsors **Kois Brothers Equipment and Heil Environmental**. Other sponsors included **Colorado Mack Sales & Service, CleanEnergy Fuels, Transwest Trucks, McCandless Truck Center, Wastequip, Mobile Container Service, 2K Containers, TDS, Autocar, American Transportation & Equipment, Rush Truck Centers, Power Transmissions, Gator Rubbish, Hi Strength Bolt, and Alpine Waste & Recycling.**

Also, thank you to the Road-E-O Planning Committee and our event day volunteers for giving up their time to make this such a successful event.



International Road-E-O Flyer



Alley Back-up Obstacle



Off-set Obstacle

Advancing Composting: A Review of May's Technical Session

By Juri Freeman

On May 23rd, nearly 40 solid waste professionals from around the state gathered at the Boulder County Resource Recovery Center to discuss composting programs and operations in Colorado. The workshop, featuring talks by some of the most knowledgeable composters in the State, was sponsored by the Colorado SWANA with the goal of improving resource recovery and organics programs. The workshop began with an overview of composting techniques and processes by Bob Yost, the US Composting Council's Composter of Year award recipient. Bob is the Chief Technical officer at A1 Organics, one of the largest composters in Colorado, and has literally decades of experience in the business. Bob's portion of the workshop was followed by presentations by two state regulators, David Snapp (CDPHE) and Christine Hoefler (APCD).



We are lucky to live in a region where industry and state regulators can gather in a room and have a frank discussion about how to balance business growth with regulations, and Colorado SWANA as an organization will continue to try and foster this relationship. The final portion of the workshop featured a composting panel with experts from Western Disposal, Eco-Cycle, and Alpine Waste and Recycling answering questions from their peers. The day ended with a tour of Western Disposal's Class II composting facility. The tour allowed the workshop attendees to see some of the efforts Western has undertaken to operate a successful composting operation within the City limits of Boulder.



Colorado SWANA would like to give a big "Thank You" to both Boulder County and Western Disposal for hosting the meeting and tour, to Eco-Cycle for bringing their new collection trucks for attendees to see, and to all of the great presenters for sharing their knowledge and composting expertise.

New Board Candidates Sought

By Cathryn Stewart, Past President

The Board of your Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter is composed of a minimum of nine members: six Officers and three Directors. The six Officers are: president, past president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and international chapter director. A minimum of three Directors completes the Board. Officers and Directors are elected from members in good standing. Officers must serve a minimum of one year as a Director prior to being elected to an Officer position.

A duty of the past president is to chair the Nominating Committee for the sole purpose of providing a slate of candidates for Board approval. Then, the notice of nominations is provided to the membership not less than 30 days prior to voting. Voting will be completed by the Colorado SWANA Annual Business Meeting of the membership, which this year will occur on Thursday, September 27 in Grand Junction. All chapter members are encouraged to attend the brief Annual Business Meeting.

If there are any members out there who wish to be considered for a Director position at this time, please contact Cathryn Stewart at cstewart@aquater.com or 303-771-9150 . The Board strives to represent the composition of the membership, by including representatives from municipal and private, large company and small company, haulers, planners, and consultants. The Board meets monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between in-person meetings and conference calls. Geography need not be a constraint for your participation on the Board, as has been demonstrated by several past and current Board members. The Colorado SWANA Board welcomes your willingness to serve for a minimum of a one-year term.

President's Corner

By Tom Strickland

The Second Quarter of 2012 has been an active one for the Chapter. We held a composting technical session in May and the Annual Truck & Mechanics Road-E-O in June. Also, planning efforts for the Annual Conference have been on-going and we were able to organize two certification training classes for September. Plus, we now have a new chapter logo. Thank you to all the committees and individuals who have been working hard to offer all these benefits to the Chapter and its membership.

I believe this year's Annual Conference in Grand Junction will be the best one ever. The conference will be full of interesting and informative sessions, along with exciting tours of local facilities. Let's try and set the record for attendance and enjoyment!

Please remember that the Chapter and the Chapter's Board are here to serve you and our members. If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can improve services, let us know by contacting a Board member any time or attending a monthly Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Tom Strickland
President, Colorado SWANA

Membership Milestone

By Kathy Andrew

The Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter is pleased to announce that **membership in 2012 has increased to the largest ever in the history of the chapter**, 170 strong. Thank you, the membership; you are the greatest advocate for the Chapter, the most effective form of communication, and the most substantial mode of marketing.

Colorado SWANA associates you with solid waste management professionals and industry stakeholders from communities throughout Colorado. Benefits of membership include subscriptions to MSW Solutions and MSW Management, discounts on training, conferences, certifications, educational products, continuing education, scholarships, access to the industry's most essential and current technical information, networking opportunities, and career development tools. Additionally, membership provides you an opportunity to weigh in on important legislative and advocacy efforts.

The Chapter sponsors various meetings and workshops throughout the year which offer valuable quality training, as well as interaction with peers, to keep you on the leading edge in your area of the industry. The highlight of each year is the annual conference featuring technical and informative presentations and the latest in products and services. I look forward to meeting new members at the upcoming event in September in Grand Junction. For more information on membership, contact Kathy Andrew at 719-520-7879 or kathyandrew@elpasoco.com.

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CHAPTER
LOGO**



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