



It has been an exciting year for the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Women Environmental Professionals. NJSWEP hosted a number of networking events, seminars, and of course, the annual NJSWEP Gala which honors an outstanding woman environmental professional in New Jersey with NJSWEP's Growing Great Women in the Garden State award.

New Members Breakfast and Annual Meeting

In February, over twenty members braved the snow and made it out to NJSWEP's New Members Breakfast and Annual Meeting held at the Americana Diner in East Windsor, New Jersey. This meeting was a great success, with new faces, as well as those more well-known on the NJSWEP circuit, in attendance.

Several new chairs were elected at this meeting by members of NJSWEP including: Kavitha Subramaniam from Langan Engineering & Environmental Services as the New Scholarship Chair, Stephanie Turkot from Geo-Cleanse International as the New Programs Chair, and Jillian Mooney from Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP as the New Co-Chair.

At this meeting, we also said farewell to one of our long-standing and iconic co-chairs, Jeanne Mroczo. NJSWEP is truly grateful for all that Jeanne has done for NJSWEP over the last 5 years. Jeanne was praised for her welcoming nature, kindness and friendship.



NSCW 6th Annual Workshop

The 6th Annual Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop was held in Jersey City at the Liberty Science Center on March 5, 2014. Started by a varied, regional group of environmental professionals, its vision is a lively, intense exchange of ideas regarding brownfields, sustainability and community. Keynote Speakers included David Lloyd, Director, USEPA, Office of Brownfield and Land Revitalization and Jeffrey Logan, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Environmental Protection. They led presentations on how the changes in leadership at their agencies will impact brownfields, redevelopment, sustainability and communities. In addition, experts from various fields led panels on topics ranging from resilience to green energy. Several SWEP members helped to plan the workshop, including Susan Boyle (GEI Consultants), Elizabeth Limbrick (NJIT), Wanda Chin Monahan (SCC Legal), Colleen Kokas (NJDEP) and Elizabeth Barton from the CT Chapter of SWEP. NJSWEP and Philly SWEP cohosted the Networking Cocktail Reception in the Observation Tower in the Liberty Science Center, with many SWEP members in attendance. A great time and spectacular views were enjoyed by all!

NYC Highline Walking Tour

In May, NJSWEP participated in a Brownfields Walking Tour of the High Line in New York City. NJSWEP representatives Elizabeth Limbrick (NJIT) Jillian Mooney (Riker Danzig), Stephanie Turkot (Geo-Cleanse), Cristin Mustillo (Sedita Campisano), Sue Boyle (GEI), and Jeanne Litwin (CDM) joined host, The New York City Brownfield Partnership, and sponsor, The Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast, for a special guided tour of the High Line. Most High Line tours focus on the adjacent architecture of the new developments or the landscape architectural and public art features of the park. This tour focused on six ongoing or completed development sites along the park that are being remediated for reuse. Speakers included Dan Walsh, the Director of the NYC Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) whose office was involved with every project along the route; Gary Rozmus of GEI Consultants, who spoke about CSX's decision process to allow the defunct rail line to be used for recreational purposes; and consultants from Langan and AKRF as well as Posillico, the contractor for one of the sites currently being remediated. Hudson Yards, a large mixed used redevelopment and the Whitney Museum's new location at 820 Washington St. were featured on the tour. The tour group of about 65 ended the event at a beer garden under the High Line, near the Standard Hotel.

Annual NJSWEP Gala

The 8th Annual NJSWEP Gala was held on along the waterfront at Sebra's in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. This annual event honors a woman working in the Garden State who inspires us as professionals and inspires future generations of women to become environmental professionals. They play an instrumental role in our lives and deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their hard work and continued efforts.

This year NJSWEP members and friends honored a very deserving and passionate environmental professional and visionary: Meghan E. Wren. Meghan dreamed of making a real difference in the Delaware Bayshore area of NJ. She never stop at dreaming and didn't let setbacks throw her "off course" (pun most certainly intended). She persevered until the Bayshore Discovery Center in

Bivalve, NJ and the restored Meerwald were both thriving realities. It is for this commitment to history, education, stewardship, community, and the natural environment of the Delaware Bay that NJSWEP honored her at this year's Gala. It was our great pleasure to meet Meghan, to hear her stories and to present her with the Growing Great Women in the Garden State Award. NJSWEP is currently seeking nominations for next year's recipient of the Growing Great Women in the Garden State Award.



Planning for this year's Gala took an interesting twist. In addition to finding a venue that could accommodate our attendees and fulfill our usual needs and desires, we wanted to find a place to showcase the Meerwald, the ship so lovingly restored to glory by our Growing Great Women in the Garden State awardee. Seabra's Armory in Perth Amboy fit the bill beautifully, with a lovely view of the harbor, sunset and ship. We were so glad to be able to be on the waterfront, with the ship nearby, as we honored Meghan and all that she has accomplished.

This year's Gala continued the tradition of not only honoring an amazing woman who has already accomplished so much but also recognizing young women with the potential to do so as well. Two impressive students were awarded NJSWEP Scholarships. Danielle Nichols of William Patterson University was presented with the Undergraduate Scholarship and Natalie Sherwood of Montclair State University received the Graduate Scholarship. NJSWEP congratulates these women and wishes them all the best as they "set sail" into the future of their environmental careers.

NJSWEP was honored to have a very special guest attend the Gala this year. Perth Amboy's first woman mayor and the only elected Latina mayor in NJ, the Honorable Wilda Diaz, joined us and spent a few moments addressing guests. She thanked us for choosing her beloved hometown for our Gala, spoke a bit of her passion for the city and the waterfront, and shared with us her dedication to preserving and restoring the city's historical resources- a perfect fit considering our awardee's similar commitments. We were so pleased that Mayor Diaz accepted our invitation to attend and celebrate with us.

The Gala was well attended with great food, great conversation and great views of the waterfront!



So many people helped make this year's Gala a success. The "crew" included Tali MacArthur, Jeanne Mroczko, Colleen Kokas, Crystal Coons, Elizabeth Limbrick, Jillian Mooney, Sharon McSweiney, Jeena Sheppard, Linda Watson and Beth Hyde. For more photos of the event click [here!](#)

Support from our very generous sponsors kept this year's Gala "afloat." We sincerely thank our Platinum sponsors: GEI Consultants, Inc., HamptonClarke-Veritech Laboratories, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP, and SWEP of Greater Philadelphia; our gold sponsors: Alpha Analytical, Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc., Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Environmental, Geo-Cleanse International, Inc., Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, and LSRPA; and our silver sponsors: O'Brien & Gere, Quest Environmental & Engineering, Roux Associates, and Wetlands and Environmental Technology, Inc.

MetroNet Networking Reception

In July, NJSWEP hosted a MetroNet networking event in Montclair, New Jersey at Egan & Sons. With 36 enthusiastic individuals in attendance, it was a great rebirth of NJSWEP's MetroNet. MetroNet caters to NJSWEP members and supporters alike in the North Jersey/New York Metropolitan Area by providing networking, social, and educational opportunities in the Northeast portion of New Jersey and New York City. NJSWEP polled guests on ideas for future MetroNet events and raffled a beach-themed basket donated by Geo-Cleanse International. Old friends and new faces enjoyed appetizers and beverages, while lounging on the restaurant's outdoor patio.

If you have an idea for a future MetroNet event, or if your company is interested in sponsoring a future event, please contact Cristin Mustillo at cmustillo@scclegal.com or Ilkay Cam-Spanos at icam@langan.com.



Golf Par-Tee Social

On October 9th, more than 20 NJSWEP members and guests got together to fine tune their golfing skills at Anchor Golf Center in Whippany, NJ. Members enjoyed appetizers, pizza, wine and dessert and networked while getting a golf lesson from a golf pro to learn the basics of the game, including types of clubs, key terms, proper swing, posture and club grip. A contest was held for the longest drive with Trisha Muni from Langan as the winner!



NJSWEP MetroNet & NYCBP Co-Host NYC Networking Event

On October 28, 2014, NJSWEP's MetroNet co-hosted a networking event with the New York City Brownfield Partnership (NYCBP) at Gigino at Wagner Park in New York City. About 60 attendees enjoyed drinks and hor d'oeuvres on the restaurant's outdoor patio, while watching the sun set over the Statute of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Jersey City.



There were new as well as familiar faces from both New York and New Jersey, with the event attended by lawyers, consultants, labs, regulators, brownfield scholarship award winners, and students, among others. Gold Sponsors for the event were Aquifer Drilling and Testing, Inc., Clean Earth, GEI Consultants, and Langan Engineering & Environmental Services. Silver Sponsors were Alpha Analytical, Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, PA and LECE Corporation/Nova Environmental Services. A wonderful time was had by all! For more photos of the event click [here](#).

NJSWEP MetroNet Breakfast Seminar: Techniques, Tools and Tips for Navigating the Ecological Evaluation and Ecological Risk Assessment Process in New Jersey

On November 13th, NJSWEP MetroNet and Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. hosted a breakfast seminar at Langan's offices in Elmwood Park, New Jersey. After a hot breakfast and networking, more than 25 NJSWEP members and guests listened to a presentation given by Elisa Buckley and KariAnne Czajkowski of Langan who reviewed the ecological evaluation/risk assessment process and provided insight into the techniques and tools to help understand and strategize effective approaches to meet the technical requirements of the State. Topics covered included: an overview of the Ecological Evaluation (EE) Regulatory Process; Study Design Considerations; and the when, where and how's of Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA). Ms. Czajkowski, who serves on the Ecological Evaluation Technical Guidance (EETG) Committee, also gave an update on Potential Changes to the EETG that will occur in the near future. To view this presentation please click [here](#).



NJSWEP Holiday Breakfast

On December 3rd, NJSWEP will hold its annual Holiday Networking Breakfast and Charity Drive at the Americana Diner in East Windsor. This will be a fun, informal breakfast with good food, great company and some holiday spirit. This year, NJSWEP has selected Dress for Success, as our charity. Dress for Success promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. We hope to see you there!