

Once again, time has gone quickly and we are at the end of the tenth anniversary season of CNYAPG! Many thanks to all of you who attended our last meeting of the season at Baltimore Woods despite weather that was less than ideal. We have completed another great season of informative and entertaining speakers and attendance at these meetings continues to be strong. Our talks this year have taken us to local destinations such as Jamesville Quarry and far away places including Egypt and West Africa. My favorite talk of the year was Dr. Kurt Staeger's presentation on "The Killer Lakes of Cameroon, West Africa". His presentation was taken from the article he prepared for *National Geographic* and it was truly a first class presentation. It is very satisfying to know that our organization has brought such wonderful presenters to Syracuse for the public's enjoyment.

As I have done all year, I once again encourage your participation in CNYAPG. It is the volunteer efforts of you, our members, that keep this organization strong. Even if you are unable to serve on our Board of Directors (which by the way, doesn't take much of a time involvement and you get to work with many other wonderful local professionals), your attendance at our monthly meetings is a wonderful way of supporting our organization. The satisfaction of a successful turnout makes all the planning of a meeting worthwhile! Please stay involved and don't forget to renew your membership, or considering joining our organization if you haven't done so yet.

Thanks you to the efforts of this year's Board of Directions which includes Bill Morrow (Vice President), Connie VanHoesel

(Associate Vice President), Jim Mickam (Treasurer), Dave Lay (2nd year director), Ray Smith (2nd year director), Forrest Earl (1st year director) and Frank Karboski (1st year director). You have been wonderful to work with and your volunteer efforts are an inspiration to me! Thank you also to Ed Hinchey, one of our past presidents and co-founder of CNYAPG, for his efforts in organizing this year's successful symposium.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2003 – 04 Board of Directors:

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I am sure that the 2003 – 04 season will continue to offer enrichment opportunities to those who take advantage of them. Here's wishing you all a safe and most enjoyable summer! I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in September.

Christin Gachowski
2002 - 03 CNYAPG President

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