

2011 PROFESSIONAL OPERATOR EXCELLENCE REGIONAL AWARD CEREMONY – Lynchburg, VA



The ceremony was hosted by the City of Lynchburg Department of Utilities in the Historic Filter Building. Now being renovated into an Administration Building, old artifacts as seen to your left are being preserved.



Above – a sand filter tank stands tall along-side guest seating for the event.



Top l-r: As the media set up, light conversation ensued as guests began to gather for the day's event.



Above: Turner Perrow, Jr., Member, City Council Ward IV with EPA Drinking Water Branch Chief, William Arguto.

Above: Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia General Assembly with Mayor Joan Foster.



Above l-r: The ceremony kicked off with opening remarks from Mr. Timothy Mitchell, P.E., Director, Department of Utilities, followed by Dr. J. Wesley Kleene, Director Office of Drinking Water, Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and EPA mid-atlantic Drinking Water Branch Chief, William Arguto who presented the award to Ms. Gryder.

Right: Closing remarks by Mayor Joan Foster, City Council At Large Representative were full of accolades for Ms. Gryder: "You're a star," exclaimed Mayor Foster. "We're so proud of you and proud of your diligence and dedication to serving the citizens of Lynchburg . . ."



Left: Closing Remarks by Delegate Scott Garrett, Virginia General Assembly



Left: Timothy Mitchell, Director, Department of Utilities read aloud a congratulatory letter from Senator Stephen D. Newman, 23rd District, who was unable to attend.



Above far left: Ms. Gryder with VDH (l-r: Dr. J. Wesley Kleene, Mr. James Reynolds, Assistance District Engineer and Mr. Mitchell R. Childrey, Director Danville Field Office). Above center: Ms. Gryder with EPA (William Arguto, Chief Drinking Water Branch and Wanda Johnson, Regional Operator Certification Coordinator). Above Far right: Deleat Scott Garrett, Mr. Ceasor T. Johnson, Member City Council Ward II Representative, Mayor Joan Foster, Ms. Gryder and Turner Perrow, Jr. Member City Council Ward IV Representative.



Left-side: Mr. Timothy A. Mitchell, Director of Dept. of Utilities, Ms. Gryder and Mr. L. Kimball Payne III, City Manager. Right-side: Last but not least, Ms. Gryder with a few operations staff. In a thank you note to EPA, Ms. Gryder wrote: "It is easy to do a good work when you are surrounded by people who really care about what they do and are supportive of each other."



Left bottom: Dr. Kleene interview with local news station. Right bottom: Ms. Gryder interview with local newspaper.



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