

The Sentinel



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A TRIBUTE TO THE TOUCHSTONES

The SWEPE Touchstones have honored many dedicated women in the field. This Special Edition of The Sentinel highlights past recipients and updates where they are today.

The Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEPE) first began presenting the Touchstone Award in 1997 to recognize and honor women who have made significant accomplishments and contributions to the environmental field and to fulfill one of SWEPE's missions – to encourage and promote the leadership and achievement of women. In this regard, the Touchstone was selected as SWEPE's symbol of accomplishment because it was historically used to

test the quality or genuineness of precious metals. The stone selected for our award recipients is a curly lace agate stone set in a pin because each curly lace agate is unique, like each of the women recognized for the award, and like the Touchstone, award recipients have set the standard for quality and excellence in the environmental profession.

2009 - JUNE MACARTOR

In November 2009, SWEPE honored June MacArtor, an environmentalist, lawyer, and mother of four, at its annual reception with the presentation of the Touchstone Award at the historic Downtown Club. The theme for 2009 was "Making Waves and Downstream Impacts". Ms. MacArtor was introduced by her friend and admirer, BrightFields' President, Marian Young. Without question, Ms. MacArtor's professional achievements and dedication to pioneering the way for other female environmental and legal professionals emulates the very qualities and attributes for which the Touchstone Award was intended to acknowledge.

In the early 1970s, Ms. MacArtor was the Committee Chair of the Legal Tools Committee for the California Attorney General's Environmental Task Force. She then served as a legal assistant to the California Department of Justice's Environmental Group. By the mid 1970s, Ms. MacArtor earned her law degree at Villanova Law School and began her legal career at the Delaware Department of Justice, serving ten years as Deputy Attorney General in Charge of the Environmental Group. During that time period, Ms. MacArtor also served as an



June MacArtor

adjunct professor at the University of Delaware, teaching environmental and coastal zone law. After her tenure at the Delaware Department of Justice, she served as Chief of Investigations and Counseling at the Delaware Division of Consumer Affairs, and then as Deputy Director of the Delaware Division of Air and Waste Management until 1990. Since 1990, Ms. MacArtor has held the following positions at various times: member of the New Castle County Planning Board, Member of the Delaware Department of Transportation Council on Transportation, taught Environmental Law and Policy at the University of Delaware and Widener University, performed work for the New Castle County Conservation District, past President and current Secretary of the Board of GreenWatch Institute, Chair of the Legal Committee on the Brandywine Christina Task Force (Riverfront Project), first Cancer Task Force, Regional Board of the Air and Waste Management Association, Governor's Economic Council, Community Advisory Committee – Motiva, and various citizen committees for DNREC and others. Ms. MacArtor also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Nature Society.

2008 - CAROLYN GREEN

The 2008 Touchstones honored Carolyn Green, then Vice President of Health, Environment and Safety Regulatory Affairs of Sunoco, Inc., responsible for strategic policy and issue management, product stewardship, and corporate security. Prior to joining Sunoco in August 2000, Ms. Green served as Vice President for Corporate Government and Regulatory Affairs, which included public sector strategic origination for Azurix, a worldwide water services company. Prior to that, Ms. Green served as director of Government & Public Affairs for Ultramar Diamond Shamrock (“UDS”) Corporation, one of the nation’s largest independent petroleum refining/marketing companies.

Ms. Green has extensive environmental and energy experience, serving as Environmental Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company, Deputy Execu-

tive Officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and President of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Board of Commissioners, where she led the Department through the de-regulation of California’s electric utility industry and negotiated a settlement to the 20-year Mono Lake water rights litigation.

Ms. Green is a past Environmental Committee Chair for the National Petrochemical and Refining Association (“NPRA”), the national trade group representing the petroleum refining and petrochemical industry, and Chair of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. Ms. Green is also Energy Sector Working Group Chair of the Executive Leadership Council and serves on the US EPA’s Clean Air Act Advisory Council.

Ms. Green’s acceptance speech reflected on her unique perspective as a young African American woman growing up in Iowa. She said she was not discouraged from trying anything new she thought she could do. Her mentors only encouraged her input and gave her opportunity. She learned the importance of looking at problems from many perspectives, from people of different disciplines, ages, and backgrounds, believing that women bring important perspectives to the table.

Since the 2008 event, Ms. Green retired from Sunoco and is co-founder and Managing Partner of EnerGreen Capital Management, LLC, a private equity firm focusing on late venture and growth-stage companies involved in the energy and environmental industries.



Carolyn L. Green and her husband, Michael Blakney

2007 - LIZ ROBINSON

Liz Robinson has served as the Executive Director of the Energy Coordinating Agency (“ECA”) since its inception in 1984. She has over 30 years of experience in energy services, community development, training and education. ECA is a non-profit corporation which provides a full range of energy services to residential and small commercial customers in the Philadelphia area. In 2009, ECA and its network of Neighborhood Energy Centers provided more than 40,000 low income households with more than 86,000 energy services, saving these families an average of 30% of their energy costs.

ECA is a leader in energy efficient, sustainable housing, both affordable and market rate, and is a LEED for Homes provider, an ENERGY STAR Homes rater and provides the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program.

In 2009, ECA launched a Green Jobs Training Center focusing on meeting the workforce needs for both the energy efficiency and solar industries. ECA is also a leader in the development of sustainable and equitable energy policies for Philadelphia and Pennsylvania.

2006 - KATHY KLEIN

SWEP’s 2006 Touchstone Award recipient, Kathy Klein, was honored with the award to recognize her many achievements during her tenure as the Executive Director of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc. (“Partnership”) from 1997 until 2007. The Partnership is a non-profit environmental organization focused on the preservation and protection of the tidal portion of the Delaware River, which stretches from Trenton to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is one of 28 National Estuary Programs that receives funding support from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Under Kathy’s leadership, the Partnership experienced tremendous growth and success with significant increases in its funding, staff size and projects.

Kathy’s commitment to the environmental profession began early in her career in her work with the City of Philadelphia Office of Recycling, PhilaPride, Inc., Urban Environmental Consulting, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, where she developed and implemented innovative environmental programs and developed strong working relationships with people from local and regional community groups, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the private sector. These experiences

and relationships provided Kathy with the platform necessary to establish the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary as a vital partner with a wide variety of entities, both governmental and private. She led the way in the development of hands-on initiatives focused on stormwater runoff pollution prevention and habitat restoration for imperiled native species including the Delaware Bay Oyster.

For these reasons, Kathy received tremendous praise and accolades from her colleagues and was further commended by the Honorable Lisa P. Jackson, current Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, who attended the 2006 SWEP Awards reception in her capacity at the time as the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where she presented the keynote address.

Since receiving the 2006 Touchstone Award, Kathy stepped down as the Executive Director of the Partnership but continues to serve the environmental profession as a consultant for water-related agencies and non-profit organizations providing support in program development, special events and capacity building. Kathy also serves as a Board Supervisor for the New Castle Conservation District in Delaware.



In 2006, Kathy Klein and then-NJDEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson.

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2005 - SARAH HETZNECKER

In 1999 Sarah Hetznecker and her husband, Gary Sheehan, started the energy consulting firm, Mesa Environmental, which provided a broad spectrum of environmental consulting services -- waste remediation, energy conservation, site redevelopment -- for government, commercial and residential clients. Sarah ultimately re-focused Mesa Environmental on solar energy system design and installation. Mesa grew into a recognized authority in the design and installation of renewable energy systems of all types and became one of the largest solar energy design and installation firms on the East coast.

In 2008, Mesa Environmental was acquired by and integrated into, SunTechnics, a subsidiary of the world's largest renewable energy systems integrator. Joining the new company as a Regional Manager, Sarah continues to serve clients throughout the Northeast, where the market for solar energy is growing rapidly.

Sarah has been honored as an outstanding entrepreneur and was named one of Pennsylvania's "Best 50 Women in Business." A recognized leader in the environmental business community, she's still passionate about solar energy, and not just because it's been good for her business. As a mother of three, Sarah believes that energy conservation, climate awareness and education combine to play a crucial role in protecting our planet for future generations. She's a frequent speaker about environmental topics at schools and community organizations, believing in the power of education to get children and their parents excited enough about the environment to take action.



Former PA DEP Secretary Katie McGinty and Sarah Hetznecker.

2004 - JOANNE DAHME

Joanne Dahme, the 2004 Touchstone Award Recipient, is currently the General Manager of Public Affairs for the Philadelphia Water Department. Prior to her present position, Ms. Dahme was the Watershed Programs Manager at the Philadelphia Water Department.

Ms. Dahme received a degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University in 1980, and then went on to earn a Master's degree in Journalism and a second Master's degree in Creative Writing from Temple University. In addition to her work in the environmental field, Ms. Dahme is also a published author of three young adult novels including *Tombstone Tea*, *The Plague*, and *Creepers*.

Ms. Dahme lives with her husband and son in Philadelphia.



Joanne Dahme

2003 - MARILYN HEWITT

Marilyn Hewitt, PG received the Touchstone award in the Fall of 2003. She has had a long career as an environmental consultant and recognized expert in the environmental field. Ms. Hewitt has been a mentor to many young professionals throughout her career. She is a geologist who started her career with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and then went to work at ERM in Exton where she spent 16 years, BBL for 5 and most recently with Roux Associates. Ms. Hewitt founded her own company and now happily works from home and continues to pursue challenging project work and is a sought after expert witness. In her spare time, Marilyn works in her beautiful garden, plays golf, and enjoys vacations in Rehoboth Beach, DE.



Marilyn Hewitt

2002 - LOUISE THOMPSON

Louise Thompson, Esquire, was the 2002 Touchstone Award recipient for her role as the Regional Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Office (PADEP). During her tenure at PADEP, Louise most enjoyed the good people she worked with, including colleagues and clients, as well as the challenging and satisfying nature of the work itself. She felt that her biggest challenge was fitting in everything she wanted to do both at work and at home. Since her retirement in April, 2008, Louise has enjoyed a variety of activities including gardening, exercising, hiking, and spending more time with friends. Louise has also gotten more involved with her church and sings on its classical choir.



Patricia Imperato, Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Louise Thompson, and Carol Collier

2001 - MARY DEFLAUN, BRENDA HUSTIS GOTANDA, AND MAYA K. VAN ROSSUM

Mary DeFlaun

Dr. Mary DeFlaun wanted to be an oceanographer when she was young, so she went to school and received a BS in biology with a chemistry minor from Beloit College, and a Masters of Oceanography from University of Maine and a PhD from University of Florida (where her concentration was marine micro and molecular genetics). She then took a position at Tufts University Medical School-Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Molecular genetics. But her attention was soon turned to the environmental field when Burt Ensley, of Envirogen, saw Dr. DeFlaun's research as highly relevant to *in-situ* remediation. As Dr. DeFlaun says, "The interview nailed it for me - I was hooked on this field."

Dr. DeFlaun joined Geosyntec Consultants in 2002 as a Principal Microbiologist in the Princeton, New Jersey office following a distinguished career at Envirogen, Inc., where she was Vice President, Technology Applications. She is highly experienced in the development and implementation of in situ remediation technologies with over 20 years of related experience, and directs the firm's development and implementation of in situ remediation technologies for recalcitrant organics and metals, including monitored natural attenuation ("MNA"), biostimulation and bioaugmentation. She also has particular expertise in the biodegradation of MtBE and TBA, and holds two patents on the degradation of MtBE. In 2000, Dr. DeFlaun received the Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award on behalf of the Research and Development Council of New Jersey for her work on MtBE. As a member of the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council's ("ITRC") BioDNAPL group, Dr. DeFlaun is involved in drafting their technical and regulatory guidance "Bioremediation of Chlorinated Ethene DNAPL."

Dr. DeFlaun is an internationally-recognized environmental microbiologist and a molecular geneticist who has worked extensively in the areas of microbial degradation and microbial transport, as well as in the assessment of remedial alternatives for impacted groundwater and the effect of these impacts on indoor air (vapor intrusion). Dr. DeFlaun serves as a technical consultant for innovative remedial technologies on a number of Superfund Sites in the northeastern U.S. and across the country. Dr. DeFlaun also develops and implements R&D programs related to the optimization of in situ hazardous waste treatment processes. In 2007 the ITRC Industry Recognition Award was given to Dr. DeFlaun for her outstanding contribution to ITRC's Bioremediation of DNAPLs Team.

If you ask Dr. DeFlaun to point out some interesting experiences in her career, she is likely to mention her adventures collecting samples, including: collection of research samples for her PhD by diving on coral reefs to study the genetic exchange among bacteria in coral mucus; diving in the murky depths of Lake Erie to collect samples to study the microbial community in the sediment; or collection of samples to study the microbiology in ultra-deep gold mines in South Africa at depths over 2 miles below ground surface. Dr. DeFlaun's other interests include skiing, biking, and travel to exotic locations.

Brenda Hustis Gotanda

Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Esquire, LEED AP, is a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, a boutique environmental and energy law firm based in suburban Philadelphia. Ms. Gotanda is a LEED Accredited Professional with 17 years of experience advising and representing clients on environmental, energy, and health and safety issues arising in business and real estate transactions, regulatory enforcement actions, permitting and compliance matters. Her practice has included representation of a wide range of clients from industrial manufacturers, recyclers, and refiners to retailers, real estate developers, colleges, camps, and others. Ms. Gotanda's practice includes handling issues such as sustainable site remediation and brownfield redevelopment, water quality and pollution prevention, total maximum daily load ("TMDL") development, spill prevention and emergency response, waste management, OSHA, toxic substances control, compliance auditing, and risk management planning.

Ms. Gotanda has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 2009 and has received several other recognitions since receiving the SWEP Touchstone Award in 2001, including being named a 2010 "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" and Pennsylvania Rising Star" by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers/Law & Politics Magazine* in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2005 she was selected as a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by the *Legal Intelligencer* and *Pennsylvania Law Weekly* and in 2009 was named a "Top Lawyer" by *Main Line Today*.

In addition to her professional work, Ms Gotanda is active in her community. She is currently serving her second term as Chairperson of the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Council and is a co-chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar

Association and chaired its Public Service Subcommittee. Ms. Gotanda also served as member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden from 2002 until 2007 and co-chaired several of its committees. She is a member of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) in Philadelphia and was one of the co-founders of SWEP where she continues to be actively involved as a Director Emeritus.

Maya K. van Rossum

Maya K. van Rossum was honored with a SWEP Touchstone award in 2001 for her accomplishments as the Delaware Riverkeeper for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network ("DRN"). Under Maya's leadership, the DRN was able to enforce environmental laws and defeat projects that threatened our waterways and communities. Maya's efforts have helped improve the overall health of the Delaware River Watershed. Today, Maya continues to serve as the Delaware Riverkeeper (a position she has held since 1996), leading the DRN into its rebirth as an independent non-profit organization. As the voice of the Delaware River, Maya's energy and enthusiasm are as strong as ever.



Brenda Hustis Gotanda, Mary DeFlaun, and Maya K. van Rossum

2000 - MARTHA CANDIELLO, JOANNE DENWORTH, AND RUTH PATRICK

Martha Candiello

Martha Candiello, who spent much of her career as an environmental attorney, presently owns and operates Clientbridge, LLC, a strategic marketing firm that assists law firms to obtain market advantage through the implementation of leading edge client service standards.



Martha Candiello

Ms. Candiello graduated from Rutgers School of Law at Camden New Jersey in 1979. She then spent 21 years working in various legal capacities at Rohm & Haas. During her tenure with Rohm & Haas, Ms. Candiello was responsible for worldwide compliance with all regulatory laws across ten business teams. Ms. Candiello

also helped to author and implement Rohm & Haas' corporate policies, procedures and standards on safety, health, product integrity and environmental matters.

Ms. Candiello subsequently spent 3 years working for Sunoco Chemicals in the role of General Counsel. At Sunoco, Ms. Candiello oversaw all legal affairs for Sunoco's Chemicals Division. Between 2006 and 2008, Ms. Candiello was the Director of General Counsel Relations for the law firm of Reed Smith, LLP.

Ms. Candiello is also an honorary lifetime member of the Board of Trustees for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as well as a member of the New York City Forum of Executive Women. Ms. Candiello was formerly a Board Member of Philadelphia Futures, Education Law Center, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and the Cornell Alumni Ambassador Network. Ms. Candiello enjoys tennis and flyfishing and is a member of the Fly Anglers in Business.

Joanne Denworth

Joanne Denworth is a land use and environmental lawyer in the Governor's Office of Policy, and in that capacity is responsible for issues in state agencies relating to land use - community and economic development, environmental protection, conservation, transportation, water and sewer infrastructure, and energy.



Joanne Denworth

She provided leadership for the Interagency Land Use Team, a working group of the Economic Development Cabinet that developed the commonwealth's Keystone Principles for Growth, Investment & Resource Conservation. The Keystone Principles was designed to encourage project development that integrates programs and funding sources from a variety of state agencies into a comprehensive strategy to address issues affecting whole communities.

Ms. Denworth was president and co-founder of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, which is dedicated to revitalizing cities and towns, conserving rural lands, and reducing sprawl. She was president of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council for 12 years, where she spearheaded coalitions for land use law reform, enhancement of urban environments, and regional action to promote open space protection and resource-conserving development.

Ms. Denworth is also co-author and editor of *Guiding Growth* (1993), a growth management handbook for municipalities; and she is the primary author of *Planning Beyond Boundaries* (2002), a manual on multi-municipal planning and implementation.

She has written numerous articles on land use and environmental issues, served as a judge on the Environmental Hearing Board of Pennsylvania, served as a township solicitor, and taught at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of City and Regional Planning. Ms. Denworth also served on the 21st Century Environment Commission's Land Use Team, has been active in a number of Philadelphia civic organizations, and is a graduate of Vassar College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Ruth Patrick

Dr. Ruth Patrick is currently the Chair of Limnology at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA. Called a "visionary ecologist", her love and passion for the natural sciences began at a very young age.



Dr. Ruth Patrick

Dr. Patrick obtained a degree in biology from Coker College in South Carolina in 1929 and advanced degrees from the University of Virginia.

Her career with the Academy began in 1933 as an unpaid researcher and volunteer curator of the Microscopy Department. Since the start of her career, Dr. Patrick has been a pioneer in the fields of ecology and biology. Dr. Patrick proved that biological diversity holds the key to understanding the environmental problems affecting an ecosystem. Specifically, at a time when most scientists were evaluating pollution affects on single organisms, Dr. Patrick was analyzing the composition and diversity of organisms and plants to assess the health of streams. She often worked as a consultant for industrial companies such as Dupont and Pennsylvania Power and Light and acted as an advisor to former President Lyndon B. Johnson on water pollution and former President Ronald Reagan on acid rain. Some of her most notable professional achievements include founding the Department of Limnology at the Academy, the invention of the diatometer, and establishing the largest and, reportedly, the most important diatom collection in the world.

In addition to her research, Dr. Patrick taught limnology and botany at the University of Pennsylvania for more than 25 years, published more than 200 scientific papers, and wrote a number of books including *Power So Great*, and *Colors of Tomorrow*. She has received countless awards including the National Metal of Science (1996) from former President Bill Clinton. At an age of 102, Dr. Patrick continues to serve the Academy and serves on numerous committees and boards.

1999 - SUSAN MCDOWELL AND MARTHA LEIGH WOLFF

Susan McDowell

Susan McDowell is an Environmental Scientist/Ecologist who has been with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the last twenty years. Since 1990, she has worked primarily in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office designing and conducting community-based initiatives aimed at reducing environmental health risks on a local level. Ms. McDowell continues to manage EPA's Green Communities and provides training and technical assistance nationally and internationally. Her work with Green Communities has taken her to several African countries and Mexico.

Since 2002, Ms. McDowell has helped to develop community air toxics programs in both EPA Region 9 (San Francisco) and Region 3 (Philadelphia), and she has received several EPA awards for her work in this area.

Most recently, Ms. McDowell has taken on new responsibilities working on non-point source pollution, watershed and estuary programs. She collaborates with a diverse group of stakeholders such as, state and local government partners, industry partners, local and regional organizations, to encourage sustainability.

In addition to her environmental work, Ms. McDowell is working toward certification in horticultural therapy, and she hopes to integrate environmental benefits with the healing aspects of gardening.

Ms. McDowell served on the SWEP Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009.



Left to Right: Marcia Spink (1998), Susan McDowell (1999), Martha Leigh Wolfe (1999), Carol Collier (1997).

Martha Leigh Wolff

Ms. Martha Leigh Wolf was most recently the Executive Director of Historic Morven, Inc. a non-profit organization founded in 1987, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of State, which administers the Morven Museum and Gardens in Princeton, NJ. The mission of Historic Morven, Inc. is to "preserve and operate the National Historic Landmark known as Morven as a museum and public garden showcasing the cultural heritage of New Jersey." The museum occupies the house called Morven, the former New Jersey Governor's Mansion and 18th century home of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Its restoration and conversion to a museum was completed in 2004.

Prior to serving as the Executive Director of the Historic Morven from 2001 until 2009, she served as Executive Director of Historic Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia for 13 years. A graduate of Swarthmore College, she studied museum management at the University of Delaware.

1998 - ERNESTA DRINKER BALLARD, DOROTHY BOWERS, AND MARCIA SPINK

Ernesta Drinker Ballard

Ernesta Drinker Ballard, who passed away in August 2005, was a founding member of the National Organization for Women and a horticulturist. Ms. Ballard marched on Washington, lobbied for the Equal Rights Amendment, and raised money for female political candidates. She also was a founding member of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (“NARAL”), and served as chairwoman of the organization from 1989 to 1991.

Ms. Ballard co-founded “Women’s Way,” an umbrella support group that funds a host of women’s groups, including Women Organized Against Rape, The Women’s Law Project, and Women Against Violence.

In 1964, she closed a successful horticultural business to head up the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and supervise its annual extravaganza, the Philadelphia Flower Show. She expanded the flower show from four staffers to more than 100 employees.

Her ultimate aspiration was to become the first female Mayor of Philadelphia and, toward that end, she used her visibility as a pioneering feminist to campaign for establishing what she hoped would be the premier event of the city’s Bicentennial. This was to be a horticultural extravaganza in the city’s Fairmount Park called “Philafloa” which she hoped would attract thousands of visitors to the city in 1997 though the plan did not come to fruition. Ms. Ballard then retired her position at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to Jane W. Pepper.

In 2003, she was named to the Politics PA list of “Pennsylvania’s Most Politically Powerful Women.” She and her husband were Plymouth Rock ancestors, a legacy she was very proud of, as well as a member of the “Social Registry.”

Dorothy Bowers

Dorothy Bowers, a chemical engineer, was Vice President of Environmental Policy when she retired from Merck & Co., Inc. in 1999 after 25 years with the company. At Merck, she led the development of the environmental department and initiated public environmental reporting beginning in the early 1990s which led to the company’s first Sustainability Report. She recently completed a three year term as chair of the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology, the technology/policy advisory council for the EPA Administrator. She also continues her pioneering role in the development of environmental management systems.

Ms. Bowers is currently the chair of the Technical Advisory Group leading the US participation in ISO TC-207, and has been assigned a variety of responsibilities by the Technical Committee, including roles as the chair of the first ad hoc study group on participation by developing nations,

co-chair of the Future Vision Task Force and the Strategic Planning Group, co-chair of the Corporate Social Responsibility Task Force, and co-chair of the NGO Task Force.

Ms. Bowers is Vice-Chair of New Jersey Future, a smart-growth advocacy organization; Chairwoman of the operating Board of Trustees of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey; a member of the Board of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey; and a founding Board member for the recently formed Conservation Resources, Inc.

Marcia Spink

Marcia Spink is an advocate for clean air. While Associate Director of Air Programs for EPA Region 3 in the late 1990s and early 2000s, she was a frequent speaker on air quality issues.

Also noteworthy is Ms. Spink’s keynote address at the 50th anniversary of the killer smog event in Donora, PA held in remembrance of the lives that were lost as a result of the smog. It is reported that between October 26 and October 31, 1948, an air inversion trapped air pollution from the American Steel and Wire plant and Donora Zinc Works, causing a killer smog. In three days, 20 people died. After the inversion lifted, another 50 died. Many more developed damaged lungs as a result of the killer smog. This killer smog led to the federal Clean Air Act of 1970. Ms. Spink explained that, “It is definitely tied to the ability of this country to wake up and realize that air pollution isn’t just a nuisance but something that makes things so dirty that it can kill people.”



Left to Right: Ernesta Ballard, Dorothy Bowers, and Marcia Spink.

1997 - CAROL COLLIER, PATRICIA IMPERATO, MAZIE MOHNEY, AND JOYCE RIZZO



Left to Right: Joyce Rizzo, Mazie Mohney, Patricia Imperato, and Carol Collier.

Carol Collier

Carol R. Collier, P.P., AICP received the Touchstone Award in the inaugural year of 1997. She was one of four women who were recognized that year. Ms. Collier set the bar very high for future candidates and has never stopped reaching for new heights for professional excellence. Ms. Collier has a B.A. in Biology from Smith College and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Professional Planner licensed in the State of New Jersey, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (“AICP”) and a Certified Senior Ecologist. Before her position at Pennsylvania’s 21st Century Environmental Commission, Ms. Collier was Regional Director of the PADEP Southeast Region. Prior to PADEP, Ms. Collier served 19 years with BCM Environmental Engineers, Inc.

Patricia Imperato

Patricia Imperato served as an Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc. (PRC). PRC was established in 1939 to address roadside issues, roadside litter, and illegal billboards. It is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s oldest grassroots non-profit organization advocating for environmental issues. Ms. Imperato also served as a member of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board and co-authored “Evaluation of Phosphorus Dynamics in a Watershed.” She also served on the Chester County Planning Commission and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Family and Community Service of Delaware County in Media, PA.

Mazie Mohney

Former Executive Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Mines and Mineral Industries, Mazie Mohney, who passed away in October 2007, was the first woman in the nation to hold an executive deputy position at a governmental agency.

After her retirement, she was a special consultant for the Director of the US Bureau of Mines in Washington, DC, the Anthracite Industry, and two engineering firms in the Harrisburg area. She also served as a member of Citizens Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. In 1968, she was the first woman to give the principle address at the Annual Meeting of the Coal Mining Institute of America in Pittsburgh.

Joyce Rizzo

Joyce A. Rizzo has been a leader in storage tank compliance and remediation for over 40 years, and she has published and educated others worldwide about storage tank compliance and remediation. Ms. Rizzo is currently the President of JD2 Environmental, Inc. (JD2), a West Chester, PA based firm that specializes in storage tank management programs, compliance, property assessment, and remediation. She provides storage tank management, design, installation, closure and remediation services, property transfer assessment and expert testimony for JD2’s clients. For 12 years prior to the formation of JD2 in 2002, Ms. Rizzo was the President and CEO of Lexicon Environmental Associates, Inc. Ms. Rizzo also served as Vice President/Manager of Storage Tank Programs for Hart Environmental Management Corporation and President and CEO of ERM-Tankonomics, as well as working at other well-known firms including Sun Refining and Marketing Company and the former Hunter Environmental Services, Inc.

She has extensive experience in providing background consulting, depositions, and expert testimony on many areas of environmental management, primarily related to storage tanks and the hazards associated with leakage of petroleum products into the subsurface.

Ms. Rizzo earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Northeastern University, and furthered her education by earning a certificate in Northeastern’s Executive Management Development Program. Ms. Rizzo has served as project director for storage tank management programs for many petroleum, manufacturing and commercial operations.

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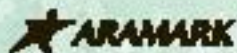
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