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2009 Projects Successful; Looking Forward to 2010!

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As members of the Hoosier Chapter of SWANA you can be proud of your chapter's accomplishments in 2009.

SPRING TRAINING: The spring training was held on June 4, 2009 at Valle Vista Golf Club and Conference Center in Greenwood. The training gave operators an opportunity to learn about new regulations and legislation that affect Indiana landfills. Other topics included landfill design, operating requirements, asbestos disposal, safety issues, bioreactors and the RD&D Rule.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Hoosier Chapter awarded its first Scholarship in 2009. See page two for additional information.

2009 GOLF OUTING: The golf outing, always a popular event, was enjoyed by 22 teams. A special thanks to the 14 hole and beverage cart sponsors and those that donated additional door prizes.

2010 TRAINING AND GOLF: Dates have been set for the 2010 Indiana Landfill Operator Training and golf outing. Events will be held on June 3rd & 4th at Valle Vista in Greenwood. Plan now to attend!

2010 TRI-STATE CONFERENCE: The Tri-State Conference will be held June 28 –30 at Crown Plaza Hotel at Historic Union Station in Indianapolis. Highlights of the conference include sessions on waste-to-energy updates, maximizing solid waste funds, automation advances in recycling, and tours of Indianapolis sights including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Sponsorships and exhibitor space are available by contacting Lance Hodge at 219-242-2707.

This is going to be a great time to network with others in the waste industry, Don't miss it!

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SAVE THE DATE:

June 3 - 4
Training & Golf Outing

June 28 - 30
Tri-State Conference

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In September of 2008, nine-year-old Katie Beesley was awarded the Governor's Award for Recycling and the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts Individual Award for Recycling Programs for her part in creating a recycling program in Medora, Indiana.

BILL WATCH:

HB 1118—Allows community groups to initiate civil nuisance actions

SB 208—Requires solid waste district annual budgets to be approved by a majority vote of all members of the board.

SB 209—Establishes deadlines for action by IDEM on permit applications

Changing the World

Katie Beesley was just seven when she learned about recycling in her second grade class. She took the lesson home to her family and began sorting recyclables in the Beesley's garage. This would be a noble thing for any child to do, however there was no recycling program in Katie's hometown of Medora. The nearest drop-off facility was 20 miles away. Katie worked with the town board, the local solid waste management district and the Medora Lion's Club to acquire and monitor a drop-off bin in the town's fenced utility area. Katie and her family went

door-to-door passing out flyers and explaining the new recycling program to the residents. She approached the superintendent of Medora Schools for permission to place recycling bins in the classrooms. She sent a letter to the owner of a local landfill and recycling company asking to buy the recycling bins. Of course, the request of a then eight-year-old little girl touched the hearts of the management at Rumpke Consolidated Companies and the bins were donated. Seeing that some of the older residents were having difficulty getting their

products to the bin, Katie's dad, a town board member, suggested that the town street department spend one day a week picking up recycling curbside in the small town of 700 residents. Not only would this offer a needed service to the community, it prevented an employee from lay-off. After a convocation where Katie addressed the student body to introduce the school recycling program, a reporter asked Katie why she went to all the work to get recycling established in Medora. "I just wanted to change the world." she said.

2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDS

In June of 2009 the Hoosier Chapter awarded its first annual scholarship. The scholarship opportunity was open to any student planning to enroll full time at an accredited college, university or vocational school leading to a degree or certificate. Students were required to be a member of SWANA or be the spouse, child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a SWANA member.

There were four college students and two high school seniors that applied for the funding. The candidates were all extremely qualified and left the scholarship committee with a difficult decision. In the end, the scholarship was awarded to Lyndsay Langbehn, a student at Purdue University pursuing a degree in medicine. Ms. Langbehn exhibited exemplary academic and community achievements.

The Chapter is excited to be able to offer the scholarship program again in 2010. This year there will be two categories, one for high school seniors and one for current college students. There will be one \$2,000 award for each category. Applications and additional information are now available. Check the Chapter's website at www.Hoosierswana.org to access these items.

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