

Notes from the Mississippi*

Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa

- ✓ Tool-shop cabinet constructed and painted.
- ✓ Covers from lock valves removed.
- ✓ Ice above upper gates cut away.

Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa

- ✓ Ceiling tiles replaced.
- ✓ Painting on gates completed.

Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa

- ✓ Maintenance building cleaned and painted.
- ✓ Lock scooters painted.

Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa

- ✓ Roadway-garage ceiling and walls painted.
- ✓ Loft and I-beam structure in roadway-garage installed.

Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.

- ✓ Upper room of powerhouse painted.
- ✓ All handrails repaired.
- ✓ New picnic tables assembled.

Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa

- ✓ Well room painted.
- ✓ Oil cup on bulkhead-hoist system replaced.
- ✓ Basement walls painted.

Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.

- ✓ Ice from lock chamber removed.
- ✓ Twelve synthetic-gate timbers on number two miter gate installed.

Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa

- ✓ Upper garage wall-finishing and painting completed.
- ✓ Winter shelter from lock wall removed.

Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa

- ✓ New fleet-area lights installed.
- ✓ Visitor-information signs mounted.
- ✓ Building walls washed.

Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.

- ✓ Gate and valve motors' plugs and cords replaced.
- ✓ Out-draft sign on upper-lock wall renovated and re-installed.

Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.

- ✓ Lower-land wall handrail repaired.
- ✓ Number 10 dam gate reversing starter replaced.

Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.

- ✓ Number one and three miter gate timbers replaced.
- ✓ Old tugger-lock scooter painted.

*This is a small sample of work completed at District locks and dams throughout the month.

District to Participate in Earth Day

The annual observance of Earth Day, April 22, provides us the added emphasis to concentrate on our environmental mission, dedicate ourselves to the responsible stewardship of our natural and cultural resources, and share the knowledge of actions the Corps is taking to sustain the lands entrusted to our care.

This year, the Army's theme for Earth Day is "Transforming the Army ... Sustaining the Environment." It incorporates the top Army issue of transformation into the environmental mission, conveying the message that sustaining the environment is an integral part of transformation.

Park rangers in Muscatine invite the public to celebrate Earth Day by participating in River Rubbish Rendezvous. The event will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m., April 21, at the Andalusia Slough Recreation Area, two miles west of Andalusia, along Illinois 92.



Participants will meet at the park shelter before cleaning a stretch of the Mississippi River. For more information, call the Muscatine Park Rangers at (319) 263-7913.

In addition, Lake Red Rock is holding their annual "Trash Bash" April 28. The Corps and the Iowa Marion County Development Commission is sponsoring the environmentally friendly event.

Activities will include educational displays on recycling and a presentation on the dangers of methamphetamine ("meth") lab debris. These events will be in addition to a free-picnic lunch, as well as picking up litter around the lake. Times for these activities have not yet been determined. For more information please call Tracy Spry at (641) 828-7522.

Park Rangers in Dubuque, Iowa, are coordinating Earth Day activities at Grant River Recreation Area, where the Potosi-Tennyson Boy Scouts are scheduled to help with the area cleanup, April 21. For more information call the Dubuque Rangers at (319) 582-0881. 📞

District Commander's Award

By Joann Wilgenbusch,
Resource Management

Donna Willey,
Operations Division,
was awarded the
District Commander's
Award for January 2001, by Col. William Bayles, District engineer.



Willey served as the chairperson of the Special Emphasis Program Committee and helped guide the SEPC through preparing its first budget and work plan when the Corps of Engineers Financial Management System came to the District.

She chaired the meetings through difficult times of transition as the SEPC guidelines moved from simple bylaws to a District regulation, maintaining goals, as well as keeping the mission of the committee on track.

Although Willey decided to rotate out of the Committee at the end of her term, she graciously agreed to stay on and serve as the vice chair while the SEPC transitioned to new leadership. 📞

District Recognizes Safety

By Beth Army, Safety Office

The District Safety Office is in the process of presenting our sites with calendar year 2000 safety awards.

District employees work very hard to maintain good safety records and we feel it is important to show our appreciation for their efforts. Accordingly, this year we have selected a variety of items for awards, such as, insulated mugs, sweatshirts, mini mag-lights, Swiss Army knives, and six-pack coolers.

To qualify, the site must not have a lost-time accident for the entire calendar year.

The qualifying sites for calendar year 2000 for the Mississippi River Project are: the Natural Resource Management Section, Lock and Dam 11, Lock and Dam 12, Lock and Dam 13, Locks and Dam 14, Locks and Dam 15 (celebrating its "best record achieved" of 29 accident-free years), Lock

and Dam 16, Lock and Dam 18, Lock 19, Lock and Dam 20, Lock and Dam 21, and Lock and Dam 22.

The qualifying sites for the Iowa reservoir projects: Coralville Lake, Lake Red Rock and Saylorville Lake.

The qualifying sites for the Illinois Waterway are: Project Maintenance Section, T. J. O'Brien

Lock and Dam (celebrating its "best record achieved" of 14 accident-free years), Dresden Road Lock and Dam, Marseilles Lock and Dam (celebrating its "Best Record Achieved" of 21 accident-free years), Starved Rock Lock and Dam (celebrating its "Best Record Achieved" of 27 accident-free years), Lagrange Lock and Dam (celebrating its "Best Record Achieved" of 17 accident-free years), and Peoria Lock and Dam.

Col. William Bayles, along with represen-

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tatives from the Safety Office and the Operations Division, will be visiting these sites for their awards presentation at various times through the end of April. The proactive approach towards safety that these facilities and their managers have taken is to be commended. They should be very proud of the initiative they have taken to prevent accidents, and to maintain a safe and healthy workplace. Their leadership example is exemplary! 🏗️

Speakers Bureau

By Justine Barati, Public Affairs

During the month of March, **Tom Mack**, **Kevin Landwehr**, and **Tom Heinhold**, Engineering Division, and **Brad Thompson** and **Scott Whitney**, Programs and Project Management Division, participated in a Career Fest for eighth-graders at the Mark in Moline, Ill. During the Career Fest, they discussed their careers at the Corps with more than 150 students.

Karen Hagerty, Programs and Project Management Division, met with the Partners of Scott County Watersheds on March 1 at the Davenport Public Works office in Davenport, Iowa. Topics of discussion included status of projects the group supports, such as the Duck Creek 206 wetland restoration and the St. Ambrose storm water retention project.

Jack Carr and **Laura Abney**, Programs and Project Management Division, met with a transportation management class at Western Illinois University in Moline, Ill., on March 1. They spoke with more than 25 students about the Corps' mission within the federal government, especially relating to domestic inland waterway transportation.

On March 13, **Rick Nickel**, Engineering Division, spoke with more than 40 people at the Memorial Heights Methodist Men's Club in Rock Island, Ill. The topic of his discussion was the operation of Locks and Dam 15.

The Coralville Rotary Club had **John Castle**, Operations Division, speak with them on March 14 at the Clarion Hotel in Coralville, Iowa. The topic of his discussion was the Coralville reservoir. More than 30 local business people attended the meeting.

More than 200 students were present to hear **Rich Fristik**, Programs and Project Management, discuss his career as a biologist working for the Corps. **Fristik** spoke with the students at Erie High School in Erie, Ill., on March 15.

Geography majors learned more about the Corps and **Jennifer Darnell's**, Operations Division, career as a geographer when she spoke with them on March 22. The students were part of the Illinois State Geography Department in Normal, Ill. More than 20 students attended the career discussion.

Jeanne Elliott, Information Management, hosted six job shadow students from Moline High School at the Clock Tower on March 28. These students spent time learning about careers in computer science and the important role their work plays in the mission of the District.

Mark Hoague, Engineering Division, hosted a job shadow student from Moline High School at the Clock Tower on March 29th. The purpose of the job shadow experience was for the student to learn more about his career at the Corps and the valuable work of civil engineers.

The Speakers Bureau is an outreach program where employees work to foster positive relations between the community and the Corps. Contact with our public provides an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of the District's role in our communities, the Midwest and the nation. District employees interested in Speakers Bureau opportunities should contact Justine Barati at 309-794-5204. 🏗️