

2017 Recycling Conference Continues the Success

We would like to thank everyone that attended the 2017 NYSAR³ Recycling Conference - the speakers, vendors, sponsors, award winners and attendees. We truly appreciate those that took the time to attend, present and exhibit; your participation is what makes it a great event.

The conference committee worked hard to produce an agenda that was timely and informative, with interesting and dynamic speakers to share their knowledge. There was a wide variety of sessions that hopefully covered topics you are interested in (if you didn't make the conference and would like to see the agenda, visit <http://www.nysar3.org/page/conference-agenda-42.html>).



Highlights from the conference, besides the sessions, included the movie “Bag It, Is Your Life Too Plastic?” which was a timely story about plastics. The Repair Café brought out the “handyperson” gene that is in most of us and got us jazzed to work harder on the second R - reuse. The Recycling Leadership awards, where Dave Lupinski brought us all to tears, was memorable. And, of course, there was the trip to Omegang Brewery.

We appreciate those that took the time to complete the evaluation survey and we have reviewed their comments. Here is what several attendees had to say:

“David Allaway's presentation was the highlight of the Conference.”
“I am glad we are making a real effort to con-



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nect the dots among materials management, the choices we make as consumers, and climate impacts.”

“The presentations were excellent, the trade show was diverse and the networking was fabulous!”

“The final speaker at the Repair Cafe session was EXCELLENT! He was inspiring and enthusiastic.”

We are making some changes for 2018 based on your comments. The biggest change is breakfast and lunches will be held in the hotel dining room; more choices and no worries of food running out. And we will get better descriptions of what speakers are talking about and get them posted on the website before the conference starts.

The 2017 presentations are on line at <http://www.nysar3.org/page/past-conference-presentations-14.html>, so check them out.

If you have any topics you would like to see presented in 2018, email us at conference@nysar3.org.

Save the date for 2018 – Nov. 6-8.

Note: November 6 is Election Day, so if you need to leave before the polls open, please remember to get an absentee ballot! It is an easy and painless process and the mid-term elections are important!

Thank you!
Debbie



Kayla Montanye introduces DEC Recycling Calendar winners during the awards luncheon.



2017 Recycling Leadership Award Winners (from the left): Alexander Lykins of Union College, Team Award; MJ Wilson, accepting for Anne Jaffee-Holmes, Citizen Award; Heather Coton, Private Sector Award; David Lupinski, Lifetime Achievement; Gary Feinland, Public Sector Award; and Kelli Timbrook, NYSAR³ President.



Gary Feinland, Public Sector award winner, poses inside a composter, one of the prize drawings at the conference.



NYSAR³ President Kelli Timbrook opens the Annual Membership meeting.



Some of the school-age winners of the DEC Recycling Calendar contest, who attended the luncheon and received their award in person. Their environmentally-themed drawing are displayed in the calendar.