

Larison honored at Water Quality session

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BINGHAMTON, March 20 -- Glenn Larison of Odessa was honored at the annual Water Quality Symposium sponsored by the New York State Conservation District Employees' Association recently in Binghamton.

Larison was presented with the prestigious New York State Director Award for his many contributions over 16 years as a Board member for the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District but also for his active participation on the New York State Association of Conservation Districts Board and for his numerous other community efforts.



As a county legislator, Larison represented Schuyler County on the Inter-County Association of Western New York that includes county leaders from 19 counties, and was its Vice President for many years, making sure that issues important to Schuyler County were brought up and presented to State and Federal officials. He regularly went to Albany and to elected officials' local offices to lobby for his constituents' concerns.

“Glenn has lived 10 lifetimes in one is the only way I can describe him, and his wonderful wife of five decades, Pat, has been right there to support and help him,” said Jerry Verrigni, Schuyler Soil and Water Manager. “He is involved in many local service groups, including the Lions Club, American Legion, Catholic Charities, and his local church, and he teaches defensive driving classes to senior citizens. But there are many more groups for whom he volunteers. Glenn is a leader with integrity; he listens to everyone, and he has been a cornerstone and foundation of our Soil and Water District. I am so pleased he has been recognized with this award.”

Verrigni commented that Larison has a number of sayings on his home office wall that encapsulate how he has lived his life. They include:

--"Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence." --"Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant. They too have their story."

Photo in text: Glenn and Pat Larison at the Conservation District Employees' Association Symposium where Glenn received the 2014 New York State Director Award. *(Photo provided)*