



What's On Tap?

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'Tis the Season for Giving Back

Giving back to the community is an important part of the Water Authority's corporate responsibility strategy. In 2021, the Authority and its staff have given back to the community in a variety of ways!

SPONSORSHIPS/DONATIONS

All donation requests received by the Authority must be considered by the Authority's Sponsorship Assessment Subcommittee. Sponsorship requests may be submitted online through the Authority's website by completing the helpful online form found under the "Giving Back" tab at the top of the homepage. Some of the Authority's recent donations include sponsorship for the Chamber of Commerce's Beach Clean-Up, Rotary Club's donation to the Honduras and St Vincent Relief efforts, CNCF's "Gimistory" and the FC International

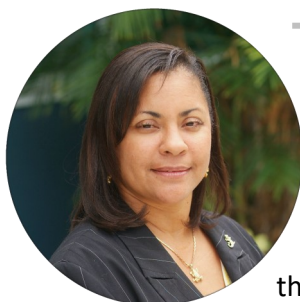
Youth Football Club.

STAFF DRESS DOWN DAYS

The Authority's staff routinely take part in dress down days to raise money for local charities. Some dress down days the Authority took part in include Honouring Women Month and Paint the Town Red for the Red Cross.

CHARITABLE RUNS & WALKS

The Authority's staff also participated in a variety of charitable athletic events during the year, often with the support of the Authority Board, which sponsors staff participation or matches staff donations.



Director's Message

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of the year. In this issue of "What's On Tap" we take the opportunity to look back on some of our achievements, including the success of the 30th Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition which you can learn more about on the next page.

We also look back at the various ways the Authority has contributed to our community in 2021.

As we look ahead to the upcoming holiday season, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful and safe Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year on behalf of the Water Authority Board, management and staff. If you are looking for a unique gift or a way to give back to the community, consider the Water Authority gift certificate which comes in a variety of denominations.

— Dr. Frederick-van Genderen

Welcome Home!

Kaled Giron

Congratulations to Kaled Giron for successfully completing his Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from Florida International University! Kaled was awarded the 2019 Water Authority-Cayman Scholarship and has worked with the Authority during his summer breaks since receiving the scholarship. Kaled Giron joined the Authority full-time on 1 September 2021 as Applications & Network Support Specialist (Designate) in the Information Systems Department. We are proud of Kaled's accomplishments and are happy to have him back working with us full-time. We wish him the very best in his new job and a long and fulfilling career with the Water Authority!



OUR COMMITMENT to you...

The Water Authority was established in 1983 as a statutory body responsible for supplying pure, wholesome and affordable drinking water to the people of the Cayman Islands.

The Authority is also responsible for the proper treatment of wastewater and for the protection of the fresh groundwater lenses that exist throughout the Cayman Islands.

KNOWLEDGE ZONE

GIVE THE GIFT OF WATER

The season of giving is upon us! For those looking for a practical way to give back to the community, Water Authority gift certificates are a great and unique option to support local charities or persons in need.

Water Authority gift certificates are available in denominations of CI\$10, CI\$25, CI\$50 and CI\$100.

Valid for one year from the date of purchase, the gift certificates are redeemable towards the payment of Water Authority water and/or sewage bills.

You can purchase Water Authority gift certificates directly from the Authority's offices in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.



HR Briefs

Welcome:

- **Eric Jackson**
Heavy Equipment Operator
- **Kaled Giron**
(former scholarship recipient)
Applications & Network Support
Specialist (Designate)
- **Andy Blake, Sr.**
Accounts Officer

Staff Appointments:

- **Anteney McLaughlin**
Assistant Operator-NW (CYB)
- **Tafari Young**
Assistant Operator-NW (CYB)
- **James Dixon Jr.**
Assistant Operator-NW

CWWA Conference a Success

Water Authority-Cayman served as host of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association's (CWWA) 30th Annual Conference and Exhibition. The conference, which took place 1-8 October 2021, began with a pre-conference workshop, followed by a week of technical presentations, special sessions, and special ceremonies, including the celebration of the CWWA's 30th Anniversary. This was followed by two High-Level Forums, with Caribbean Ministers responsible for water and solid waste the two weeks following the conference. Due to the pandemic, the proceedings were virtual.

The international conference targets everyone in the Caribbean involved in the production, treatment and supply of drinking water, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal and solid waste management.

The Water Authority organised the event over the last 11 months, with support from Cayman Water Company and the Department of Environmental Health of the Cayman Islands.

Work on the conference began in late 2020 with the creation of the conference theme and logo. The logo was designed by the Water Authority's Laboratory Technologist JD Banks. It featured a turtle to represent the Cayman Islands. Its colour

palette was pulled from colours associated with the various industries represented by CWWA (blue for water, grey for wastewater, and green for solid waste).

In the following months, the Local Organising Committee did a lot of work to organise and manage the production of the conference, including creating communication plans, managing conference registrations, developing engaging sessions, securing sponsors and exhibitors and producing videos.

A group of four oversaw the technical run of the show the week of the conference, with guidance from Cayman Spaces.

"We experienced a successful event, which happened due to the hard work, effort, and creativity of everyone involved. I want to express my sincere thanks and admiration for the team who worked tirelessly to pull off the conference as a virtual event," comments Dr Gelia Frederick van-Genderen Director of the Water Authority and Chair of the Local Organising Committee.

Of the nineteen technical presentations given at the conference, six were from the Cayman Islands—five of those being Water Authority staff members. The Cayman Islands was further represented at the Special Sessions with representatives from

Hazard Management Cayman Islands, CUC, Cayman Water, the Department of Environment and the Department of Environmental Health serving as panellists and moderators.

Two employees of the Water Authority were awarded the CWWA's Gold Award, which honours stalwarts of the water and wastewater industry. Tom van Zanten, Deputy Director of the Water Authority, was honoured for his 37 years of service. Walt Watler was posthumously awarded for his invaluable service to the development of the water infrastructure in the Cayman Islands. Bernard Etinoffe of Dominica was the third recipient of the Gold Award.

The Honourable Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, Minister with responsibility for the Water Authority, provided the welcome remarks and Honourable Wayne Panton, Premier, gave the keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony. Honourable O'Connor Connolly and Honourable Sabrina Turner, Minister with responsibility for Solid Waste gave addresses at their respective High-Level Forums for Caribbean Ministers.

The 31st Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition will take place in Cuba in 2022.

