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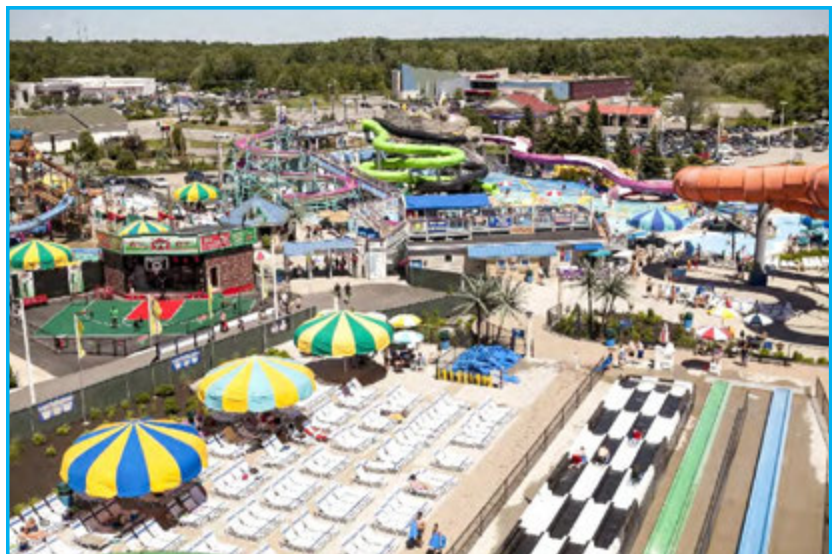
2018 Summer Meeting Edition

NEAAPA Newsletter

Welcome To NEAAPA's Summer Meeting At Funtown Splashtown

Happy Summer and welcome to Saco, Maine, home to our hosts here at Funtown Splashtown. I believe we will all realize by the end of the day why this family park is ranked number one of fun things to do in the area.

Here we are at another great event put on by our association. It seems like yesterday that we were snowbound at the Mystic Hilton this past March. Everyone including staff, board members and volunteers from



Welcome to Funtown Splashtown for the summer meeting.

NEAAPA, IAAPA and NAARSO put on a successful ground-breaking event despite the snowy weather. This was proof that our association is moving forward with new ideas and opportunities for our members.

Opportunities that help each of us grow our businesses with networking, educational seminars and up to the minute news about changes that affect our industry. A few years back while attending the IAAPA Expo someone asked about NEAAPA said that I could put it simply with, "We are a smaller association that accomplishes big things."

This past April NEAAPA also had representation at the IAAPA Advocacy event in Washington. We are grateful to have members who attend on behalf of NEAAPA working to keep us up-to-date of legislative issues that can affect our industry especially in New
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Beard Named To Posts With IRT



Erik Beard

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Erik Beard, a member of the New England Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (NEAAPA) Board of Directors, has been named as a managing member/consultant and general counsel with International Ride Training (IRT), LLC, here.

IRT is a leading provider of comprehensive ride operations safety services training and ride operator certification.

In addition to supporting IRT's International Ride Operator Certification and Auditing programs and directing the legal needs of the company, Erik brings a wealth of knowledge in risk management and compliance issues.

A 25-year industry veteran and an attorney in private practice for the past 13 years, Erik has advised clients in the attractions industry on policy development, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) compliance, state legislative and regulatory issues, and ADA compliance, among many other issues.

He is a nationally-recognized expert in the applicability of the Americans With Disabilities Act to the attractions industry and is the creator of the ADA FAQ program – a first of its kind ADA compliance training program aimed specifically at front line employees.

Erik is also experienced in crisis preparation, incident investigation, and post-incident response, having represented clients in a number of cases arising from aviation accidents and well-publicized incidents in the attractions industry.

With Erik's addition to IRT, IRT is even better positioned to offer comprehensive ride operations training, policy development, risk management, and incident support to its clients.

"We are delighted to welcome Erik to IRT as both a managing member and general counsel," said Cindee Huddy, IRT, LLC managing member. "His significant operational experience coupled with his legal expertise is a perfect fit for the needs of IRT's clients and is critical to strengthening IRT's commitment to setting the gold standard for operational safety standards, training, certifications, and client support around the world." Patty Beazley, IRT, LLC managing member added, "Erik has taught at our International Ride Operator Certification Safety school for the last four years and always receives accolades for his first-hand knowledge."

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England. We are fortunate to have legal professionals who sit on our board and committees keeping their finger on the pulse year-round.

Many thanks to Matt Heller and the education committee that brought us another excellent leadership training session this spring. Special thanks to Canobie Lake Park and Six Flags New England for hosting the annual education session. This year was the first year that we offered the program in two New England locations as NEAAPA looks to make it easier for members to attend programs closer to home.

For those of you who are attending the Summer Meeting for the umpteenth time welcome back, your support is always appreciated. To those of you attending perhaps for the first time we welcome you to take advantage of this wonderful day and meet other members and officers who are here to help make you feel like you have been part of the NEAAPA family for many years.

We look forward to seeing everyone before you know it in Orlando and hope that everyone has a safe and prosperous season. Again, many thanks to the folks at Funtown Splashtown for your hospitality and great times ahead. Also, a tremendous thank you to our generous sponsors who make events like these possible.

Dorothy Lewis, NEAAPA president

More Than 100 Weather Storm To Attend NEAAPA's Annual Meeting In Connecticut

MYSTIC, Conn. – More than 100 persons weathered the storm to attend the New England Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions' (NEAAPA) 105th Anniversary Education Conference & Annual Meeting March 12-16 at the Hilton Mystic hotel here.

Due to the third "nor'easter" to strike New England in March, around 30 registered for the event were not able to attend as heavy snow and wind swept in to the region, making travel difficult.

Despite the wintry blast, organizers were pleased with the outcome as 130 were on hand for NEAAPA's annual dinner meeting Tuesday evening.

Highlight of the gala event was the induction of George Frantzis II into the NEAAPA Hall of Fame. An owner of Quassy Amusement & Waterpark, Middlebury, Conn., Frantzis was the third member of his family to go into the prestigious hall. He served as NEAAPA president in 1998 and '99.

Ride Safety Training

The conference kicked off on Monday, March 12, with a five-day National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO) outreach safety school and testing session with 58 in attendance.

Many of those taking part were state inspectors in New England as well as some individual NEAAPA members who inspect and maintain their own rides and others who inspect facilities nationwide.



George Frantzis II accepts NEAAPA Hall Of Fame plaque from association president Dorothy Lewis.



IAAPA's Erika Scheffer addressed networking event.

The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) hosted a regional networking event Monday afternoon which summarized a variety of legislative issues and related updates.

Speakers were Erika Scheffer, IAAPA's director, state advocacy, and Erik Beard, a member of IAAPA's Government Relations Committee. Beard is also on NEAAPA's Board of Directors and with the law firm of Wiggins and Dana, LLP, of Hartford, Conn.

IAAPA board member Rob Norris of Seabreeze Amusement Park, Rochester, N.Y., was also in attendance.

A reception and dinner for all conference attendees, sponsored by IAAPA, concluded Monday.

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Energetic Keynote Speaker

Keynote speaker for NEAAPA's education sessions was Louie Gravance, who spoke before a capacity audience Tuesday morning.

He developed training and orientation programs at The Walt Disney Co. in Orlando, Fla., and, prior to moving to Florida, had an acting career, appearing in dozens of television commercials and other projects. Today he is a consultant and speaker through his firm, Louie Gravance Creative Concepts.

His main theme of "Great Service Serves the Server First!" was an ideal fit before the many parks and attractions operators present.

An energetic Gravance tapped in the audience for assistance during the 90-minute, fast-paced session that touched on a variety of customer service topics.

The morning ended with a roundtable session related to revenue generating topics. Moderators were Dave Oberlander, senior vice president of Centerplate, Mashpee, Mass., and Cindy Brewer-Lavoie, owner of Southwick's Zoo, Mendon, Mass.

Vendor Showcase

An afternoon vendor showcase was presented in one of the large conference rooms and facilitated by Kevin Estrela, region manager for Dippin' Dots, LLC.



Louie Gravance was keynote speaker.



Vendor showcase at NEAAPA's annual meeting. (NEAAPA photos)

More than a dozen member tables were set up for displays and Estrela introduced individual speakers after association members had made their rounds.

Speakers included NEAAPA member suppliers Windish Music and Productions, S&S-Sansei Technologies, Premier Rides, Naughton Insurance, FetchRev and Dippin' Dots.

The final seminar of the day was Crisis Management – Incident Response and Communication. Speakers were Steve McPherson, security and emergency medical services, Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H.; Chris Nicoli, brand manager, Canobie Lake Park; and Todd McGhee, managing partner of Protecting the Homeland Innovations, LLC,

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Bill Cormier (photo on left), Funtown Splashtown USA, Saco, Maine, received the Alan E. Ramsay Safety Award from NEAAPA President Dorothy Lewis. Chris Nicoli, Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H., received the President's Award from Lewis. (NEAAPA photos)

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Braintree, Mass.

Dinner And Awards

NEAAPA kicked off Tuesday evening activities with a 6 p.m. reception in which all program attendees were invited to attend.

The organization's annual dinner meeting followed with a brief business agenda to accept the slate of officers for 2019 as well as the secretary, finance committee and nomination committee reports. President Dorothy Lewis also provided a brief report.

Awards presented by Lewis during the evening gala were:

Alan E. Ramsay Safety Award: Bill Cormier, Funtown Splashtown USA, Saco, Maine

Paragon Award (excellence in graphic promotion): Dippin' Dots, LLC, Paducah, Ky.

Pinnacle Award (excellence in customer service): Rachel Morrissey, Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H.

Meritorious Service Award: John Winkler, Six Flags New England, Agawam, Mass.

President's Award: Chris Nicoli, Canobie Lake Park

The 2019 NEAAPA officers are: President Dorothy Lewis, Fun Station Entertainment Group, Danbury, Conn.; First Vice President Eric Anderson, Quassy Amusement & Waterpark; Second Vice President Dave Oberlander, Centerplate; and Treasurer Charlene Conway, Carousel Family Fun Center, Fairhaven, Mass.

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Kevin Estrella of Dippin' Dots accepted the Paragon Award for graphic promotion from President Lewis.

What's New At Member Facilities



New additions to Castaway Island at Canobie Lake Park , Salem, N.H., are rapidly taking shape in this photo from June. The new water attractions will open this summer. (Canobie Lake Park photo)

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In addition, Lewis recognized past presidents with those in attendance asked to stand. Membership Milestone Awards – ranging from 10 to 75 years - were presented to numerous members in recognition of their continued support of NEAAPA.

Meeting Sponsors

The following members sponsored the conference and meeting: Allied Specialty Insurance, Inc., Treasure Island, Fla.; Premier Rides, Baltimore, Md.; Dippin' Dots, LLC; S&S – Sansei Technologies, Logan, Utah; Naughton Insurance, Providence, R.I.; FetchRev, Tempe, Ariz.; Carousel Family Fun Centers, Fairhaven, Mass.; Windish Music and Productions, West Chester, Pa.; IAAPA, Orlando, Fla.; Rhode Island Novelty, Fall River, Mass.; Daly Cavanaugh, LLP, Wellesley, Mass.; Edaville Family Theme Park, Carver, Mass.; Whitewater West Industries, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada; nxt capture, Orlando, Fla.; North American Amusement, Weymouth, Mass.; High Mountain Enterprises, White Plains, N.Y.; Xpress-posts.com, Danbury, Conn.; CLM Entertainment Group, LLC, Woonsocket, R.I.; Bass Resort Sales, Mansfield, Mass.

Waterslides, thrill rides and a rainforest.

Those are some of the new attractions waiting to entertain guests this summer at New England Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (NEAAPA) member facilities.

Here's a roundup report of what's new:

Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H. - Castaway Island at Canobie Lake Park will see the addition of a 370,000-gallon lazy river complete with tidal waves, a zero entry wave pool river entrance, a 60-foot tower with three water-slides, restaurant, tiki bar, children's splashpool, 11 cabanas, restroom/changing facilities and

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maintenance/support buildings.

These new areas of Castaway Island will complement the existing WhiteWater West "Rain Fortress," which opened in 2005 featuring nine waterslides and more than 180 ways to get wet.

"We are extremely excited for this major growth forward," says Chris Nicoli, Canobie Lake Park's brand manager. "The development of this waterpark is a passion project for all of us on the Canobie team as water has been one of the most requested additions to our attractions mix. The resort feel of this new area was specifically designed to transport our guests to a tropical experience while still being close to home. Construction has progressed well despite the harsh winter weather we saw here in Southern New Hampshire earlier this year."

As of mid-June, the River Slides have been installed, the Tidal River is being finalized, the support buildings are being furnished, the concrete is being poured and the palm trees and cabanas are starting to go up. Although an exact opening date for Castaway Island has not yet been announced, updates are regularly made on www.canobie.com.

Six Flags New England, Agawam, Mass. — Six Flags New England, the Thrill Capital of New England, in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products on behalf of DC Entertainment, has launched its newest attraction, HARLEY



HARLEY QUINN Spinsanity (center) takes guests high above Six Flags New England. (Six Flags photo)

sanity is an extreme pendulum ride that swings guests back and forth, higher and higher, at up to 70 mph on a dizzying journey that will leave riders feeling as wild and out of control as Harley Quinn herself.

As guests swing higher and higher, they experience a feeling of weightlessness at 147 feet in the air before plunging down from 15 stories.



New cabanas at Canobie Lake Park project.

attribution, HARLEY QUINN Spinsanity. Inspired by the iconic DC super-villain, this ride delivers epic thrills each time guests experience this villainous, new addition. "Innovation is part of the Six Flags DNA and we are proud to deliver new, groundbreaking attractions every season at Six Flags New England," said park President Pete Carmichael. "This unique, high-adrenaline attraction will amaze thrill-seekers of all ages and is the perfect addition to our new Gotham City section."

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Quassy Amusement & Waterpark, Middlebury, Conn. — Celebrating its 110th anniversary season, Quassy introduced the single largest investment in the park's history with the unveiling of Category 5 Rapids—Extreme Waterslides.

The three-slide complex opened on schedule Memorial Day weekend in Splash Away Bay waterpark and brings to 15 the number of waterslides in the park.

With more than 1,000 feet of twisting, plunging action, Category 5 Rapids is the fourth addition to Quassy's waterpark since it was introduced in 2003.

"Our guests are really enjoying Category 5 as each slide offers a different experience," said Quassy's Eric Anderson. "The addition has also helped dramatically on busy days as larger crowds are now spread out more evenly throughout the waterpark and Quassy Beach."

Quassy also built a new food and beverage structure overlooking Lake Quassapaug in the beach/waterpark. Splash Away Bay Café serves a variety of summer fare and also has an open-air covered deck for seating.

The park also refurbished its popular Yo-Yo swing ride during the off-season, adding a state-of-the-art LED (light emitting diode) lighting system.

For more information visit www.quassy.com.

Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, R.I. — This summer Roger Williams Park Zoo will open its long-awaited Faces of the Rainforest exhibit, a completely immersive experience for every guest from the time they enter the building until the moment they leave the yard of the new area.

At first glance, the 9,820-square-foot structure with the lavish flora and splendid fauna, indigenous to the Amazon Rainforest, will awe visitors. Upon closer inspection, guests will

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Let The Rapids Roar

Quassy Amusement & Waterpark held an official grand opening May 26 for its new Category 5 Rapids – Extreme Waterslides. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Middlebury, Conn., property were (from the left): Quassy lifeguard Maddie Jensen, State Sen. Eric Berthel, (R) 32nd District, Quassy owners Eric Anderson, George Frantzis II and Catherine Frantzis; David Krechevsky, Waterbury Regional Chamber public policy and economic development director, and Quassy lifeguard Margot Gaggini. (Quassy photo)



One of the first riders on Quassy's Category 5 Rapids emerges from one of three new raft rides. (Quassy photo)



Rendering of Faces of the Rainforest coming to Roger Williams Park Zoo. (Submitted photo)

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view photos of the men, women, and children who live in the South American Rainforests. However, as visitors leave the building the faces they will see will be their own image reflecting back in a large mirror honing the message that we are ALL Faces of the Rainforest.

Faces of the Rainforest is creating an atmosphere that comes alive. Guests do not just walk through a building instead, they will witness an open concept and technological advancements.

The visitor experience is like no other in New England with a free flying aviary, water slide for giant otters, a variety of primates, an array of marine life, interesting amphibians, and engaging reptiles. For more information visit

www.rwpzoo.org.

Palace Playland, Old Orchard Beach, Maine — Sea Viper is the new steel roller coaster at Palace Playland this season.

The beachfront property features more than two dozens rides as well as other attractions. For more information visit

www.palaceplayland.com.



Sea Viper is the new coaster at Palace Playland. (Submitted photo)

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New Coaster By Premier Rides

SeaWorld San Diego, Calif., has a new coaster from NEAAPA member supplier Premier Rides, Inc., of Baltimore, Md.

Electric Eel is a Sky Rocket II model featuring a multi-launch and numerous inversions in a unique shuttle design. It's 150 feet tall and hits more than 60 mph.

Allied Celebrates 35 Years

TREASURE ISLAND, Fla. — Allied Specialty Insurance, Inc., an XL Group company, is marking 35 years of insuring the entertainment industry.

According to Mary Chris Smith, chairman and president of Allied Specialty Insurance, Inc.: "Allied was created and continues to be operated by children of the carnival industry. We all grew up in this industry. Having lived it, we have a genuine appreciation of it and a deep-rooted understanding of the risks that entertainment operators face every day."

Founded by Paul 'Duke' Smith and his son, David Smith, in 1983, Allied brings a unique background and intimate experience in the carnival industry to help current operators address their risk management and insurance needs. The company was purchased in 2016 by XL Group Ltd.



S&S Coaster In China

LOGAN, Utah – S&S Worldwide, Inc., has announced it will build and install an Air Launch Coaster for Changsha Window of the World in China.

The coaster will be more than 2,700 feet in length and launch as a maximum speed of 62 mph. It will also be the first launch coaster by S&S to have inversions. The attraction is set to open the beginning of 2019.



S&S WORLDWIDE
Engineering Excitement



Ride Entertainment Is Busy

BALTIMORE - Ride Entertainment Systems here reported a number of new ride installations for the 2018 season.

Among them is a Gerstlauer Euro-Fighter 320 (shown above) at Oaks Park, Portland, Ore.

Other projects include:

Darien Lake Park, Darien Center, N.Y., Gerstlauer Euro-Fighter 380; Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif., Gerstlauer Infinity Coaster; Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, Calif., Skyline Attractions Skywarp; Vue At 360, Orlando, Fla., StarFlyer from Funtime Industries.

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ADG Names Quay To Post

COHOES, N.Y. — Aquatic Development Group (ADG), designers and builders of waterparks and recreational waterpark attractions, has named Bruce Quay as chief operation officer.

Bruce has been leading and growing businesses in the manufacturing, distribution, and commercial services sectors for more than 30 years, working with such companies as GE and Cookson Group PLC, and as president and owner of companies within the aquatic sector.



Bruce Quay

RWS Helps Throw Party

NEW YORK — RWS Entertainment Group (RWS), a New York City based full-service production company that creates award-winning custom entertainment, live events, and branded experiences worldwide, cast and produced "Club Eternity" with TransWorld.

The multi-tiered cabaret event was part of

TransWorld's 2018 Halloween & Attractions Show that took place at Paddy O's in St. Louis — a close walk from the Convention Center.

TransWorld teamed up

with RWS to throw the party in celebration of TransWorld's 10th anniversary in St. Louis. Attendees got to experience a wide variety of activations, performances and indulge in free food at the event.

RWS set up and produced activations throughout the event and provided specialty performers to enhance the guest experience.

RWS took the "outside of the haunt" experience that major haunted houses are now engaging in with their guests and applying it to "Club Eternity" to provide a unique experience for each attendee. The event allowed attendees to choose their own experience with a multi-tiered cabaret.



ESE Manager Honored

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.— Elena Hovagimian Shannon, of Hampden, Mass., was recently honored with the Certified Fair Executive (CFE) designation from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE).

This international achievement is the culmination of 20 years of participation in IAFE events in relation to her position, first as agriculture and education coordinator and, since 2017, agriculture and technology manager, at Eastern States Exposition (ESE) here.



**Elena Hovagimian
Shannon**

She has served on several committees, led numerous workshops and organized events at the IAFE's annual convention, held in Las Vegas, since 2014. She was the website and technology committee chair at the 2017 convention as well as a representative and member of the Young Professionals International and Agriculture committees. She is a 2015 graduate of the IAFE's Institute of Fair Management.

One of eight recipients in 2018, she was honored at the 2018 IAFE Management Conference held in Minneapolis, Minn.

"It has been a long time since I first looked at the CFE criteria/application, never dreaming of being able to put those three letters behind my name," Shannon said.

We Apologize

To all NEAAPA members:

We apologize for the errors in the 2018 Annual Meeting Edition of *New England News*. Due to conflicting formatting when the publication went to press, a number of pages fell out of alignment, which resulted in confusing story continuations as well as some articles being cut off prior to their conclusion. We appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to bring you one of the most comprehensive newsletters in the industry.

Surprise Reunion For Military Family

AGAWAM, Mass. — Six Flags New England pulled off the ultimate surprise as the park reunited a military dad serving in Afghanistan with his family.

Sgt. Michael Clark was separated from his Bolton, Conn., family for almost a year while serving overseas.

This was Sgt. Clark's fifth deployment in Afghanistan and his two young children Hailey, 6, and Logan, 8, originally thought they were coming to the park with their mom this spring for a day of rides and entertainment.

The reunion was a complete surprise as the kids were not expecting to see their dad for several months, but Sgt. Clark was granted early leave.

His wife, Rachel, assisted with coordinating the efforts to surprise their kids at the Thrill Capital of New England. After 18 years of service, Sgt. Clark hopes this will be his last deployment of his military career.



Surprise Reunion

Sgt. Michael Clark (right) is hugged by his children as his wife, Rachel, looks on during a surprise reunion at Six Flags New England. (Six Flags photo)

Six Flags Reports Another Record Year

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas—Six Flags Entertainment Corporation (NYSE: SIX), the world's largest regional theme park company, announced that 2017 represented its eighth consecutive year of record financial performance as revenue grew \$40 million or 3 percent to \$1.4 billion.



The full-year revenue growth resulted primarily from the success of the company's pricing strategy and international licensing program, as well as an increase in the number of guests visiting Six Flags parks.

Attendance at Six Flags properties in 2017 grew by 1 percent or 0.3 million to 30.4 million guests, driven by the opening of two new waterparks and the continued success of selling season passes and memberships, whose holders accounted for 63 percent of total visitation.

"I am very proud that we have achieved our eighth consecutive year of record performance in the face of unprecedented natural events," said Jim Reid-Anderson, chairman, president and CEO. "With our growing Active Pass Base, ongoing price increases, higher penetration of culinary programs, and new international licensing agreements and waterparks, we are very well-positioned to deliver another record year in 2018. We are laser-focused on overachieving \$600 million of Modified EBITDA in 2018 and continue to work toward our long-term aspirational goal of \$750 million of Modified EBITDA by 2020."

ESE Wins 18 Awards At IAFE Convention



WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.— Eastern States Exposition (ESE) garnered 18 awards and honors at the 2017 International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) annual convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada..

Among the awards were nine Hall of Honor Communications, seven Agriculture and two Competitive Exhibits awards.

The ESE Marketing Department's Hall of Honor Communications

Awards included first place wins for best mobile app, best black-and-white newspaper ad, best promotional advertising poster and best promotional outdoor advertising.

The 2017 Big E marketing campaign was honored for its blend of social media and traditional media and presence of Chick-E, the whimsical animated ambassador for The Big E, introduced that year. The department received second place awards for stand out website and web advertisement as well as Best Overall Marketing Campaign. Third place awards were also won in the television and brochure/flyer categories.

The ESE Agriculture and Education department earned seven awards, including first place for best agriculture programs video, which introduced visitors to the "sheep to shawl" natural fiber initiative.

The department received four second place and two third place honors for exhibitor programs, use of innovative technology, program area design and agriculture program participation and promotion.

The department also took home two competitive exhibit awards, including first place for vintage Big E souvenir wagons refurbished into mobile displays for New England Center craft contest winners, and third place for the new "Make It With Clay" pottery contest for children and adults.

Each year, the Agriculture and Marketing departments submit entries to be judged in the awards competitions and a delegation from The Big E attends the international convention. Nearly 100 fairs from across North America vied for awards in categories across five divisions. The Eastern States Exposition was juried alongside eight fairs in the division for fairs with attendance more than one million. Entries are evaluated by a team of industry leaders selected from the membership of International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

Read All About It!

Amara Falotico arranges copies of Quassy Amusement & Waterpark's Commemorative 110th Anniversary Magazine in display racks in the main office at the Middlebury, Conn., property.

The publication, which chronicles much of the history as well as recent updates at the family-owned park, is available to guests free of charge and those picking up a magazine may also make a donation (acrylic boxes shown) to Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Fla. Give Kids The World Village is an 84-acre, nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Quassy has long supported Give Kids The World Village and its outreach initiatives.

The park has also set up an online service to have magazines mailed to those who would like to receive a copy. Use promo code MAGAZINE on the ticket purchase page at www.quassy.com for that service.



Quassy photo

The Big E Announces Court Of Honor Slate



WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.— Blessid Union of Souls, Morris Day & the Time, Max Creek, Grandmaster Flash, NRBQ and Jefferson Starship join the lineup of musicians who will be taking the stage at The Big E this September.

All shows take place on the Court of Honor Stage and are free with gate admission. Advance discount tickets to The Big E, taking place Sept. 14-30, are on sale now at TheBigE.com and The Big E Box Office.

Blessid Union of Souls, Sept. 14-16, 3 p.m.

Their meteoric rise in the 1990s on radio garnered Blessid Union of Souls, an American Alternative Rock band, a dedicated fan



base. The group has amassed a #1 hit album, *Home* – which included “I Believe,” a trio of top tens, five top 20 tunes and seven songs to hit the Top 40. They are a quintessential family-friendly band, their musicianship is world class and their music is fun and uplifting.

Morris Day & The Time, Sept. 16, 8 p.m.

Morris Day’s musical career began in high school when he formed a band with the late, iconic Prince, and Andre Cymone, called Grand Central, later renamed Shampayne. They soon parted ways and Day formed The Time, best known for hits “Jungle Love” and “The Bird.” His involvement in the industry soon included acting roles on television and in movies.

Max Creek, Sept. 21, 8 p.m.

Max Creek has been rockin’ for more than 40 years and you’d be hard pressed to find a music fan in the Northeast that hasn’t heard of them. Their style is eclectic – a mix of Rock, Country, Reggae, Soul, Jazz and Calypso. They are known for their intense improvised jams and live shows, often lasting three hours or more.

Grandmaster Flash, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.

Legendary Hip Hop artist, Grandmaster Flash brings his backspinning, punch phrasing and scratching talents, to the Court of Honor Stage in a live DJ set. This pioneer and creator of the Quick Mix was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2007, a first in the genre to be honored.

NRBQ, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.

“NRBQ” stands for New Rhythm and Blues Quartet. The band’s music, a rollicking blend of everything from stomping rockabilly to Beatles-influenced pop to Thelonious Monk-inspired jazz, has attracted a diverse roster of fans. You know the band, and the songs, and we all know it’ll be party time when NRBQ takes the Court of Honor Stage. After 50 years in the business, they show no signs of slowing down.

Jefferson Starship, Sept. 28-30, 3 p.m.

Jefferson Starship, between 1974 and 1984, released eight gold and platinum albums, twenty hit singles, sold out concerts worldwide and lived out legendary Rock and Roll escapades. The band remains dedicated to breathing new life into the catalog of the Jeffersonian legacy.

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