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PREIN&NEWHOF PRESIDENT HONORED FOR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

Tom Newhof, P.E., receives prestigious award at the University of Michigan's Borchardt Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS, April 10, 2008. P&N President Thomas Newhof, P.E., was recently honored at the Borchardt Conference, a national seminar on water and wastewater technologies, for his dedication to educating other professionals.

Tom received the Jack A. Borchardt Award in recognition of his "contributions toward the continuing education of drinking water and clean water operators, engineers and public officials." He was selected by representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the University of Michigan College of Engineering, the American Water Works Association, and the Michigan Water Environment Association. Tom is the tenth recipient of the Borchardt Award since it was established in 1983.

Tom works to reach civil leaders, citizens, and industry professionals with information about important water and wastewater issues. He is:

- An advocate for practical, sustainable groundwater use. Tom is a member of the Governor's Michigan Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council, and he frequently speaks on groundwater use at seminars for engineering, civic, and legal professionals.
- An advocate for research into the affects of pharmaceuticals and other chemicals in drinking water. In 1999, Tom co-founded the Global Enterprise for Water Technology, a non-profit organization that hoped to transform the former Monroe Avenue Water Plant into a research facility for new water treatment technologies.
- An advocate for new membrane filter technologies for water and wastewater treatment: the filter technology applied in the PARCC Side Clean Water Plant, being designed by Prein&Newhof to serve communities north of Grand Rapids.

Tom's other contributions to education in his field include serving as:

- Member of Governor Granholm's Michigan Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council.
- Adjunct Professor at Calvin College and former Chair of the Engineering Advisory Council.
- Member of the Civil & Environmental Engineering Alumni Advisory Council at the University of Michigan.
- Former State Chair of the American Water Works Association, and former State President of the Water Environment Federation.
- Co-Founder and President of Prein&Newhof; at age 71, Tom continues to design and oversee projects and mentor younger engineers.

The Borchardt Conference, a two-day seminar on advancements in water and wastewater technologies, was held February 27-28, 2008, at the University of Michigan. It is held every 3 years, gathering engineers, scientists, and government agencies from across the country.

Both the conference and the award were named for former U of M professor Jack A. Borchardt. Tom Newhof was a student of Jack Borchardt's while obtaining his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil and Sanitary Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Celebrating nearly 40 years of operation, Prein&Newhof is a full-service civil engineering firm that employs over 100 full-time personnel including engineers, surveyors, drafters, geologists, chemists, communication specialists and support staff. In addition to its offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Byron Center, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, the firm also maintains its own environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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