

## **OHWA ANNUAL MEETING**

Seasons are swiftly changing and we are enjoying one of our beautiful signature Oregon Octobers. The OHWA Board hopes you are enjoying the cooler weather and looking forward to the holidays ahead. We also hope you are considering attending the upcoming OHWA Annual meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 7 pm at West Salem High School in the Titan Room. All members of the Association are welcome and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting to learn in person about activities of the past year, the budget forecast for 2018 and updates anticipated for the next year.

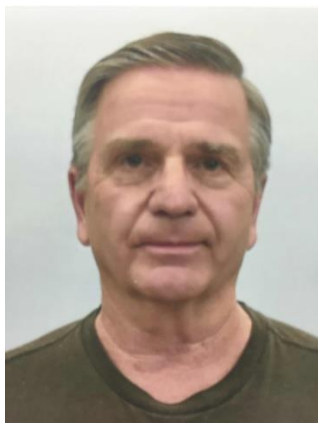
## **BACKFLOW TESTING UPDATE**

2017 marked the first year of implementing the updated cross-connection policy within the Association. This allowed the Association to contract for a group rate to perform the required testing on all backflow devices within the association and to bill a one-time fee for this service on each member's June billing statement. While there may have been some confusion on the part of a few members requiring them to cancel annual testing previously arranged, the Board is very pleased with the results. This is the first year we have achieved 100% compliance by our stated deadline of September 30 without having to track down missing reports or contact individuals who had neglected their testing. As a result, we feel we have saved time and money and will be able to submit the required report to the state agency in a timely fashion.

## **OHWA ONLINE PAYMENTS**

It has been tougher journey than expected, but the ability to pay online and set up automatic payments for your water bill will become active in the first part of November. The association's website, [ohwassn.com](http://ohwassn.com), also has the latest board meeting minutes, association bylaws and policies, and other relevant information to our community. Please check it out!

## **NEW BOARD MEMBER – CLIFFTON LEWIS**



Clifton is a native Oregonian who arrived in North Bend many years ago. Cliff has been attended numerous Oregon schools including the University of Oregon. He married his wife Patricia during his military service in Germany. They had known each other since high school and will celebrate fifty years of marriage in November. He enjoyed working in numerous endeavors including the military, stained glass installer, federal bank examiner, sales and finance for a family owned craft design business, numerous positions with the State of Oregon, and finally a brief stint in the world of computer consulting. Cliff is now retired, and he and his wife have lived in West Salem since 1976 and within the water association since 1989. They have a daughter Debra who lives and works in Salem. Debra is married to Ryan, a civil engineer. They have one daughter, Caelyn, who arrived in July of 2017, allowing Cliff and Patricia to add another career to their list of endeavors; grand-parenting.