

## Attendance awards given out to staff

Employees using 24 hours or less of sick leave in 2015 were honored with pizza parties to celebrate their good health and good attendance this week. The award recognizes exemplary attendance of year-round, certified, non-probationary staff.

Each recipient was presented with a certificate of outstanding attendance signed by Steve Schneider and the division manager.

Each division held its own celebration. Those being honored were:

### Administration

Bruce Berg

### Business

Vinny Bader  
Dean Bennett  
Al Benson  
Kim Block  
Coni Cassity

Connie Garrahy  
Jerry Ludden  
Gayle Moser  
Joe Tronson

### Distribution

Mike Bailey  
Pete Davis  
Brad Eilts  
Jeremey Kiecker  
Bob Launderville  
Mark Luzinski

Don Raway  
Mike Searson  
Kathy Travis  
Jeremy Wry  
Craig Landkamer  
Sandy Hernandez

### Engineering

Issac Afwerke  
Ramsey Coronado  
Ben Feldman  
Mollie Gagnelius  
Renee Huset

Bill McAllister  
Rich Rowland  
Paul Thurstin  
Tom Zangs

## Good attendance awarded



*Jon Beck, water utility worker, receives his good attendance award from Jim Bode, production division supervisor, at a pizza luncheon for production division staff in the Jim Haugen room in the treatment plant on March 23. Business, administration and engineering divisions held their pizza luncheon together in the north conference room on March 23 as well. Distribution held their own luncheon separately. The annual event recognizes employees who have used 24 hours or less of sick leave in the prior year.*

### Production

Ali Abdi  
Jim Bode  
Steve Brown  
Che Fei Chen  
Mark Cullen  
Steve Evanson  
Metric Giles  
Larry Healey  
Chuck Kavaloski

Larry Larsen  
Ben Lee  
Tristen Magdziarz  
Dan Salinas  
Steve Schoenecker  
Paul Scott  
Matt Stone  
Mike Walton  
Chad Wrightson

### Vadnais

Jon Beck  
Allison Bruhn  
Nathan Cassidy  
Corey Horvath

Mike Knutson  
Ron Reeves  
Dennis Splittstoesser  
Rick Svoboda

## CIS v. 4 training sessions held



*Employees who occasionally use CIS received training on the new version on March 23 in the Jim Haugen room. Derek Olson, customer service senior rep taught the class. Training continued on for more intensive, specialty users throughout the week of March 28-April 1. CIS version 3 was shut down on April 1 and CIS version 4 was scheduled to go live on Monday, April 4.*

## Do you still need to file your taxes?

### Free tax help is available

If you haven't started on your taxes and need a little help, free assistance is available at your local library from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Since the first week in February, four sites within the city library system have been hosting tax preparation sessions. They are the Central Library, Hayden Heights, Rondo, and Sun Ray. Only Sun Ray takes appointments. The rest are first come, first served. Times and dates vary and are listed on the library's website.

Appointments are available through the second week in April.

You will need to bring all necessary paperwork and taxes will be filed electronically.

To find out times, dates, locations, and a list of the paperwork you will need to bring with you, check out the library's website at <http://www.sppl.org/tax>

## Water for People concert date set for April 30

The Minnesota Section of the AWWA is hosting a benefit concert for Water for People on April 30.

Water for People assists four million people in nine countries get access to clean, safe water supplies and proper sanitation.

This year's concert features Big Bob and the High Rollers at the Bogarts Event Center at 14917 Garrett Avenue in Apple Valley.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10. There will be raffle tickets and a silent auction to raise money, as well.

For more information on Water for People and how you can be involved, go to [www.waterfor-people.org](http://www.waterfor-people.org).

Questions about the benefit concert, such as sponsoring opportunities, can be directed to Jim Hauth, chair, MN AWWA Water for People at 651-675-5216.

## Lead in drinking water information sessions held



*Jim Bode, production division manager, answers a question on how the water utility treats the water to reduce the chance of lead leaching into drinking water from home plumbing. The discussion was part of a talk Bode held on lead in drinking water. He held the talk once on Tuesday, March 29 in the cafeteria and again on Wednesday, March 30 in the Jim Haugen room.*