

Denver Water receives STI/SPFA's Steel Water Pipe Century Club award

Utility's Conduit 40 was installed in 1911

LAKE ZURICH, IL — June 13, 2013—Denver Water has received the Steel Water Pipe Century Club award from the Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association, in recognition of the reliability of Conduit 40, a 24-inch diameter steel pipe installed in 1911. A recognition plaque was presented to the Denver Board of Water Commissioners at Denver Water's board meeting on June 12.

"Our Steel Water Pipe Century Club award is presented to utility management whose steel water pipe or pipeline has been in continuous service in the water delivery infrastructure for more than 100 years," said Wayne Geyer, executive vice president of STI/SPFA.

"We're proud to receive this recognition for our Conduit 40," said John Bambei, chief of engineering for Denver Water. "This 2,500-foot section of water pipe was built in 1911, on Clarkson Street between Yale Avenue and Iliff Avenue. Like all infrastructure, this pipe has required some maintenance from time to time, but it has served us well the entire time it's been in service."

"The continuous water service provided by Conduit 40 demonstrates the strength and durability of steel for use in water infrastructure," said Ralph Carpenter, chairman of STI/SPFA's Steel Water Pipe Section. "With rising concern about the aging of infrastructure components across the nation, STI/SPFA's Century Club award recognizes utilities that have properly maintained their steel pipe components, resulting in 100 years or more of uninterrupted delivery of clean drinking water critical for sustaining communities, businesses and industries and, most importantly, for sustaining life."

Denver Water is Colorado's oldest and largest water utility, providing high-quality water and promoting its efficient use to 1.3 million people in the city of Denver and many surrounding suburbs. Established in 1918, the utility is a public agency funded by water rates and new tap fees, not taxes.

STI/SPFA is a trade association whose member companies fabricate steel tanks, steel water pipe and steel pressure vessels for use in the water, petroleum, food and chemical processing industries. The organization will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016.

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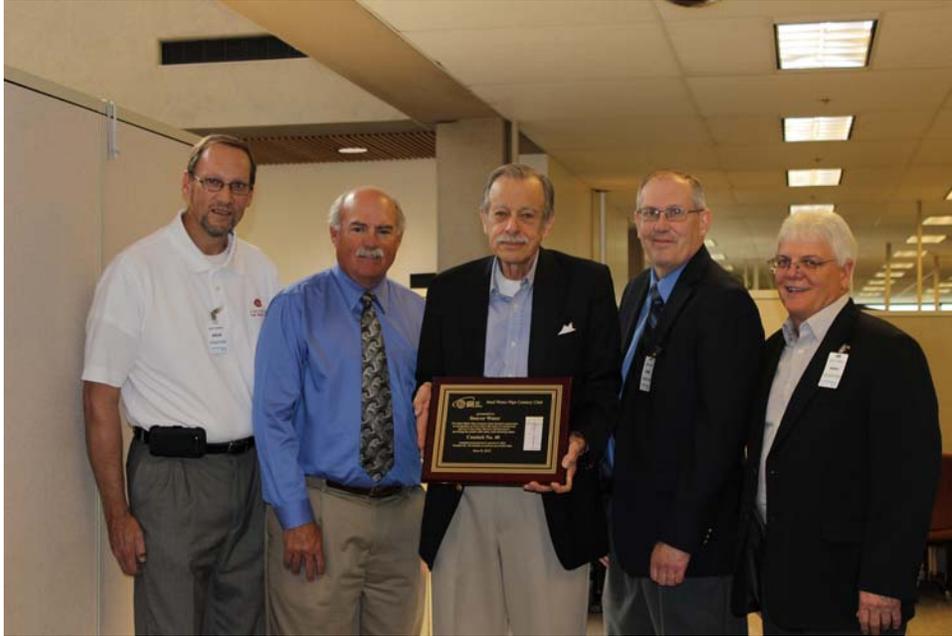


Photo cutline: Denver Water accepts the Steel Water Pipe Century Club award from the Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association in recognition of the reliability of Conduit 40, a 24-inch diameter steel pipe installed in 1911. Left to right: Ralph Carpenter, chairman of STI/SPFA Steel Water Pipe Section; John Bambei, Denver Water chief of engineering; Greg Austin, president of the Denver Board of Water Commissioners; Wayne Geyer, executive vice president STI/SPFA; Vic DeGrande, incoming chairman of STI/SPFA Steel Water Pipe Section.

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