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From: Keli Jackson **On Behalf Of** David LaFrance

Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:58 AM

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Importance: High

Dear AWWA Board of Directors:

Today is AWWA's birthday. We turn 137 years old.

Today, by being a member you are linked to all the AWWA water professionals of the past and importantly you are the beginning of AWWA's future.

Today is a great day to remind yourself about our beginnings by watching some of the [AWWA history video](#) and to also visualize the future we are creating.

As a reflection of the past, here is what AWWA and the rest of the world were doing a century ago:

AWWA:

- AWWA President (1917-1918) was Major Theodore A. Leisen, Michigan Section.
- ACE was held in St. Louis, MO.
- Robert Morse and Abel Wolman authored "The Practicability of Adapting Standards of Quality for Water Supplies."
- William Mullholland delivered the Owens River to Los Angeles via 238 miles of aqueduct.
- Denver Water was established (1918).

The rest of the world:

- March 19, 1918: The U.S. Congress established time zones and approved daylight savings time (DST went into effect on March 31).
- May 15, 1918: The United States Post Office Department (later renamed the United States Postal Service) began the first regular airmail service in the world (between New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, DC).
- June 8, 1918: The total solar eclipse crossed the United States from Washington State to Florida, (in 2017 we experienced this for the first time since 1918).
- September 1918: The Boston Red Sox won the World Series and during the seventh inning of the first game the Star Spangled Banner was played for the first time at a major league game.
- November 11, 1918: World War I was coming to an end.

My thanks to each of you for your part in creating our future and creating a better world through better water. I am confident that the 22 water leaders who formed AWWA 137 years ago today would be amazed and proud of what AWWA has become and where all of you are taking it.

Thanks for everything you do each day and... Happy Birthday AWWA.

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