

# 4th Quarter 2014 ISSUE

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Otis & Sherri having their picture taken with Santa at the Helping Strays Jingle Bell Walk. Bulldog was a proud sponsor and Sherri volunteered her time to help register attendants.



Sherri networking at the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber Holiday Party.



Presenting our senior driller John Gates with a check for \$500 toward his expenses for Hearts for Honduras. This is an annual mission trip that John organizes with his church to drill for water wells to supply clean drinking water and to spread the gospel. In the spirit of giving, BDI also chose to donate to The Salvation Army and The Alzheimer's Association.



# A Look From Within: Highlights of 2014



2014 has been an interesting year. As our industry puts it, we have seen “feast & famine” from a business point of view. Bulldog Drilling would not be where it is without the continued support of our clients. I would like to personally thank all of you for the support, both personally and professionally you showed me this year.

Business wise, 2014 started with a ‘bang’. The January weather with snow and ice made it a challenge to start the year. As projects continued in the spring and early summer, things started looking up. Then came August and early September and business came to a crawl! Fortunately our fourth quarter improved and we hope yours has been a good one as well.

The Geotechnical projects that we were involved with this past year included subdivision and private residence development, cell tower sightings, MSD investigations, light and heavy industrial designs, commercial facility improvements, mine investigations, CPT testing, packer testing, and work for IDOT and MODOT.

The Environmental projects this past year included Geoprobe investigations, monitoring well installations, recovery well installations, well repair tasks, emergency response drilling, ISCO injections, Thermal treatment system drilling, MIP testing, video logging, grouting, and work for IL-Lust Fund and MO-PSTIF projects.

A notable project that we are proud to have been involved with was a project with boreholes over 200 feet deep, miles of rock coring (and we mean over 5,280 feet), packer testing of various formations, multiple rigs and crews simultaneously, and all with very good client and agency oversight. The crews did tasks intermittently for six months throughout the year at this site.

Another project was completed with one of the most stringent safety programs in the country. Onsite training, complimented by facility oversight, made our crews “One of the best ( per the owner) he has seen in a long while.” Safety conformities ranged from inspections, modifications to SOP requirements, behavior-based observations and went as far as “wearing life vests on land, because we are close to water.”

Bulldog Drilling serviced over 142 firms, 500 project managers, and did over 200 projects. We were happy to meet a goal of 56% Geotechnical and 44% Environmental drilling services. We accomplished this work with our five rigs, the Marooka, a fleet of support vehicles, trailers, and equipment, but not the least, **our staff**. “To be the best, you have to surround yourself with the best.” We hope that all that have worked with our staff have enjoyed the quality and professionalism that makes our team great.

Now, with 2014 closing, and 2015 around the corner, we look forward to working with all of you again. We hope that the New Year brings prosperity for all and we wish everyone continued success.

**CRAIG MAXEINER**

# Otis' Corner



I love riding in the car with Craig, he let's me ride shotgun!!!



Otis has taken up a new hobby!! He has a bowling ball that he plays with in the front yard now.

*(finally a ball he can't tear to pieces!)*



**“Know yourself. Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.”**

**- Ann Landers**



**From the Bulldog Drilling Family, we would like to wish you and yours a Healthy & Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year. We are sincerely grateful to our staff and clients for a safe & successful 2014. We look forward to our 3rd year in business!!**



"We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand... and melting like a snowflake. Let us use it before it is too late."

-Marie Beynon Ray



**Thank you for taking the time to read the Bulldog Bulletin! We appreciate all your support and business.**



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- **Geotechnical and Environmental Drilling, Sampling, and Monitoring Wells**
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- **Licensed in four Midwestern states & New Jersey**
- **More than 40 Years of Experience**