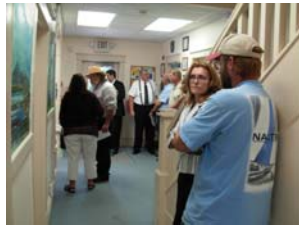
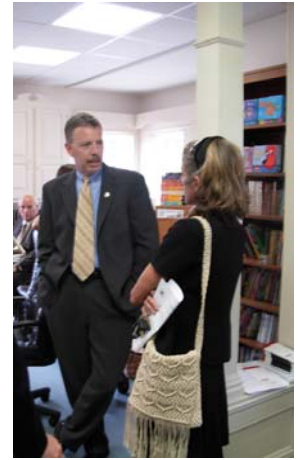


# 2008 PROFESSIONAL OPERATOR EXCELLENCE REGIONAL AWARD CEREMONY – Felton, DE



**EPA mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator, Donald S. Welsh with member of U.S. Representative, Mike Castle's staff**



**Above l-r: Commencement began with Vice Mayor, Joanne Clendaniel who introduced EPA RA, Donald S. Welsh. Following were acknowledgements from State Representative, William R. Outten, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Edward Hallock and Levy Court Commissioner, Harold Brode. The event was also attended by EPA's Delaware Program Manager for the Drinking Water Program, George Rizzo, local citizens and friends. The event was captured by the local media.**

**Bottom Center: EPA RA, Donald S. Welsh presents the Professional Operator Excellence Regional Award for the Small System Category to Mr. Ralph Hughes with wife, Deborah by his side.**

**Bottom far right: Vice Mayor, Clendaniel, DHSS, Ed Hallock, Mr. Hughes, State Rep., Outten and Rebecca Green, Town Manager.**





After the day's event, light refreshments and conversation were enjoyed by all those in attendance.



Mr. Hughes with Levy Court Commissioner, Harold Brode



Mr. Ralph Hughes with wife, Deborah



After the festivities Mr. Hughes sat down to an interview with a local reporter.