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Our Fall Conference with Vendor Show was held September 14 – 16 at the Highland Hotel in Great Bend. The meeting kicked off with a golf tournament at the Lyons Town & Country Club on Tuesday. Wednesday Skip Smith, President-Elect of ASHE addressed the approximate 77 attendees on current happenings in ASHE. Other topics that day included Earl Wilson and Bob Fitzpatrick of HMN Architects discussing CAH Planning, Bob McFarland of Pur-O-Zone on Low-Temp Laundry, and Nancy Larson on EPA. Bio-med attendees were given a hands-on lesson with HillRom automatic beds.

On Wednesday afternoon KHEA sponsored its 30th annual vendor show. A record 57 vendors celebrated with us this year. As a thank-you for their continued support of our organization, KHEA presented each participating vendor with a bottle of wine from the Smoky Hill Winery in Salina. Tracy Robinson, Past-



President, Norbert Flax, 2010 President, and Rod Wedel, President-Elect are seen here thanking Mark Akagi of Duro-Last Roofing for his company’s continued friendship and support of KHEA.

On Thursday, we had a visit from Amanda Yorkey of the Kansas State Fire Marshall’s office. Biomed staff wrapped up with Kim Leonard from Hospira and our entire conference

concluded with an inspirational message from Ward Foley, aka “Scarman”. Mr. Foley was born with a rare muscle disease, was severely burned in a deep fryer accident, and was almost killed by a drunk driver, but still didn’t let it get him down. His message was well-received by all those attending.

Our next conference will be held April 5 – 7, 2011 at the Ramada Inn in Salina. We hope that you can all join us there!



On October 7, 2010 an ASHE Region 8 conference was held in conjunction with the KCAHE annual Fall Extravaganza at the Overland Park Convention Center. Sessions centered on environmental training and resources. Guest speakers included Skanda Skandaverl, Director of Facilities Management and Construction at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and ASHE Region 8 Representative; John Madden, Nancy Larson with the Pollution Prevention Institute; Kai Abelkis, Sustainability Coordinator from Boulder Community Hospital; Dr. David Ben-Arieh, K-State Industrial Engineering Professor; Tim Adams, ASHE; Jim Callier, Resource Conservation and Pollution Prevention Section of EPA Region 7; Laura Brannen, Associate of Materials & Waste Management Strategies at M&NLB; Clark Reed, Director of the Healthcare Facilities Division for ENERGY STAR at EPA; and representatives from ASHE Region 8 hospitals participating in panel discussions. Approximately 100 hospital engineering staff participated in the conference.

60 vendors took part in the annual KCAHE Fall Extravaganza trade show and vendor fair. This venture proved to be a huge success with a variety of companies taking part. The day concluded with an evening of networking for both vendors and participants with musical entertainment provided by “One Night Stand.” All in all, this event was intended to bring together ASHE Region 8 members and it proved to be a huge success. We hope to offer it annually to all engineers in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado. Please plan to join us!

Our Living Heroes
by Heather Griffith
Foster Daughter of Herman Hoffman

In that moment when all hope is lost and one feels as if there is nowhere to turn, they will appear with their hand extended. They will be the very person that one has been praying about. Whether the act is large or small, they will be willing to go the extra mile to pull someone through their darkest hour. They come in all shapes and sizes. It could be the teacher who sees one too many bruises far too often. It could be the little girl who was told a secret and had the courage to pass it on to the right person. It could be that person who read a little deeper than the surface. Heroes are not only the people who risk their lives for the sake of another's life. Our living heroes are the very people who take their personal time to make a difference or impact in another's life.

In my personal experience I have been lucky enough to encounter dozens of heroes in my short life. Those include several different foster parents, school counselors, school nurses, teachers, employers, case managers, etc. I could go on and on but it is simply anyone who has invested the time to change the course of my life. Whether those acts were a simple hug, a serious talk, or insisting that changes need to be made, in those very moments it was what I needed most. Heroes aren't as rare as people think these days. They are not wearing costumes either. They are not hiding from everyone. People just need to take the time out to appreciate them. They are simply the people who make the world go around. They could be the man across the street who mows your grass just because, the sweet woman who always gives you that smile at the front desk, or the hardest teacher known to the whole high school who sees past the fake smile. If a person truly begins to think about their daily life they will most likely come to find that they encounter several heroes, even on a daily basis.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
 TOPIC FOR
 FALL 2011 SEMESTER**

"I am a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson believed that luck was often the result of hard work rather than mere chance. Are some people just lucky or do good things happen more often to those who work hard to create these opportunities for themselves?

Write a one page essay explaining your thoughts on this quote and give examples from your own experiences.

A copy of the Fall 2011 scholarship application is included in this newsletter.

**Applications are due to
 Herman Hoffman in Lyons
 no later than March 28, 2011**

When most people think of heroes, the first thing that comes to mind is most likely a figure similar to the cartoon character Hercules. All heroes are not always so handsome or muscular but a person can bet that they will put in just as much effort as he did. They are everyday people in our lives. They may not have superhuman powers but they do have the power of God with them. He uses them to touch others and spread his love. I personally believe that God does everything for a reason. All of the trials he puts people through are only to make them stronger. That is also why he puts angels like our heroes in our lives to guide our way through our most troubled times. The important thing that people need to remember is that when in times of doubt or confusion all they have to do is look around at all the people who love and care about them. At least one, if not two or three hands will be waiting. Those are the true living heroes of today.



2011 ASHE International Summit
& Exhibition on Health Facility
Planning, Design & Construction
(PDC)

March 13 – 16, 2011
Tampa, Florida

For detailed information go to
www.ashe.org/pdc

SPRING 2011 KHEA Conference
Ramada Inn, Salina, KS
April 5 – 7, 2011

Kicking off our spring event is our golf tournament at the Salina Municipal Golf Course on Tuesday, April 5. Tee time is at 10:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Green fees and cart rental are \$40.00 per person made payable to KHEA.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Ramada Inn. Cost of rooms is \$62.00 plus tax and reservations can be made by calling 785-823-1739. The block rate will expire on March 21, 2011 so make your reservations early.

KHEA Bulletin Board
Opportunities
December 2010 – March 2011

FALL 2011 KHEA Conference
Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City
September 13 – 15, 2011

Our fall conference with vendor show is returning to Junction City in 2011. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Courtyard by Marriot but they have another big event occurring at the same time as ours. Please call 785-210-1500 and reserve your room now; the KHEA block rate is \$89 plus tax. This rate will be available through August 21, 2011.

Vendor packets will go out in early spring 2011. Be watching your mail and get your registration information in as soon as possible to assure a spot at our show. We hope to see you all there!!



Upcoming Classes at Kansas Trane

- 12/2/2010 EPA Record Keeping – Kansas Trane Learning Center
- 12/3/2010 International Mechanical Code – Kansas Trane Learning Center
- 12/8/2010 CPR/First Aid Certification – Kansas Trane Learning Center

You can register online at www.kansastrane.com or via e-mail at jpgoering@trane.com

Scholarship Essay by Trevor Hoffman Son of Herman Hoffman

The person who is my hero is my Dad. He showed me how to work, be responsible for the tasks I was given. My Dad told me to get an education in a career field that interested me. He's taught me to respect the people in authority; he's taught me how to trust people.

As I was growing up, my Dad would take me to jobs that he was working on to teach me the skills that he knew. He always told me that "a job worth doing is worth doing right the first time." He always put work before play to make sure that the family was provided for. He also taught me that if someone called with an emergency during the night that you went to help them fix the problem or to "bandage it until the morning."

My Dad explained to me that you take responsibility for the things that you do, whether right or wrong, and if wrong to own up to it and take the discipline like a man.

He always told me to fulfill my dreams and to go after a career that makes me happy. He also taught that not everyone has to go to college and get a business degree but go into the career that makes me happy. He explained that a vo-tech program was as good as a degree to be able to fulfill my dreams.

I watched him as he interacted with people in authority and learned a great deal about treating people respectfully. I also watched him as he interacted with people who weren't in authority and learned that if you treated everyone with respect, you earned their respect as well.

Working side-by-side with him, I learned that you had to trust the people working with you, for you, and the people you are working for.

In conclusion, I have learned a very great deal about life from my Dad. The things I have learned from my Dad are working hard, doing every task right the first time, getting a good education in my chosen field, being responsible for the tasks that you are given, respecting others and trusting other people.

Christmas Prayers

A few days before Christmas, two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's house. When it was time to go to bed, and anxious to do the right thing, they both knelt down to say their prayers.

Suddenly, the younger one began to do so in a very loud voice.

"Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a play-station, a mountain-bike and a telescope."

His older brother leaned over and nudged his brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

"I know" he replied, "But Grandma is!"

Found on website <http://www.christmas-time.com/ct-jokes.htm>

In 2010 KHEA sponsored booths at both the ASHE/KCAHE Fall Extravaganza and at the annual KHA Convention. Our goal was to introduce



KHEA to ASHE Region 8 members and to our Kansas hospital administrators. Our thoughts were to let them know who we are and what we have to offer. We sincerely hope these efforts will help us to increase our membership next year.

A 2011 membership form is included in this newsletter. Please share it with your co-workers. Membership applications should be returned to the KHA address on the form.

Remember, KHEA membership is good for one calendar year only – to assure you are on our membership list please submit your application after January 1 and before March 31, 2011!

Introducing our
2011 KHEA STAR VENDORS

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Kansas Trane
Lamunyon Cleaning & Restoration
McGown Gordon Construction
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Modular Services Company
Nabholz Construction Services
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RJV Distributing
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WDM Architects



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Midwest Commercial Laundry
MTA Inc.
Murray Company
P1 Group
Poole Fire Protection
Professional Engineering Consultants
Pryor Automatic Fire Sprinkler
Pur-O-Zone
Sage Products Inc.
Sandifer Engineering & Controls
Summers Associates Inc.
TeleHealth
Top Master Inc.
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If undeliverable, please return to:

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Hays, KS 67601

If you have articles, advertisements, or special events coming up in your hospital or in your company that you'd like to share with KHEA's membership in the March 2011 newsletter, please contact Luanne Kramer at 785-650-2750, or by e-mail at luanne.kramer@haysmed.com no later than February 10, 2011.

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