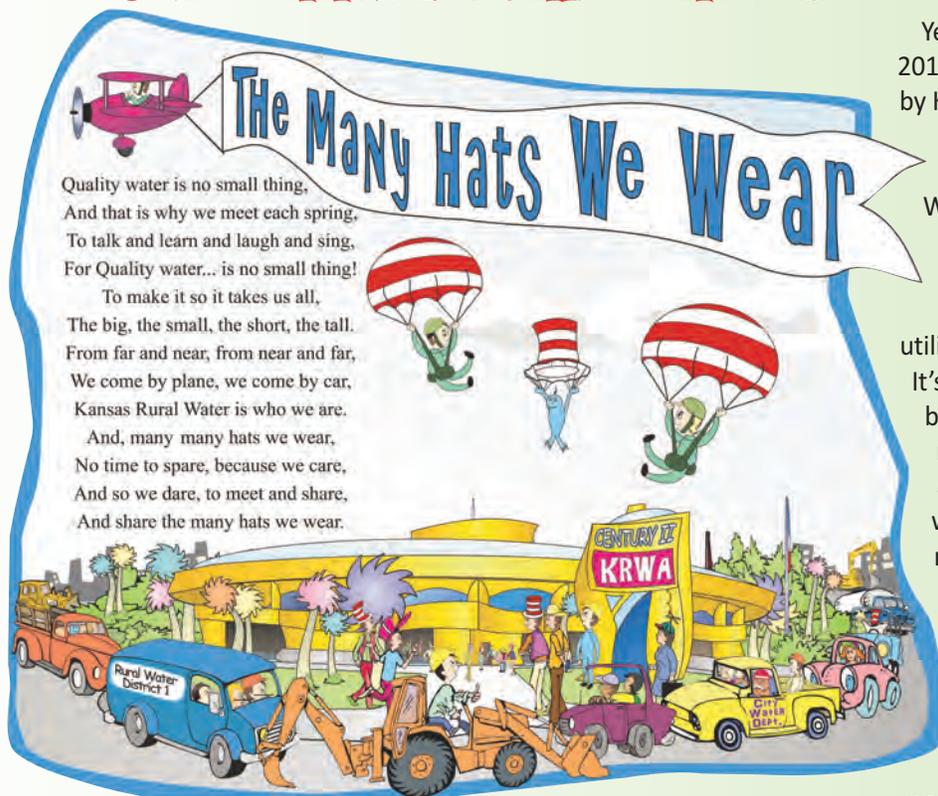


# Mark your calendars . . .

## 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview



Yes, it's time to mark your calendars for the 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition sponsored by Kansas Rural Water Association. It's the largest in Mid-America. When? March 24 – 26.

Where? Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS. Who should attend? Board and council members, operators, administrators, managers, city clerks – anyone interested in learning more about water and wastewater utility management, operation and maintenance. It's not an expense to attend – it's one of the best investments that any community can make. Where else can you find all the funding and regulatory agencies, 331 booths filled with products and services, and the chance to network at 56 training sessions, great meals and social events, and the one-of-a-kind opening night party.

In 2014, the 2,237 registrants came from 320 cities and 192 rural water districts. There will be outstanding entertainment, special guest speakers at noon luncheons, great food and down-home hospitality. Don't miss it!

### What to look for in 2015

- ◆ 8 Pre-conference sessions on Tuesday, 3/24, including special sessions for operator certification, water and wastewater operations, rate setting, board and council members, city clerks and rural water district administrators
- ◆ Attorneys' Forum
- ◆ Engineers' Forum
- ◆ 48 Concurrent training sessions
- ◆ Operator Certification Exams, (Thursday afternoon)
- ◆ 331 Exhibits showcasing products and services
- ◆ Special Guest Speakers
- ◆ Best Tasting Water Contest
- ◆ WaterPAC Raffle to support NRWA's legislative efforts
- ◆ Spouse Program
- ◆ Tuesday Nite Cruise Party, includes BBQ and social, return of King Midas & The Mufflers band and more than \$10,000 in prizes
- ◆ Almost 5-K Run / Walk
- ◆ Awards recognizing the Best of the Best



The KRWA Conference features one of the largest exhibitions of products and services for water and wastewater systems in Mid-America. EXPO Hall will have 331 exhibit booths filled with products and services for cities and rural water districts.



## Jen Sharp To Deliver Opening Keynote – "The Many Hats We Wear"

As a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur, and one of the country's leading female skydivers, Jen Sharp is frequently invited to share the lessons and experience of skydiving and years in business, drawing analogies to the field and history of skydiving, in venues small and large, from summer children's programs to municipal conferences to the state of Kansas Capitol building. Her expertise earned her the position of guest speaker multiple times for the National Dropzone Owner's Conference as well as the International Parachute Industry Association Expo.



Teaching is Jen's passion. Since earning her degree in Education, she taught in public schools and at the University level and still teaches private drum lessons to ages three to 85. In October 1995, she opened Skydive Kansas, the longest running commercial dropzone in Kansas, located in Osage City; it's known nationally for its educational offerings. In November 2014, Jen was hand-picked to be a skydiving photographer at Mount Everest, where she was also part of a world record skydive. Her reputation and credentials as a skydiving instructor/examiner afford her opportunities to travel and teach seasoned instructors how to facilitate their own courses and perform duties of leadership in their own areas.

Enjoy her Everest and other skydiving stories peppered with humor, adventure, and philosophical analogies between skydiving and real life featuring strategies that lead to success: Time Management, Risk Assessment, Consistency, Problem Solving and Creativity, Managing Change, Balance and Focus and Optimism.

## Special Entertainment . . . Route 66



The 2015 KRWA conference brings another award-winning show as entertainment. Produced and directed by Kathy Hauptman of The Forum Theatre, "Route 66" will be one toe-tapping, hand-clapping, laugh-out-loud treat!

Take a dollop of Grease, mix in some Pump Boys and Dinettes and add a generous dose of Forever Plaid and you've got the high-octane fun of Route 66! Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the "Main Street of America" to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest "Rock 'n' Road" hits of the 20th century! Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more. Get your kicks with this hit musical revue! It'll be bright and sassy and filled with non-stop comedy and energy.

## CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS



Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2015 conference. Make sure you request the KRWA block. Rooms fill fast. Taxes are in addition to stated rates. KRWA has confirmed blocks at the following hotels:

**Ambassador Hotel**, 104 S. Broadway, Ph. 316/239-7100; comp shuttle to Century II. \$139 flat

**Best Western Airport Inn**, 6815 W. Kellogg; Ph. 888/942-5666. Free breakfast; comp shuttle to Century II. \$78.99 flat

**Best Western Eastgate Inn & Suites**, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Single or double \$79; Suite \$89

**Best Western Governors Inn & Suites**, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; comp. Deluxe hot breakfast; King \$69; Double \$69; Suite \$79

**Clarion Inn and Suites**, 5805 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/942-7911. Full hot buffet breakfast; comp shuttle to Century II; \$74.99 flat

**Comfort Suites**, 7515 West Taft St.; Ph. 316/773-1700; comp. Breakfast bar, \$104 flat

**Courtyard by Marriott**, (Old Town), 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 316-264-5300, \$139 flat

**CrestHill Suites Hotel Company**, 12111 E. Central Avenue; Ph. 888/723-1655 or 316/689-8000; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; studio or one bedroom w/king bed \$84.99

**Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview**, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #2150168; \$8.00 daily parking fee; single or double \$138

**Fairfield Inn Suites by Marriott**, Wichita Downtown, 525 S. Main. New in 2011. Comp. shuttle to Century II; expanded comp. breakfast. Ph. 316-201-1400. \$114 King or Queen; \$124 Suite

**Hampton Inn**, 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$109 flat

**Wyndham Garden Hotel** (formerly Holiday Inn), 221 E. Kellogg; within walking distance to Century II, comp. shuttle to Century II and airport; Ph. 316/269-2090; \$95 flat

**Holiday Inn Select**, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$90 flat

**Hotel at Old Town**, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$134 Queen; \$144 King

**Hotel at WaterWalk**, 711 South Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$119 King Suite; \$119 Double Suite; \$119 One Bedroom Suite; \$159 Two Bedroom Loft Suite

**Hyatt Regency**, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/263-1234; \$129 single, \$129 double.

**LaQuinta**, 5500 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/943-2181; complimentary deluxe continental breakfast; newly renovated; \$85 flat

**Wichita East Fairfield Inn**, by Marriott, 333 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/685-3777; comp. continental breakfast; \$79 flat