

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

2016 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview

Quality Water



Kansas Rural Water Association
Conference and Exhibition 2016 Wichita, KS

Yes, Kansas has quality water because cities, rural water and public wholesale systems and private systems work hard to do the best they can. The 2016 Annual Conference & Exhibition sponsored by Kansas Rural Water Association is a celebration of that work. This conference is the largest in Mid-America. When? March 29 – 31.

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. This conference is one of the best investments that any community can make. Attend, exchange ideas with others, make new friends and renew acquaintances. EXPO is expanded to 341 booths – filled with the latest in products and services, regulatory and funding agencies. Don't miss the preconference sessions on Tuesday, March 29, followed that evening by a fantastic conference opener. In 2015, the 2,300 registrants came from 305 cities and 208 RWDs and other systems. This entire event is like one huge "family reunion" – and 2016 marks a celebration of KRWA's 50th Anniversary. There's great entertainment, special guest speakers, the best food possible and down-home hospitality that will not run out. Plan now to attend!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2016

- 10 Preconference sessions on Tuesday, 3/29 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 by USDA Rural Development
- Tuesday Nite 50th Anniversary Party, includes BBQ and social, games, King Midas & The Mufflers band, many games and more than \$10,000 in prizes!
- 48 Concurrent training sessions
- Operator Certification Exams, (Thursday afternoon)
- 341 Exhibits showcasing products and services
- Special Guest Speakers
- Best Tasting Water Contest
- WaterPAC Raffle to support NRWA's legislative efforts
- Spouse Program
- Almost 5-K Run / Walk
- Awards recognizing the Best of the Best
- Announcement of \$1,000 Dennis Schwartz Scholarship recipient





OPENING KEYNOTE - The Mayberry Deputy - David Browning

For 45 years, David Browning has been a popular improvisational actor, speaker and host, using such characters as The Mayberry Deputy, Abe Lincoln and Scrooge to provide non-offensive, thoughtful, memorable performances. While honoring law enforcement, Browning's Mayberry Deputy incorporates costume, gestures, facial expressions and audience participation to provide an atmosphere of good clean fun.

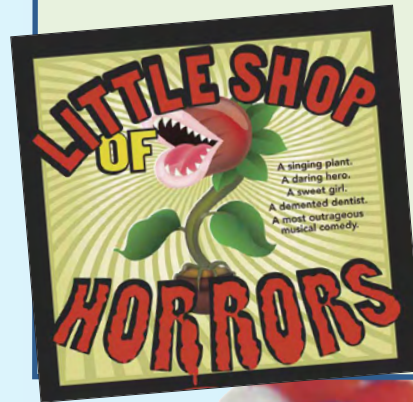
David has performed in more than 5,000 performances in 41 states and Canada to more than five million people. He's been privileged to work with many stage, screen, music and sports celebrities. He was honored to open for Don Knotts, actor and original "Barney Fife" who said of Browning, "The Mayberry Deputy/David Browning is A BRIDGE between the Andy Griffith Show and today." He has been privileged to work with many other original stars of the "Andy Griffith Show" including George Lindsay "Goober", Howard Morris "Earnest T. Bass", Maggie Peterson "Charlene Darlin" and James Best "Jim Lindsey" and "Rosco P. Coltrane" of Dukes of Hazzard.

The Mayberry Deputy will be attending many events during the KRWA conference. The Deputy's keynote will be a lot of laughter but it'll have real meaning too. Don't miss the Opening Session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 31 in Concert Hall at Century II.

Little Shop of Horrors

One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows, *Little Shop of Horrors* is a delicious musical that has devoured the hearts of theatre goers all over the world. When meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant, he discovers the plant has bigger needs than plant food. In this classic Faustian conflict, Seymour has a decision to make. Does he keep feeding the plant in exchange for unending fame, fortune and the girl of his dreams ...or not? 2016 KRWA conference-

goers will be screaming with laughter during this show immediately after the awards banquet Wednesday evening, March 30.



CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

**BOOK EARLY;
ROOMS GO FAST**

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2016 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. \$149 flat

Best Western Airport Inn, 6815 W. Kellogg; Ph. 888/942-5666. Free breakfast; comp shuttle to Century II. \$79.99 flat

Best Western Eastgate Inn & Suites, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Single or Double \$79

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; \$104.95 flat

Courtyard by Marriott (in OldTown), 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 866-522-8909; \$142 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 #2236627; \$8 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$145

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

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$93 flat

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$137 Queen; \$147 King

Hotel at Waterwalk (formerly Cambridge Suites), 711 South Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$129 King Suite; \$139 Double Suite; \$139 One Bedroom Suite; \$169 Two Bedroom Loft Suite

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$144 single; \$144 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; scheduled shuttle to Airport and Century II; \$79 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