

Letters



Greg Duryea, your KRWA team did an outstanding job this year on the conference. Your conference is legendary for being the best of the best, and I thought this year your team set the bar even higher.

We appreciate ALL the Kansas Rural Water Association does for the State of Kansas, the waterworks industry, and the fact that you put so much effort into making your Annual Conference the best.

Per your letter, if you can email me an electronic copy of the conference registration that would be great. At your convenience.

Again, we appreciate your team more than you'll ever know. Absolute professionalism.

*Kent Culbertson
Eastern U.S. Sales Manager
American AVK Company*

Thank you (Greg Duryea) for your continued support and for all of your extra help this year! We had a great time and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Many thanks.

*Tanyn Parillo
Katie Nicholas
Foresters Financial
Overland Park, Kan.*

I spoke with you (Bert Zerr) after I took the Class 1 water test in Wichita March 31. I just wanted to let you know I passed my test and I am now a certified water operator. I wanted to tell you thank you for your help and encouragement in the past year. Especially with this city's switchover to disinfecting with chloramines. Have a great day and thanks again.

*Luke Erichsen
City of Grandview Plaza*

This letter is a sincere thank you to the membership of KRWA for allowing me to serve on the KRWA Board of Directors for the last 18 years.

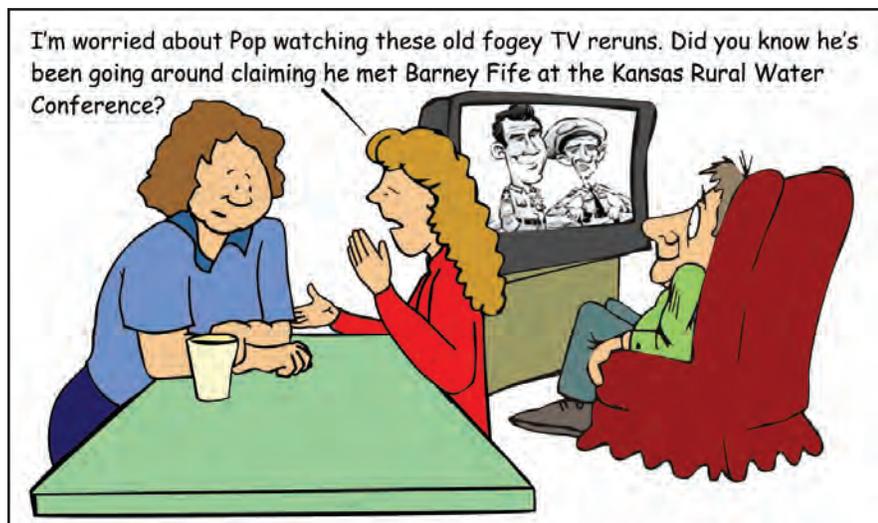
When I received a phone call 18 years ago from David Mueller asking if I would consider placing my name in nomination for a board position I immediately answered "yes". He commented that I was really making his job on the nominating committee easy. After I hung up the phone, I thought what have I got myself into. Well, what I got myself into was an exciting and incredible 18-year experience. I have met so many people and made so many friends not only in Kansas but in many states that I was able to visit while attending the National Rural Water Conference and

the Water Rally in Washington D.C. After I attended my first Water Rally and met with Kansas Senators and Representatives, I came home with a much better understanding of how things worked with the funding passed down from EPA to NWRA to all the states. I also learned that the next time I went to D.C. which shoes to leave at home. I really needed roller skates to keep up with Elmer and Dennis.

I am honored to have been able to work with such great people serving with me on the Board of Directors and striving to carry out the mission statement of KRWA. I am also honored to have been associated with KRWA's energetic General Manager Elmer Ronnebaum and other staff who have worked to expand KRWA programs to provide services that help water and wastewater systems and build community facilities.

I appreciate the recognition plaque I received at the annual meeting and have it proudly displayed on my home office desk. I am so proud to have been a part of such a great organization.

*Sharon Dwyer
Lawrence, Kan.*



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Thank you (Charlie) for always taking the time to answer our questions and for all your assistance. We are very appreciative.

*Charles Mathews, Mayor
Mike Adams, Operator
Joann Schwindt, City Clerk
City of Tescott*

I almost forgot, but here it is.

I was attending the KRWA conference training session on March 30, 2016 concerning “Rehabilitating the Later and Lateral o Main Connection” when the featured presenter inexplicably failed to appear. Your wastewater circuit rider, Charlie Schwindamann, managed to pull a rabbit out of his hat and produce a useful presentation out of his memory with no notice. Very impressive, Charlie! He should be recognized and rewarded for that ability.

It’s also interesting to note that Charlie fell to the audience to help carry the presentation and they rose almost to the man. Speaking for myself, I think a lot of people in this industry are very nose-to-the-grindstone, this-is-just-business kind of people. I am impressed with what I witnessed. Kudos to all.

Good work Charlie!

*Matt Meeks
City of Manhattan*

Thank You!

Both my husband and I won prizes at the KRWA conference in Wichita and we would like for you to know that we really appreciated it!

It was a great conference, great speakers and overall a FUN time.

Thanks again.

*Michael and Sharon Young
Mayor, City of Lyons*

Thank you (KRWA Scholarship Committee) so very much for selecting me to receive the Dennis F. Schwartz Scholarship.

I am excited and extremely honored to be selected. It will definitely help me

reach my goal of a college education. Thank you KRWA for supporting college-bound students with an opportunity for financial assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

*Sarabella Weidenhaft
Beloit, Kan.*

I would like to express a special thanks to Mark Thomas and Elmer Ronnebaum and all of KRWA for giving rural water districts the opportunity to use the technology of GPS for locating our water lines, meters, etc.

I am the new bookkeeper for Labette County RWD 6 in Coffeyville, Kansas and I have only been doing this, on my own, for two months. Our main operator went on vacation and I was in charge of our Kansas One-Call locate requests. Before he left for vacation, I called Mark Thomas about

downloading the GPS on my computer and my smartphone. He helped me out tremendously. I had NO idea where any of our lines were located. Then we had an emergency One-Call, so I and a couple of guys went to locate the line, when I hit the locate arrow, it showed me exactly where I was and where our line was. I couldn’t believe how accurate it was, even more so than our paper maps.

I highly recommend this great technology to all rural water districts. It can save you lots of time and money in the long run. And thanks to KRWA for developing a mapping program to help small systems like Labette RWD 6. The subsidy program from the Kansas Water Office helped our district make the decision to improve our mapping. Thanks to everyone who is responsible for that. You cannot appreciate how much having better maps means to our district.

*Jackie Gilstrap
Labette County RWD 6*

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