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2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview



The Key to Good Service
 KRWA's 50th Annual Conference & Exhibition

KNOWLEDGE 2017
EXPERIENCE
& You . . .

March 28, 29 & 30, 2017
Century II, Wichita, Kansas

Knowledge, Experience & You – *The Key To Good Service* is the theme of the 2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition for public water and wastewater systems. When and where? It's March 28 - 30 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. It's the largest water and wastewater conference in Mid-America. EXPO Hall has been expanded again to 365 booths. There will be 58 pre-conference and breakout sessions. There's food and fun galore, guest speakers and top-notch entertainment. Sponsored by the Kansas Rural Water Association with the cooperation of

participating agencies, this conference is an experience you should not miss. Register early and save \$25.

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. Attend, exchange ideas with others, make new friends and renew acquaintances. This conference is one of the best investments that any community can make.

EXPO Hall is expanded for 2017 to 365 booths – filled with the latest in products and services, regulatory and funding agencies. Don't miss the preconference sessions on Tuesday, March 28, followed that evening by another fantastic Meet & Greet conference opener. In 2016, the 2,375 registrants came from 329 cities and 199 RWDs and other systems. It's been likened to one big family reunion! This conference is filled with down-home hospitality that will not run out. Plan now to attend! You'll be glad you did.

What to look for in 2017

- 10 Preconference sessions on Tuesday, 3/28 including special sessions for operator certification, water and wastewater operations, board and council members, city clerks and rural water district administrators
- Attorneys' Forum
- Engineers' Forum by USDA Rural Development
- Tuesday Nite "Meet & Greet", 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)
- 365 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



Back by Popular Demand . . .

The Mayberry Deputy – David Browning



If you attended the 2016 conference, you were treated to one of the all-time great entertainers. "The Mayberry Deputy" provided non-stop involvement in the conference, from greeting people at the door to singing with the band, giving out prizes, and more. But the high point was the standing ovation that a near capacity crowd provided for David Browning as he concluded his keynote address in Concert Hall on Wednesday morning.

Because so many people have asked KRWA to bring "The Deputy" back in 2017, KRWA is pleased to announce that David has put the KRWA conference on his busy schedule. David has performed more than 5,000 times in 41 states and Canada before 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 also performed 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 again be involved in many events during the KRWA conference. "The Deputy's" keynote will be a lot of laughter but it'll have meaning that will send goose bumps down your spine! Don't miss the Opening Session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 29 in Concert Hall at Century II.

Wednesday Night Entertainment!



SH-BOOM! Meet Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time! Trouble comes in the form of Lois, who arrives to put some polish on the boys. Denny falls in love, Wally falls in line, Eugene falls apart and along comes handsome heartthrob Skip to send the whole situation spinning. The 60's hits say it all: "Fools Fall in Love", "Tears on My Pillow", "Runaround Sue", "Earth Angel", "Stay", "Unchained Melody", "Lonely Teardrops" and "The Glory of Love". Winner of the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Best Musical Award, it will leave you laughing singing and cheering.

Make sure you have a ticket to the Awards Banquet and Show at the 2017 KRWA conference, March 29. It's another great production by The Forum Theatre.

Conference Accommodations

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2017 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. \$154 flat

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

Best Western Plus Eastgate Inn & Suites, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Use Group ID H65SV3G4; Single or Double \$79

Best Western Governors Inn & Suites, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; comp. Deluxe hot breakfast; Fully renovated in 2015; \$79.99 Flat

Best Western Plus West Wichita Airport, (Formerly Hampton Inn) 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$109 flat.

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; \$104.00 flat

Courtyard by Marriott, (in OldTown), 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 866-522-8909; \$149 flat

Courtyard Hotel, Wichita East 2975 North Webb Rd., ph.316-636-4600; \$114 king or queen

CrestView Suites - Wichita, 12111 E. Central Avenue; Ph. 888/723-1655 or 316/689-8000; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; studio or one bedroom w/king bed \$79.99

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #2236694; \$8.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$150

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; \$125 King or Queen

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$95 flat

Homewood Suites by Hilton @ the Waterfront, 1550 N. Waterfront Parkway. Ph. 316/260-8844. One bedroom suite. Fully-equipped kitchen; separate sleeping area, complimentary shuttle. \$174

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$137 Queen; \$157 Double

Hotel at Waterwalk, 711 S. Main St., Downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, within walking distance of the Event Center; Complimentary Cook-to-Order Breakfast and Shuttle; \$119 Kings; \$129 Doubles and One Bedrooms; \$149 Loft Suites

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$147 single; \$147 double. Use the following Link for sleeping room reservations at the Hyatt: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/krwa2017>. If you need additional assistance call 1-888-421-1442. This block is sold out.

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; \$84 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; \$99 Single or Double