



# 2023 Annual Conference & Exhibition Preview

March 28 - 30, 2023  
Century II, Wichita, Kansas

## Pre-Conference Sessions

- Attorney's Forum
- Engineers' Forum For Water and Wastewater and Community Facilities
- Water Operator Forum – Preparing for Certification Exams
- Board/Council Leadership
- Activated Sludge Process Control
- System Data Collection to Improve Operations and Management
- The ABCs of VFDs
- KDHE Public Water Supply Upcoming Rules Forum
- City Clerks' Forum
- RWD Office Forum

**Quality Water The Clear Choice!** The 2023 theme for KRWA's 54th 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. And it's the friendliest, down-home event you will find. This conference features:

- ◆ Preconference Sessions on Tuesday, March 28
- ◆ 48 Breakout Sessions March 29 - 30
- ◆ EXPO Hall, fully carpeted with 365 exhibit spaces showcasing products and services
- ◆ Opening nite "Meet & Greet" – with buffet lines filled with food; there's social and many games – and \$10,000 in prizes
- ◆ And they are back! Kansas' Premier Rock & Roll Band – *King Midas & The Mufflers*
- ◆ Awards Banquet followed by entertainment *Honky Tonk Angels!*
- ◆ Keynote: the reincarnated Gomer Pyle and his friends. Get ready to laugh!
- ◆ Food and fun galore – and hospitality that does not stop!

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. So, plan now. Attend, exchange ideas with others, make

new friends and renew acquaintances. This conference is not an expense – it's one of the best investments that can be made to learn and see the latest in technology and equipment and services to help water and wastewater utilities.



## Opening Session Keynote:

### Gomer Pyle and all his friends!

**Gary Crain**, of Searcy, Arkansas has perfected his impersonation of Gomer Pyle through the years. What once started out as simple fun has turned into a more permanent gig. Sporting Gomer's signature cap with an upturned bill and service station uniform with that ever-present handkerchief dangling from the back pocket, Gary easily transforms into the lovable country boy and entertains audiences everywhere.

"Surprise Surprise Surprise!" KRWA conference goers are in for an exceptionally funny Opening Session – "Shazam!" and "Gaaw-aawl-ly".



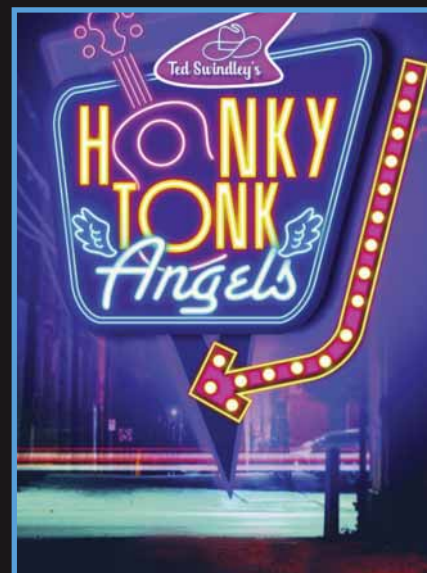
### Butler Headliners Sure to Please at Opening Conference Session

The Butler Headliners have provided rousing conference openers for KRWA for many years. This show choir is pleased to be asked to return for 2023. Their 25-minute show is entitled "Seasons of Growth". Be in Concert Hall at Century II at 8:00 a.m. for the start.

The nationally-acclaimed Headliners show choir is directed by Valerie Lippoldt-Mack. The mixed group is comprised of 36 singers, dancers and instrumentalists. They perform throughout the year at community functions, including local, state and national conventions. The Headliners also host the annual Show Choir Festival each November, which is a workshop for more than 400 high school students. The Headliners have established alumni in every performance field and are proud of these Butler alums.



## Entertainment . . .



When three gutsy gals from different backgrounds take charge of their lives, they decide to follow their honky tonk dreams to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes (including "Stand By Your Man," "9 to 5," "Harper Valley PTA" and more!) The Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time. The show will be a sure-fire country-hit crowd pleaser!

## Conference Accommodations

**Ambassador Hotel**, 104 S. Broadway, Ph. 316/239-7100; comp shuttle to Century II. \$169 flat; \$12.00 daily parking fee

**Best Western Plus Eastgate Inn & Suites**, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Single or Double \$89

**Best Western Plus West Wichita Airport**, (Formerly Hampton Inn) 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/854-5050; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$89.99 flat.

**Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview**, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #2442530; \$10.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$159

**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; \$157 King or Queen

**Hawthorn Suites Wichita Airport**, 5500 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2181; Complimentary Hot Breakfast; \$85 Flat

**Hilton Garden Inn**, Wichita Downtown, 401 E. Douglas; New in 2019; Ph. 316/669-6175; \$154 flat. Complimentary Parking

**Holiday Inn Select**, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$96 flat

**Home2Suites by Hilton**, 200 N. Sycamore St.; Ph 316/867-6505; \$159 Queen; \$164 King; \$169 Double; \$179 King Suite

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

**Hyatt Regency**, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$165 single; \$165 double

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites**, 6335 W. Kellogg Dr.; Ph. 316/943-2373; complimentary hot breakfast; \$99 flat