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# RECIPE For SUCCESS

## KRWA's 45th Annual Conference & Exhibition

March 27 - 29, 2012 - Wichita, KS



### Mark your calendars now . . .

Yes, it's time to mark your calendars for the 2012 Annual Conference & Exhibition sponsored by Kansas Rural Water Association. It's the largest in Mid-America. When? March 27 – 29. Where? Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS. This is “the conference and tradeshow” that brings it all together: 58 training sessions; a huge exhibit of more than 300 booths featuring the latest in products and services; awards program and outstanding entertainment; good fun and warm hospitality. That's why this conference continues to grow, with 2,250 people attending in 2011 from 287 cities and 183 rural water districts. It's a non-stop event where you can build and foster friendships and network with others. It's a great investment – at a very reasonable price. Don't miss it.

## What to look for in 2012

The KRWA Annual Conference features ten, day-long preconference sessions on Tuesday, March 27. That evening, KRWA hosts the one-of-a-kind “Welcome Barbecue and Social”, complete with great food and social, carnival games, and prizes bigger than ever before. There will be special guest speakers, the 12th Annual Attorneys' Forum, water and wastewater certification exams, and spouse programs. Awards will be presented to outstanding employees and systems.



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Learn more at the 2012 Annual Conference & Exhibition, March 27 – 29, Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS. This three-day conference will provide information and resources that cities and RWDs can take home and put to immediate use and to plan for the future.

**KRWA's conference features at least 10 full-day preconference sessions and an additional 48 concurrent training sessions. These topics will be among the presentations:**

- Chlorine Safety, Operation and Maintenance of Chlorinators
- KanCap – Board/Council Training
- Resolving Disputes in a Neighborly Way
- Rural Water Bookkeeper Forum
- Control Methods and Systems
- City Clerks' Workshop
- Regulatory Updates
- Employment Law
- Hydrant Maintenance
- Rate Setting



## Recipe For Success . . . Introducing Keynoter Thomas Dismukes

Now, more than ever, we need to laugh, learn and hear words of encouragement! Since 1991, Thomas Dismukes has traveled the U.S. and 18 countries telling his true-life adventures. Audiences have rolled with laughter and applauded with inspiration at this man who does more than motivate and educate . . . he touches people's lives. His incredible adventures range from sleeping in dumpsters in England to exploring the Arctic Circle. He has survived bareback rodeos, skunks in space suits and electrocution in Sweden. Remarkably he discovered a lost medieval tomb in Scotland, lassoed a wild beaver and holds a World Record. Thomas received a master's degree from Clemson University, South Carolina; he chose a career in professional speaking because of his sincere passion to inspire people to do their best and get the best out of life.

Plan now to be in the Opening Session, Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in Concert Hall for a hilarious keynote as Thomas Dismukes kicks off the 2012 KRWA conference.



## Entertainment . . . Cindy Summers "One Voice"

Cindy Summers first played the role of Patsy Cline at Cabaret Oldtown in Wichita in 1996. From there, she performed for 2 1/2 years at the Denver Center of Performing Arts, then to Fort Worth Bass Hall and then on to Connecticut and North Carolina. The show is entitled "One Voice" – a musical tribute to country music artist Patsy Cline, lead singer of the soft-rock duo Karen Carpenter, and star of stage, screen, radio and TV Judy Garland. This 25 song-filled show wraps around stories of personal history alongside interesting and humorous tidbits of the times.

You'll tap your toes with Patsy Cline's *Walking After Midnight* and swoon to her biggest hit *Crazy*. Recall memories of the 70's when you hear *Close To You* and who can resist joining in with the Carpenter's big hit *Sing?* Audiences across the U.S. have taken this walk down memory lane. This show comes with your ticket to the Awards Banquet at the 2012 KRWA conference.



# CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2012 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.

- Best Western Airport Inn**, 6815 W. Kellogg; Ph. 888/942-5666. Free breakfast; comp shuttle to Century II. \$77.99 flat
- Best Western Eastgate Inn & Suites**, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Single or Double \$85; Suite \$95
- Best Western Governors Inn & Suites**, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; 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 flat
- Comfort Suites**, 7515 West Taft St.; Ph. 316/773-1700; comp. Breakfast bar; \$104 flat
- Courtyard Wichita at Old Town**, 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 316-264-5300; \$144 Flat; new hotel in 2007
- CrestHill Suites**, 12111 E. Central Avenue; Ph. 888/723-1655 or 316/689-8000; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; studio or one bedroom w/king bed \$85
- Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview**, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 800/325-0720; Newly renovated; Hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; \$8.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$129; ask for group #2120235

- The Guest House (formerly Clubhouse Inn & Suites)**, 515 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/684-1111; comp. breakfast buffet, \$65 flat
- Hampton Inn**, 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; reservation code CHXKSW; \$109 flat
- Holiday Inn**, 221 E. Kellogg; within walking distance to Century II, comp. shuttle to Century II and airport; Ph. 316/269-2090; \$89 flat
- Holiday Inn Select**, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 316-686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$90 flat
- Hotel at Old Town**, 830 E. First, comp. parking garage; comp. hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$127 Queen; \$137 King
- Hotel at Waterwalk (formerly Cambridge Suites)**, 711 South Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$119 King Suite; \$109 Double Suite; \$109 One Bedroom Suite; \$149 Two Bedroom Loft Suite
- Hyatt Regency**, attached to Century II, comp. parking garage; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$124 single; \$124 double.
- LaQuinta**, 5500 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/943-2181; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; newly renovated; \$85 flat
- LaQuinta**, 7335 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/685-1281; comp. continental breakfast; \$80 flat
- Wichita Fairfield Inn**, by Marriott; 333 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/685-3777; comp. continental breakfast; \$79 flat

**SOLD OUT AS OF 4-1-11**

Mark your calendar now... March 27-29, 2012