



Mark your calendars now . . .

Yes, it's time to mark your calendars for the 2013 Annual Conference & Exhibition sponsored by Kansas Rural Water Association. It's the largest in Mid-America. When? March 26 – 28. 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 2,108 people attending in 2012 from 301 cities and 184 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 2013

The KRWA Annual Conference features ten, day-long preconference sessions on Tuesday, March 26. 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 13th Annual Attorneys' Forum, water and wastewater certification exams, and spouse programs. Awards will be presented to outstanding employees and systems.



Let's Pull Together!

Learn more at the 2013 Annual Conference & Exhibition, March 26 – 28, 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.

This conference features at least 10 full-day preconference sessions and an additional 48 concurrent training sessions.



The KRWA Conference features one of the largest exhibitions of products and services for water and wastewater systems in Mid-America. EXPO Hall will have 309 exhibit booths filled with products and services for cities and rural water districts.

Let's Pull Together . . . Introducing Keynoter – Kent Rader

Known as the “World’s Cleanest Comedian and Speaker,” Kent Rader helps people learn and experience how laughter matters in reducing stress and building quality organizations. Kent graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri with a degree in accounting. He survived five years in public accounting and twelve years as C.F.O. and C.E.O. of hospitals before becoming a professional speaker in 1997. Kent has authored the stress reduction book titled *Let It Go, Just Let It Go*, which is featured in 450 Country Inn and Suites Hotel’s “Read & Return It” program. Kent co-stars with Jan McInnis in “The Baby Boomer Comedy Show, Clean Comedy for People Born Before Seat Belts, Safety Helmets, and Facebook” – and has been heard on NPR’s “Talk of the Nation”, Sirius Satellite radio, and Comcast’s comedy show, “Who’s Laughing Now”. He is also the winner of the Branson Comedy Festival. Kent’s keynote, “Let’s Pull Together” will bring tears of laughter to your eyes. Don’t miss it. Concert Hall, Wednesday, 3/27, at 8 a.m.



Entertainment . . .

“Nonsense” begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth grade production of “Grease.” Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon. Karla Burns stars as Mother Superior. Don’t miss this hilarious entertainment following the annual awards banquet, Wednesday, March 27.



CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for the 2013 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. \$78.99 flat

Best Western Eastgate Inn & Suites, 8300 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/682-3000. Free breakfast; new hotel in 2009; Single or Double \$79; Suite \$89

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 flat

Comfort Suites, 7515 West Taft St.; Ph. 316/773-1700; comp. Breakfast bar; \$104 flat

Courtyard by Marriott (in OldTown), 820 E. 2nd Street North; Ph. 316-264-5300; \$144 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 \$85

Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 W. Douglas; Ph. 316/262-5000; Newly renovated; Free hot comp. breakfast; free 5:30 Kickback; Use group #2130216; \$8.00 daily parking fee; Single or Double \$135

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. \$104 flat.

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; \$107 flat. Use reservation code CHXKRW

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. 888/558-5113 or 316/686-7131, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$90 flat

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$132 Queen; \$142 King

Hotel at Waterwalk (formerly Cambridge Suites), 711 South Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$119 King Suite; \$119 Double Suite; \$119 One Bedroom Suite; \$159 Two Bedroom Loft Suite

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II; complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$127 single, \$127 double.

LaQuinta, 5500 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/943-2181; complimentary deluxe continental breakfast; newly renovated; \$85 flat

LaQuinta, 7335 E. Kellogg; Ph. 316/685-1281; complimentary continental breakfast; \$75 flat

Wichita East Fairfield Inn, by Marriott; 333 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/685-3777; comp. continental breakfast; \$79 flat

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