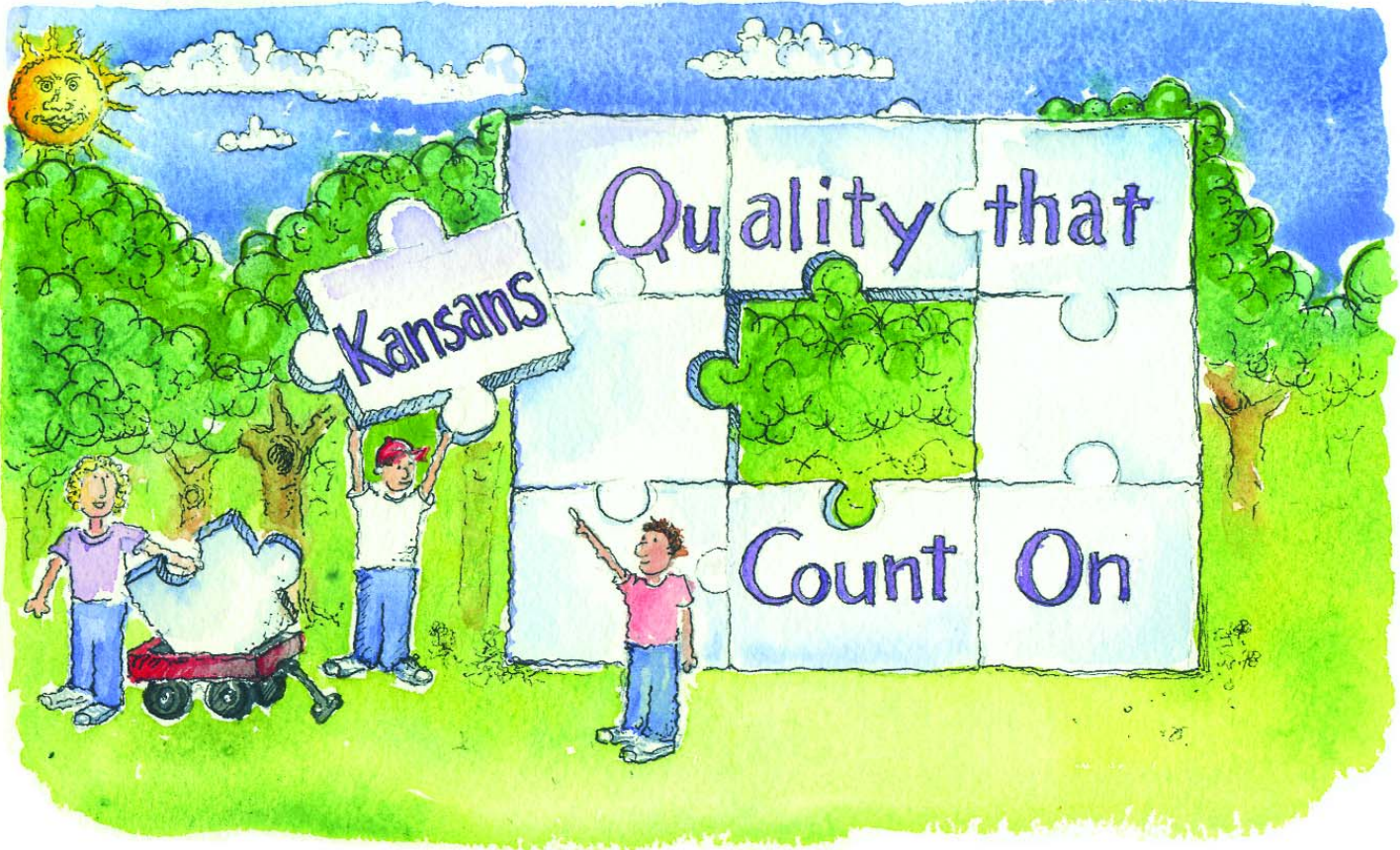


It's Mid-America's Largest Water & Wastewater Conference



There is no other conference like this one! It's the 37th Annual Conference for Water & Wastewater Utilities, sponsored by KRWA with the cooperation of state and federal water-related agencies. It's a blockbuster of an event that draws nearly 2200 people to Century II Convention Center in Wichita each year. It's training, technology, fun and fellowship – all rolled into one continuous event. There are more exhibits than ever – with all 268 spaces filled. There's lots of good food and social too – all presented with a down-home hospitality that just doesn't quit – and at a bargain price to boot.

2004 highlights:

- ☒ **8 pre-conference sessions**, with repeat sessions for wider choice of topics, Tuesday, 3/23
- ☒ **Opening Session**, 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, 3/24 featuring John Madden, author and motivational speaker. It's *Leap Don't Sleep!*
- ☒ **48 Concurrent sessions**
- ☒ **Special Guests:**
 - Rodney Tart**, Exec. Vice-President, National Rural Water Association
 - Joseph Harkins**, Director, Kansas Water Office
- ☒ **Awards** to top operators, managers, Best Tasting Water, Consumer Confidence Reports, Silver Faucet Award, and more
- ☒ **268 Exhibits**, all filled -- in fully carpeted hall
- ☒ **Attorneys Forum** -- just for attorneys
- ☒ **Poster Display** -- take notes from others
- ☒ **Certification Exam** for water & wastewater
- ☒ **Operators Exam**, Water & Wastewater
- ☒ **Wateringhole Cybercafe'** – computers online for your email and news updates
- ☒ **Entertainment** – It's *The Diamonds* following awards presentation Wednesday evening

See page 76 in this issue for a registration form. Call KRWA at 785/336-3760 if you have any question or check the KRWA website at <www.krwa.net>. Program booklets were mailed January 23.

First, there's the introduction, then the announcement and then applause and cheers and a trip onto the big stage for these winners:

- Best Tasting Water
- Best Consumer Confidence Awards
- Friend of Rural Water
- Rural Water Operator
- Municipal Operator
- Rural Water Manager
- Municipal Business Manager
- Rural Water Office Manager
- Wastewater Operator
- Most Improved Water System
- Special Recognition Awards
- Silver Faucet Award by Rural Development

Tuesday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens, Connecting Lobby, Century II
- 8:30 a.m. Spring Golf Tourney; Rolling Hills Golf Club (see registration form)
- 9:30 a.m. Attorneys' Forum (for attorneys only)
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Conference Sessions: 7 sessions begin
Lunch: (buffet lunch at Century II for \$7;
Noon purchase on registration form)
Pre-conference sessions either repeat or reconvene; 1 additional session begins
- 1:30 p.m. EXPO Hall opens: 268 booths; Also Poster
- 4:00 p.m. Board Display and Waterhinghamhole Cybercafe'
- 6:30 p.m. KRWA Carnival Nite, food/social, games

And For fun -- It's the Carnival of Conference Carnivals -- KRWA's "Carnival Nite 2004"



There's no party like this party ... for a conference opener, Meet & Greet! Yes, there's a Midway right here in Century II Convention Center to help kick off the 2004 Annual Conference. Building on 2003's popular success, KRWA's 2004 Carnival Nite will include professional games such as "The Kentucky Derby", a 14-player horse race; the Hi-Striker - an electronic version of the hammer and bell and the Bug Blaster - with 14 players at once. KRWA is supplying the prizes and there's a winner at every game! There are 8 professional Midway games plus many other events including a palm reader, the popular sounds of The Benders. Some of you guys can't hit the side of a barn much less that little target on KRWA's dunk tank! Try to drop your favorite KRWA celebrity or Associate Member.

No carnival would be complete without rides. Plans are to have two show stoppers - The Spider - which takes you and your favorite friend around and up and down, just missing the ceiling in Century II. There's another ride in the other hall. Sure, take some photos and send them to the grandkids ...

And in between all these games and rides - more food and social that you'll need, lots more food and fast service. From barbecue sandwiches to ice cream, funnel cakes and more, there's going to be plenty. Plus 5 "wateringholes" for social. It's all complimentary to those who pre-register. conference.

Wednesday, March 24

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Connecting Lobby, Century II
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Session, Concert Hall
Keynote: John Madden: "Leap, Don't Sleep!"
- 10:00 a.m. EXPO Hall Opens
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
Noon Luncheon: Century II
Speaker: Rodney Tart, Vice-President, National Rural Water Association, Lillington, North Carolina (spouses who attend Spouse Program will have special luncheon in Exhibition Hall)
- 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 5:30 p.m. Social - EXPO Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet, Awards Presentations,
Entertainment: "The Diamonds"

Thursday, March 25

- 7:00 a.m. - "Super Continental breakfast", Century II
- 8:30 a.m. (please indicate on registration form)
- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens, Connecting Lobby;
EXPO Hall opens
- 8:30 a.m. Annual Meeting, Membership Meeting, Room 209 A
- 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 10:00 a.m. Spouse Program: *Fearless & Female*, Room 202
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
Noon Luncheon: Century II: Speaker: Joe Harkins,
Director, Kansas Water Office
- 1:30 p.m. Certification Exam, Water & Wastewater
Classes I - IV, Room 209A