



KAHRMM

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President's Message

By Corey Schmidt

Dear KAHRMM Members,

We have a great year lined up for members, mark your calendars now! In addition to our traditional annual events, we have education opportunities in the works and will take a group to the national conference in Chicago. KAHRMM is a great, inexpensive way to network with colleagues around the state and stay current with best practices. I encourage each of you to do something more for KAHRMM this year than you did last year. We are only as strong as our members, whether it's coming to an event, reaching out to other supply chain professionals to join, or volunteering to serve on the board at the local or national level. Every one of us is busy, but the experience and friendships you earn can pay dividends. KAHRMM has been and continues to be one of the best chapters in the nation.

Calendar of Events

March 16-17

Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
Hays

TBD

Spring Lunch & Learn

June 10

Second Quarter Board Meeting
Salina

June 11

Vendor Recognition and Drive for Education
Salina

June 12

Summer Education Sessions
Salina

Aug. 12-15

AHRMM Annual Conference
Chicago

TBD

2018 Third Quarter Board Meeting

Oct. 7-13

Healthcare Supply Chain Week

October

Fourth Quarter Board Meeting
Wichita

October

Central Plains Expo
Wichita



Olympics and Materials Management

Supply Chain has outstanding people too. We don't get medals (although, at times, we feel we should) Some of the work we do feels like it deserves the honor. Supply chain continues to evolve into a critical service in health care because the dollars, spent are becoming more critical to the bottom line of many organizations every day.

This conversation leads us to how we can become the medal champions our facilities need. It starts with the realization that supply chain can literally make or break a facility. It has always been known that supply chain controls the second highest expense in organizations, supplies and purchase services. Each day, we are charged with the challenge to lower costs while improving quality of products and services, working with all the disciplines in our facilities to understand the ups and downs of each department or service. How can we help them in their tasks?

My personal experience says it starts with customer service. I always thought anyone working in health care should have a retail background. The customer is always right (even when they are not). Those words are the foundation (or at least used to be) of a retail worker. The challenge in health care is to incorporate that philosophy by finding for our customers (departments) a way to be of service that stays within the resources we have as an organization, but makes them feel valued and appreciated.

It's not a simple task to accomplish. Much like the Olympians, years of practice and tenacity at what we do daily help us to hone our skills so we can be there to provide service when our customers call.

We then earn our medal whether it be gold, silver or bronze. Sometimes we can't do enough, but we always need to do what we can. Simply, our word is our bond. If we work hard at providing service by delivering value on each and every transaction we touch, we are supply chain Olympians! I can hear the Olympic song now...

Special Olympics Basketball & Cheerleading Tournament 2018

By Luanne Kramer

Special Olympics provides year-round athletic events for both children and adults. Since its founding in 1968, this unique organization has helped many individuals with and without disabilities acquire new skills, improve health and fitness, develop friendships and achieve acceptance among their peers and in their communities.

I spoke with a representative from Special Olympics and learned the 2018 basketball and cheering tournament events are changing this year. There will be two tournaments; the first is in March 16-17 in Hays, and the second is March 23-24 in Topeka.

Special Olympics staff are still discussing where the Hays games will take place; however, once KAHRMM volunteers are assigned to a facility, they will not be split up between different locations. The games begin late Friday morning and continue throughout the afternoon. There will be individual competitions and other events on Friday morning that our volunteers can help with. Saturday games will be held as usual.

KAHRMM has been asked to manage three courts this year, which means we need more volunteers than ever! Please consider signing up to help. It isn't difficult, and if you haven't had a chance to help in the past, now is the perfect time to meet the athletes and take part in this worthwhile and rewarding experience. You can contact me at (luanne.kramer@haysmed.com) or Craig Rohleder (craig.rohleder@haysmed.com) at HaysMed to sign up.

Hays hotels are booked months in advance during Special Olympics, but we were able to reserve 10 rooms at the Comfort Inn & Suites North on Thursday night for KAHRMM members. If you need a room, let me know as soon as possible so I can save your spot.

As a volunteer, you will also receive a 2018 Special Olympics T-shirt. If you plan to help, let me know your shirt size, so I can get the correct size ordered.

In 2018, Special Olympics celebrates 50 years of helping people with intellectual disabilities achieve great things! Starting in July, Special Olympics begins a year-long anniversary celebration of creating a better world. For more information, check out the [Special Olympics Kansas website](#) and join them in launching an “Inclusion Revolution!”

The Special Olympics Athlete Oath is, *Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be BRAVE in the attempt.* (Quote from the Special Olympics Kansas website 2018). Volunteering at Special Olympics is a truly rewarding experience. You will never regret the time you spend with these amazing individuals!

Did you know that many KHA education programs are recorded and available to KHA members at no cost.

Login with your username and password at www.kha-net.org. Click on [Education](#) and [Recorded KHA Education](#). If you haven't requested a username and password just click on the “Login” tab, click on “[Register](#)” and complete the requested information. Usernames and passwords must be verified by KHA staff before they are validated (usually validated within 24 hours).

KAHRMM Membership ***By Craig Rohleder***

As I stated last month, “Recruiting and Retaining members often includes discussions about numbers, forms, fees and deadlines. When we talk about recruiting and retaining quality KAHRMM members, we need to look past all the goals and management tools...”. My belief hasn't changed at all on this statement. As monotonous and unexciting as it is, we still need to discuss numbers, forms, fees and deadlines.

We have a two-pronged membership goal this year, 1) retain 85 percent of our members from last year, and 2) grow our organization by 10 percent from last year. Last year on Dec. 31, we had 79 members. That means 1) we must retain 67 KAHRMM members from last year, and 2) we must recruit 20 new members by October of this year.

KAHRMM had 21 active members on Jan 1, so our goals won't be easy. But where's the challenge in setting easy goals? There's no reason to celebrate, if we achieve easy goals. On the other hand, if we achieve what others say is IMPOSSIBLE, we have reason to really celebrate!

I'm beseeching each of you to contact your friends and acquaintances in healthcare supply chain and ask them to become active members of KAHRMM. Let's all work together to grow our organization, work together to reach the goals our president and board have given us to achieve, and celebrate our victory together.

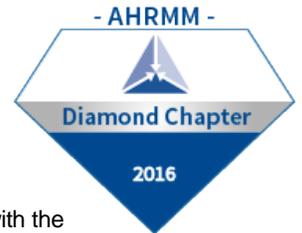
Thank You.



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2018 Membership Form

Active, voting memberships are available to persons professionally engaged in health care purchasing, resource or materials management; group purchasing organizations; as well as medical manufacturers, vendors or distributors. Membership may also be obtained by those professionals in other healthcare related settings not mentioned.

KAHRMM _____ \$45.00 _____ \$55.00 (after March 31, 2018) **Renewal or New Member** (circle)

KAHRMM is a chapter affiliate of AHRMM, and has been recognized as a diamond chapter, the highest designation, for 5 years straight.

KAHRMM / AHRMM One-check option: AHRMM membership is not required for KAHRMM membership; however, as a service to our membership, KAHRMM will coordinate your AHRMM membership renewal payment. Select your KAHRMM and AHRMM membership options, and send one check to KAHRMM for the total amount. When your AHRMM membership is due to renew, send your AHRMM membership renewal notice / invoice to the KAHRMM Treasurer and your AHRMM dues will be paid.

Note: Due to the initial AHRMM membership questionnaire, new AHRMM applicants are encouraged to join on-line at the AHRMM website (www.AHRMM.org). After your first year of AHRMM membership is complete, use the One-check option to renew your AHRMM membership.

AHRMM Membership Categories (Select one category - see AHRMM website for membership category descriptions)

Supply Chain Provider _____ \$165.00 Affiliate / Supplier _____ \$240.00 Military _____ \$165.00
Supply Chain Executive _____ \$220.00 Young Professional Associate _____ \$135.00
Full-time Student _____ \$109.00 Retiree _____ \$109.00

AHRMM FELLOW: Year Earned _____ AHRMM CMRP: Year Earned _____
Additional Certifications _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____ (total amount should include AHRMM dues if renewing AHRMM membership)

I hereby apply for membership in KAHRMM and/or AHRMM and certify that I meet the membership requirements.

Name: (please print) _____ Title: _____

Name of Hospital or Employer: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail _____ County _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Submitted _____

Hospital Employee: Y / N

Healthcare Vendor: Y / N

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