Inside this Issue:

- Materials Management Week Celebration
- KAHRMM Calendar of Events
- CPE 2019
- FDA Statement on Medical Device Availability Due to Sterilizer Plant Closings
- Membership Article
- KAHRMM Membership Application

Materials Management Week Celebration

Please join us Oct. 8, 2019:

- Refreshments
- Meet the Materials Management Staff
- Tour the department
- Register for great Prizes

Food will be served from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Come enjoy the fun!
TBD
KAHRMM Board Meeting
McPherson

March 20
Kansas Special Olympics
Basketball Tournament
Hays

June 7
KAHRMM Board Meeting
Salina

June 8
Drive for Education and
Vendor Appreciation
Salina

June 9
Summer Education Session
Salina

June 26-29
AHRMM Conference
Austin, TX

Oct. 8-9
CPE
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport
CPE 2019
By Lori Knoeber

CPE 2019 was a great success this year. The conference was moved back to the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport after being located at the Hyatt Regency for several years. Nearly 40 KAHRMM members attended.

Dee Donatelli, incoming AHRMM board chair, shared how clinical integration involves a standardization of processes and products to increase efficiencies, decrease costs and improve patient outcomes. This can be achieved through a multi-disciplinary approach to evaluate standards of care while also evaluating a change in products. She cautioned that product changes should be based on clinical data, not just for cost reduction or contract compliance. Wade Byerly from MERC talked about the importance of managing your facility's fixed assets and understanding the point in the equipment's life cycle for replacement to optimize value. Pat Tabor shared the many facets of daily supply chain challenges while humoring us with pictures from this year's KAHRMM events.

The vendor fair showcased more than 70 suppliers and was well-attended. KAHRMM celebrated its 40th anniversary by sponsoring a word-search giveaway of a 32” smart TV, Fitbit and Amazon Echo. KAHRMM members also received embossed portfolios, pens and mobile batteries as part of the celebration.

Please mark your calendars to attend CPE 2020, which will be Oct 8-9, 2020.

FDA Statement on Medical Device Availability Due to Sterilizer Plant Closings
By Lori Knoeber

Some of you may have seen the Food and Drug Administration’s announcement regarding the potential closures of additional sterilization facilities, which may adversely affect medical device inventory. The FDA is responsible for the safety and effectiveness of all medical devices. The Environmental Protection Agency manages environmental safety from unsafe levels of ethylene oxide (ETO) released by these facilities. Some state agencies have closed sterilization facilities due to growing concerns about the facility's emission levels of ETO. The most recent closure is the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook, IL, which will not reopen. Another Sterigenics facility in Atlanta, GA, also is currently closed for construction to reduce its emission levels.

Medical devices are sterilized prior to use to remove potentially harmful microorganisms and germs. The most common method for this sterilization is ETO, processing half of the 20 billion devices in the U.S. annually. The FDA continues to monitor the impacts on medical device availability, as well as work with Sterigenics and medical device manufacturers that are affected. The FDA is urging manufacturers that currently use ETO sterilization practices to seek alternative sterilization methods and assess potential issues with product distribution to minimize shortages. The FDA continues to monitor this situation and is partnering with manufacturers, sterilizers, government agencies and public health advocates to avert device shortages and ensure patient care is not compromised.

- [FDA announcement](#)
- [BD Customer Statement](#)
New Membership Form
By Lori Knoeber

A copy of the NEW membership form is attached to this newsletter. The new form has been updated to a fillable Adobe form for your convenience. To complete before printing, open the pdf, click on Tools, then Fill & Sign, then click on each field to complete. This form also can also be emailed along with credit card payment to Chrissy Fink, treasurer, at cfink@srhc.com. Please be aware of the rate increase on the new form.

Note: If you’ve saved the membership form for future use, please replace it with this updated version as the mailing address has changed. Also, ask your Accounts Payable personnel to update to the new form, so the information goes to our treasurer.
2020 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.

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

Name (please print): _______________________________________ Title: ________________________________

Employer Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

City: __________________________  State: _______    Zip: ____________  County: ________________________

Phone:  Work _____________________   Cell _________________________   Home ________________________

Email: _____________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________    Date: ______________________________

Hospital Employee _____    Healthcare Supplier _____

KAHRMM / AHRMM One-check option: AHRMM membership is not required for KAHRMM membership. As a service to our membership, KAHRMM will coordinate your AHRMM membership renewal payment. Select your KAHRMM and AHRMM membership options below, 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 AHRMM Treasurer and your AHRMM dues will be paid.

KAHRMM $50 _______ After Sept 30th $75 _______ New or Renewal Member (please circle)

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 Renewal 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

CMRP Year Earned ___________    AHRMM Fellow Year Earned ___________

KAHRMM $ ________$ ________    Renewal AHRMM $ ________

Total Check Amount $ ________

Make check payable to KAHRMM and mail to:

Chrissy Fink, RN, CMRP
Materials Management
Salina Regional Health Center
400 S Santa Fe
Salina KS 67401

To renew with credit card, please contact Chrissy at cfink@srhc.com.