



KHEA NEWSLETTER

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Hello and Merry Christmas to all of my fellow KHEA members,

As this year winds down and we're all looking forward to spending time with our friends and family over the holidays, I think I can speak for most of us when I say "buh-bye 2020"!! It's been a pretty rough year for all of us. We've all been dealing with the effects of Coronavirus in our hospitals and we've all heard a story or two about someone we know, or a friend of a friend, being affected by the COVID-19 virus. This hit home for me just a week ago. One of my employees, who was getting ready to retire at the end of the year came down the COVID, was admitted to the hospital, ended up on a ventilator and eventually passed away. 30 days away from retirement! That left me speechless. It's in times like these that I really have to sit back and evaluate my life and I find that my mind drifts off and I ask myself questions... Am I living my life to the fullest? Do I have a good work/life balance? Am I making a difference? Etc., etc., etc.

As we all get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays, I challenge each of you to take some time and think about what is most important to you. We all have very demanding jobs and we spend a lot of our time at work. We also need to make sure that we're spending the appropriate amount of time at home or at least communicating to those near and dear to us about how very important they are to us. This is the season of giving and even though we give an awful lot to our organizations, we need to give back to our families and ourselves too. Take time to recharge your batteries. Take time to enjoy the holidays. Take time to reflect. Take time to reconnect with a family member or an old friend. Don't forget what's important to you.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or whatever religious or non-religious holidays you'd like to celebrate. Have a Happy New Year and I look forward to being your President once again in 2021. Hopefully we can see each other at a Spring or Fall conference, or a golf outing this year. Stay healthy and safe!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Brian Leabo

2020 Star Vendors

- American Boiler & Mechanical
- Apex Medical Gas Systems
- Assa Abloy
- Becker Pumps
- Central Mechanical Construction Company
- Commercial Laundry Sales & Service
- DCS Services
- DH Pace
- Edelman-Lyon Automatic Door
- Electronic Contracting Company
- Energy Solutions Professionals
- Glassman Corporation
- Hajoca
- Johnson Controls
- McConnell and Associates
- McCownGordon Construction
- Mechanical Sales Midwest Inc.
- Mid-Continental Restoration Company
- Nabholz
- P1 Group
- RamAir
- Roofmasters Roofing & Sheet Metal Company Inc.
- Schneider Electric
- Trane
- Tremco Roofing & Building Management
- Underground Vaults & Storage
- US Engineering

****Scholarship Application****

What is a trait that a great leader possesses and how do they stand out from other leaders? Do they treat employees equal or fair? Explain the difference of equal and fair.

KHEA Spring Conference

April 20-22, 2021 in Salina

April 20 Golf at Salina Country Club

April 21 Education

- 7:00am Registration
- 7:45am Welcome, Introductions & Meeting
- 8:00am Skanda Skandaverl "ASHE Update"
- 8:30am Loie Ruhl Couch "I am Not the enemy"
- 9:45am Jeff Horning & Shelly Higgins "Grainger Educational Opportunities"
- 11:00am Ed Haselwood "Underground Storage Tanks in Healthcare"
- 1:00pm David McConnell "OSHA Compliance in Healthcare"
- 2:30pm Dan Olbringer "Leadership from the Ledge: 8 Life Lessons from a Hostage Negotiator"

April 22 Education

- 7:30am Norbert Flax "Roundtable Discussion"
- 8:30am Mike Stallbaumer "Chapter Advocacy & Updates"
- 8:45am Dave Degenais "Preparing for Survey: Challenging Codes & Standards"
- 1:00pm TBA- **IF YOU have any speakers/topics please contact a Board Member**

****Dates to Remember****

Summer 2021 Scholarship Golf TBA

Fall 2021 Conference will be held in Manhattan September 28-30, 2021

Would you like to get more involved with KHEA? Would YOU make an awesome TREASURER? What about a VENDOR LIAISON?

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