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President's Message: November 2022

Greetings Heart of America Members:

As I'm putting my thoughts together for my message, I'm flying home from Fargo, which had 3 degree windchills on Friday while baggage handlers attempted to walk on snow covered aprons and tried to stay warm.

As safety practitioners and to comply with regulatory enforcement, there tends to a focus on heat stress. With the local rapid change from the 70's to the 20's, we need to make sure America's workers are prepared for the weather. Furthermore, multiple layers of clothing can impact people's spatial awareness (bumping into, getting caught) and reduce range of motion that workers are accustomed to. Sometimes Mother Nature doesn't give workers time to acclimate to the cold, so employers should ensure workers have sufficient warm clothes and access to protection from the extreme cold and wind.

We're excited to be combining our monthly technical topic with a tour of WaterOne's Treatment plant this week. Special thank you to WaterOne for hosting us. And speaking of cold weather, we appreciate the water utility workers who respond to water main breaks in all types of weather. As for upcoming meetings, please check out page 7 of this newsletter and mark your calendars.

This month, we're excited to recognize Dennis Burks for his 40 years of being an ASSP member. Dennis has been a strong supporter of our Chapter, serving as past president, guest speaker, and host of Safety Jeopardy. Although retired from his Monday through Friday job, he continues to impact the lives of American workers as an OSHA Outreach educator, always with a smile on his face. Dennis, I would like to thank you for your service to our profession.

Derek, Dave and Aaron have been working on keeping out social media platforms up to date. If you're not already following our Linked In page, I would encourage you to add it: ASSP Heart of America Chapter (we're up to 116 followers); and our Chapter website: www.kc.assp.org These are great resources to check on upcoming meetings, job announcements, etc.

And don't forget to check out pages 2 and 3, regarding our Toy Drive and UCM's 50th anniversary celebration!

Tom Metzner
HOA Chapter President

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November Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

40 YEARS

Dennis Burks, CSP, PE

MEMBER OF ASSP FOR 40 YEARS

Where did you go to school? I feel very fortunate to receive a college education, many of my classes were evenings/weekends:
University of Central Missouri: Education Specialist and Master of Science: Industrial Safety
Pittsburg State University of Kansas: Bachelor of General Studies

How long have you been in the safety industry? It seems hard to believe, I have been in the safety industry for 42 years. It does not feel that long.

What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities? I retired from my full-time job at HNTB (Engineering, Architecture, Planning Company) in 2021, as the Corporate Safety Director, Associate Vice President. Duties involve the development, implementation and management of the safety & health program.

I currently teach part-time safety classes (I have been doing this several years) as an Adjunct Instructor, Great Plains OSHA Education Center and Adjunct Professor, Johnson County Community College.

What made you decide to go into safety? My first semester at Pittsburg State University I took an Industrial Safety class facilitated by Mr. Donald Woolman. He was a very good instructor and I greatly related to the class, working prior as a construction laborer/welder. I later discovered; University of Central Missouri offered a safety degree.

What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field?
I have a lot of good work memories of seeing and contributing to various projects plus traveling to exciting locations (which has included Hawaii). I have been honored to be a conference speaker, receiving safety awards for my company, having safety articles published, being a safety committee member (i.e., ANSI ASC 14.3) and achieving various safety designations.

What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities? I enjoy being able to spend time with my young grandchildren and traveling with my wife of 40 years. I am an active member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians. I am also a member of the local Model A Club and own/work on a 1930 Model A Ford. I have a goal to get to all the Major League Baseball stadiums. I have been to 23 of the 30 stadiums.

Any advice for younger adults who are safety professionals?
Being a safety professional is an admirable way to serve and contribute to society and business. Like any professional, there are challenges but the key to success is not to be discouraged. Being able to present options to address issues can help in being successful. When you can, it is important to make work fun.

What does your ASSP Membership do for you? I have been a member of the Heart of American chapter for 40 years and have met a lot of members who have become my friends. The national conferences are rewarding in many different ways. The local chapter has been a great way of networking. Of my four different full-time jobs I have had in my career (all were good jobs), two of them came about from being approached at a local chapter meeting.

Member Spotlight was conducted by McKenzie Turner, Wagner Logistics and ASSP HOA Member

Examinetics is facilitating a holiday toy drive in collaboration with the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP.

Who: Supports kids up to 17 years of age.
When: Collecting toys November 7-30, 2022.
Where: Drop off toy donations at the Examinetics office:
10561 Barkley St. #400, Overland Park, KS 66216
(under the Christmas tree in the lobby on the fourth floor)
What: Toys for any age. Pre-teen and teen ages are typically hardest to buy for and the most underserved.
Cannot accept toys that look like realistic weapons or contain food or other perishables.
Toys must be new, in original packaging and unwrapped.

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SAFETY SCIENCES

You are invited to a special event celebrating 50 years of the Safety Sciences program at the University of Central Missouri.

WHEN: 5:30–9 p.m. Dec. 15, 2022

WHERE: Chicken N Pickle, 5901 W. 135th St., Overland Park, KS 66223

We have many reasons to celebrate! Our program is the oldest recognized safety program in the country. Our faculty and alumni are actively involved in the American Society of Safety Professionals and the American Industrial Hygiene Association, serving on committees and assisting with strategic initiatives.

We are pleased to be planning this anniversary celebration in collaboration with the ASSP Heart of America Chapter and the AIHA Mid-America Chapter.

To RSVP for the event, please visit **ucmfoundation.org/safety-sciences**. Friends and family are welcome too. Your $15 registration includes appetizers and two drink tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Dr. Georgi Popov
Professor and Chair
Department of Occupational Risk and Safety Science

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October Meeting

At our chapter meeting on October 28th at Black and Veatch headquarters we were lucky to have Attorneys Mitch Wood and Kate Wright, from Halbrook Wood, P.C., speak to us. They gave an updated current events on OSHA and future outlook. Topics included COVID, national and local emphasis plans and future regulatory updates. We had over 50 attendees including students from both University of Central Missouri and Pittsburg State University safety programs and many online members.

UCM Fall Semester Accident Investigation Day

On October 27th, it was the 2022 Accident Investigations day at UCM. Perfect weather and turnout for the students. Also, support from the ASSP Heart of America Chapter and UCM Facilities Management. Thank you to everyone who participated, it was a great learning experience for the students!

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

WISE Women in Safety Excellence Contact Laurel Harris for more information: llharris@chubb.com	ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) is a common interest group that advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research, and innovation. With over 2,000 members, WISE provides member and community support and collaborative opportunities within the profession. WISE works to bring awareness to the following industry topics: • The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace • Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace. • To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals **ChapterWISE** If you are interested in helping to establish our local ChapterWISE, please reach out to me at llharris@chubb.com More information will be coming out regarding a planning meeting soon. Please help me and Karen Kono establish a chapter level group that can continue to educate, support and to take action within the Heart of America. Thank you, Laurel Harris

Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 ASSP Hybrid Presentation and In-person Plant Tour	Water One Lenexa, KS 11:30pm to 2:00pm	**Forklifts: New Technology, Reducing Damage, REP, Top 10 Violations** Presented by: Guy Snowdy
Thursday, December 15th, 2022	Harvesters KC, MO 1:30 to 3:30pm	**Chapter Volunteer Event** Sorting and Repacking
Friday, January 20th, 2023	TBD 11:30am to 1pm	**Risk Reduction through Preventative Maintenance** Presented by: Marcus Neal – Owner of Ag Solutions LLC
Thursday, February 16th, 2023	TBD Afternoon	**Wearable Technology Workshop**

Local Community Events

December 7-8	**The CGA 2022 Summit** Hosted by the Missouri Common Ground Alliance Ozark Empire Fair Grounds- Springfield, MO Home - Missouri Common Ground Alliance (mocommonground.org)
December 8-9	**The International Locate Rodeo** Hosted by the Missouri Common Ground Alliance Springfield, MO Locate Rodeo | International Utility Locate Rodeo
December 15th	**50 Years of Safety Sciences** Hosted by the UCM Safety Sciences Program Chicken and Pickle - Overland Park, MO Safety Sciences - UCM Alumni Foundation (ucmfoundation.org)

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

November			
November	Thanksgiving Safety Tips	National Fire Protection Agency	Thanksgiving safety tips | NFPA
November	Holiday Safety	National Safety Council	Holiday Safety - National Safety Council (nsc.org)
November	Avoid the Flu	National Safety Council	Flu Vaccination Facts - National Safety Council (nsc.org)
November	Winter Safety	Center of Disease Control and Prevention	CDC Offers Winter Safety Tips | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC
November	Diabetes Awareness Month	American Diabetes Association	American Diabetes Month | ADA

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University of Central Missouri Student Section

Metropolitan Community College

New Members

Please welcome: Mike Goodale, Robert Maxwell, Tom Wainscott, Travis Antcliff

Many of us are members of associations and groups that involve safety, health, environmental protection, and risk management advancement. As we engage with our member organizations, remember to network and share the opportunities and benefits available within the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP for members, non-members, and our community.

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them ***HERE!***

ASSP Community

Please take a moment to reach out and connect through ASSP Community.

Job Openings

If you or someone that you know in the safety profession are looking for employment, jobs openings are posted on our Chapter website. Please check out our website for recent job postings. https://kc.assp.org/

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to president@kc.assp.org

Upcoming Events

The Chapter website provides information regarding upcoming events and training held by our Chapter, other ASSP Chapters, ASSP, and from other organizations with safety, health, environmental and risk management topics that may interest you. Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming events that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter. https://kc.assp.org/

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