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Heart of America Chapter

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President's Message: January 2023

Greetings Heart of America Members:

Happy New Year! Wishing everybody a safe start to 2023. Despite the bleak weather, this is always an exciting time to set new goals, whether they're personal accomplishments, educational opportunities, safety achievements, injury reduction goals . . . or becoming more involved with ASSP.

On December 15th, we held our annual networking/volunteer outing at Harvesters. We had a great turnout of members and a handful of family members, while supporting a very worthy cause.

If you recall, last year Heart of America partnered with Grainger, and together donated three antifatigue mats to Harvesters. We were excited to see they still being used, holding up great, and told how much they're appreciated. This year, again with a donation from Grainger, we're supplying three more mats.

Heart of America is actively seeking candidates to run for the Vice President/President Elect position. This is an especially valuable position. In addition to learning about Society and the Chapter, it's an opportunity to infuse new ideas and help direct the Chapter into 2024 and beyond.

Starting in 2023, we are bringing back our Featured Vendor partnership. This is an opportunity for members to learn about the vendor's services and offerings, while also being a revenue source for the Chapter. Heart of America has several different sponsorship levels, so if your company is interested in learning more, please speak with a board member for details.

Please take a couple of minutes to read through this newsletter, mark upcoming meeting dates, and connect with our new members on ASSP Community.

Speaking of upcoming meeting dates, we're hosting our first Professional Development Workshop on Feb. 16th, at SafetyCulture's offices. We have applied for CEU's and hope to receive approval soon.

Sincerely,
Tom Metzner, HOA President

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January Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

40
YEARS

Bruce White CSP, ARM CFPS

MEMBER OF ASSP FOR 40 YEARS



Where did you go to school? Grew up in Moore, Oklahoma dodging tornados. Went to Oklahoma State with a BS in Fire Protection and Safety. Also have an AS in Fire Protection from OSU. Graduated in 1983. Joined the ASSP my Junior year at OSU.

How long have you been in the safety industry? Started in the insurance industry in January of 1984 in Oklahoma City Spent time in Houston, Nashville, Denver, and the last 29 years here in KC.

What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities? Joined Lockton Companies in 1996 so sneaking up on 27 years. I'm associate number 352 now we have 10,000 associates worldwide. Fun to watch and help grow a great organization. Prior to that spent 12 years with Continental Insurance and a short stint at Universal Underwriters.

I am a Loss Control Manager so most of my time is as a manager, I enjoy helping our safety professionals grow and develop into strong consultants and trusted advisors to our clients. I also have a few clients that I'm their principal consultant. I enjoy having many long-term relationships and friendships with most of my clients. I focus a majority of my consulting in the fire protection and boiler and machinery areas but help our clients across all facets of their EHS needs while focusing on reducing their total cost of risk.

What made you decide to go into safety? I graduated high school was barely 17 and wanted to be a firefighter but wasn't old enough to apply, So I went to OSU to get a better background to help me be successful at becoming a firefighter. I enjoyed the fire protection and the safety courses and found out about the vast opportunities in the field, I also had a family background in Oil and Gas and even interned in a natural gas plant. I was interested in a career in the Oil and Gas area but my senior year at OSU the Oil and Gas industry collapsed and there were no jobs available. I was able to land a job with Continental Insurance company in OKC and 39 years later still enjoying a great career in insurance.

What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field? I think the places I have been and the interesting people I have meet. In my career I have been in 47 states, (Alaska, Hawaii and Maine) 8 foreign countries and 1 US territory. Many great memories helping fellow safety professionals solve their safety issues that help us all save lives and protect property. I think my favorite was the ten days spent in Australia helping a client comply with Australian safety regulations as well as a healthy dose of sightseeing. When people ask me about my job I tell them it is the best job ever, it's like getting to go on field trips when you were in grade school every day. I get to help people, learn their business (abundant curiosity) and create great friendships and relationships.

What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities? Avid duck hunter, I go to Canada every year for duck and goose hunting, crazy fun. Love spending time with my 5 grandkids. Also involved in Scouting BSA, I'm on the board of directors and chair the risk management committee.

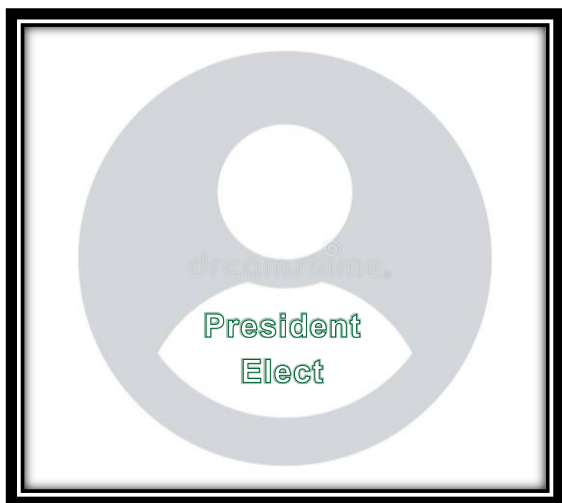
Any advice for younger adults who are safety professionals?
Be abundantly curious, never stop learning, find a mentor and a trusted advisor.

What does your ASSP Membership do for you? ASSP has always been a connection to people who have a servant leader ethos. Great people to learn and grow with. I think membership also shows that you are invested in your profession and your career.



December Volunteering Event at Harvesters – The Community Food Network

You get a group of safety professionals together to volunteer their time and labor you will likely get a few ergonomic stretching exercises involved. Especially if Karen (Kono) Santoyo, RN, COHN is involved! We had 20 people all together including our Board, Executive Committee, Past Committee, many other members that volunteered their time. We even had a few hard working family members that joined us. Harvesters--The Community Food Network was a great place for the ASSP Heart of America Chapter to partner with for this project.



This could be you!!

We're currently seeking interested individuals for the position of Vice President/President Elect for the 2023-24 term. If you're interested in learning more about the position or serving on the Executive Committee, please reach out to Tom Metzner or Derek Farmer. This is a great opportunity to learn more about ASSP, our local Chapter, and bring new ideas to our organization

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE



WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

Contact Karen Santoyo for more information:

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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 karen.santoyo@examinetics.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, Karen

Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, January 20th, 2023	Scheels – Training Room 11:30 am to 1:00 pm 6503 W. 135 th Street, Overland Park, Kansas, 66223	<u>Risk Reduction through Preventative Maintenance</u> Presented by: Marcus Neal – Owner of Ag Solutions LLC
Thursday, February 16th, 2023	SafetyCulture 2114 Central St, KCMO 11:30 am - 4:00 pm	<u>Wearable Technology: PDW (Professional Development Workshop)</u> Presented by: Scott Coleman: Preventure; German Bionic; Tim Balmer: Lockton
Friday, March 24th, 2023	TBD 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<u>Prevention Through Design (PtD)</u> Presented by: Bruce Lyon and Georgi Popov

Local Community Events

April 25-27	<u>Iowa – Illinois 70th Safety Council Conference and Expo</u> Grand River Cetner / Grand Harbor Resort - Dubuque, IA iisc.org
May 16-18	<u>SAFECONEXPO</u> Hosted by the Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas Lodge of the Four Seasons in the Lake of the Ozarks, MO Website coming soon
May 16	<u>6th Annual SAFECON Golf Tournament</u> Hosted by the Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas The Cove – Robert Trent Jones Course Safety Sciences - UCM Alumni Foundation (ucmfoundation.org)

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

January			
January	Put a FREEZE on winter fires	National Fire Protection Agency	Put A Freeze on Winter Fires NFPA
January	Weather Related Deaths and Injuries	National Safety Council	Weather-Related Deaths and Injuries - Data Details - Injury Facts (nsc.org)
January	National Radon Action Month	Environmental Protection Agency	National Radon Action Month Information US EPA
January	Winter Safety	Center of Disease Control and Prevention	CDC Offers Winter Safety Tips CDC Online Newsroom CDC



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New Members

Please welcome: Brandon Anderson, Denver Todd, Dylan McClain, Jeremy Lund, Patrick Klockenkemper, and Steve Merkys

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/>

Executive Committee

Executive Committee contact information. We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions.



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