



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Heart of America Chapter

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President's Message February 2024

If you could not make it to The New Theatre for our grand 85th Anniversary Party, we genuinely missed you! The event, generously sponsored by the chapter, successfully raised \$1,500 for our scholarship foundation. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who registered and attended, and a special shout-out to the resolute volunteers who made this celebration possible!

At the January 29th Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Meeting, chaired by Karen Santoyo, lively discussions unfolded on strategies for the Common Interest Group to acquire essential resources like banners, marketing materials, and the formation of an executive committee. To be a part of this exciting initiative, do not hesitate to reach out to Karen Santoyo.

Beyond the buzz of the Chiefs' Super Bowl game, we have more exciting events lined up! Join us on February 23rd at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, MO, for our next chapter meeting from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Mr. Steve Bell will delve into the topic of "Safety Managers and Mental Health," offering insights into coping with stress while supporting teams and networks.

The heartbeat of our chapter is the collective effort of enthusiastic individuals. We are actively seeking volunteers and nominations for impactful roles, including Vice President (President Elect) and Treasurer. These positions not only allow you to give back but also provide an excellent opportunity to enhance your professional profile.

Our chapter, with a rich history dating back to the 1930s, continues to thrive. With a current membership of 550 professionals, we are making a lasting impact on our profession and the communities in and around Kansas City. Join us as we persist in saving lives and reducing risks for years to come!

Let us build a safer and stronger community together!

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January Meeting: 85th Anniversary Party



Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us at The New Theatre in Overland Park, KS, for our Heart of America Chapter's 85th Anniversary Party!

Murder Mystery Delight: A captivating performance led by Parks & Recreation star Jim O'Heir, keeping us on the edge of our seats with laughter and suspense.

Networking & Exhibit: The Marquee Room hosted a pre-show networking reception, where we explored exhibits showcasing safety's profound impact on the workforce since the 1930s.

Dinner & Show: A delicious dinner was followed by the Murder Mystery Theatre, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration.

Special Thanks:

To every ASSP Heart of America Chapter Member who made this event memorable.

Your \$25 registration fee not only made the night spectacular but also contributed \$1,500 to our ASSP Foundation Scholarship, supporting the future generation of safety and health professionals. Here's to 85 years of dedication, impact, and shared commitment to safety excellence!

Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

Each year members will nominate a professional in our chapter that shows dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to the society. Your ASSP Heart of America Chapter SPY Award goes to none other than Mr. Tom Metzner. Tom Metzner served as the Heart of America Chapter Vice President during the 2018-2019 term, and then moved to the President's role to serve from 2019 until 2023. In addition to organizing the Chapter's Professional Development Conference in 2019, he's been actively engaged in promoting the Chapter and Society.

Some of the more notable projects Tom has been involved with was shifting to a pure virtual meeting format during COVID, hosting a Region V Regional Operating Council meeting in Kansas City, maintaining the Chapter's tradition of earning platinum status on the Chapter Operations Management Tool, developing officers for smooth transitions into leadership roles, and working to grow membership in the Student Sections and Chapter.

THE 2023
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TOM METZNER



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Safety 2024 – Date Change to August 7-9



Workplace safety and health will continue to evolve, and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) will connect you with industry expertise, a network of like-minded peers and the latest innovations. Registration is now open for our 63rd annual Conference and Expo.

We will see you in Denver!


Note the special August dates this year: Wednesday, Aug. 7 - Friday, Aug. 9, 2024

Video - [Safety 2024 Video](#)

Registration – [Register Here](#)

Hotel - [Reservations](#)

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 WISE Women in Safety Excellence Contact Karen Santoyo for more information: karen.santoyo@examinetics.com	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, February 23, 2024	John Knox Village – Lee's Summit, MO 11:30am to 1:00pm 1001 NW Chipman Rd, Lee's Summit, MO	<u>Safety Managers & Mental Health – New Year Preparations and How to Navigate the Facilities Programs without Going Crazy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key Focus on Mental Stress – Signs and Symptoms ▪ Tools for Minimizing Stress for Safety Management ▪ Support Teams / Mentors / Networks and how they can really help you. ▪ Organization Tools such as Online Platforms / Compliance Calendars and their importance of tracking for stress release or prevention. (EHS to Provide Free Tools / Database)
Friday, March 21, 2024	Lockton Companies 11:30am – 1pm 444 W 47 th St Kansas City, MO	<u>Anatomy of Post Incident Injury Care – a panel discussion of various professionals involved with work-related injury care, documentation, and reporting.</u> Speakers include Kristi Speak (Lockton); Char Duffy (Yellow); Erin O'Neal (Meritas Health) and Cathy DiGiacinto (Meritas Health)
Friday, April 19, 2024,	Garmin 11:30am – 1pm 1200 E. 151 st Olathe, KS	<u>Technical Tour</u>

ChapterWISE – Women in Safety Excellence

Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Girls on the Run Office 1pm-4pm 11880 College Blvd, Suite 201, Overland Park, KS	<u>Volunteer Event – In-Person</u> Email Karen Santoyo ASAP if interested
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November Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

February			
February 2 nd	Heart Health Month and National Wear Red Day	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	<u>NIH - American Heart Month</u>
February 4-10	National Burn Awareness Week	American Burn Association	<u>Fire Safety</u>



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New Members

Please welcome:

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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