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Heart of America Chapter

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President's Message March 2024

The past month has been incredibly busy as we wrapped up our fiscal year planning and executed our strategies. One highlight was my attendance at the 2024 Safety Olympics on March 1st in my hometown of Durant, OK. Serving as one of the three judges for the virtual reality hazard assessment competition was a truly rewarding experience. Although I wasn't present as a judge on Thursday when both UCM and Pitt State competed, I heard great reviews about the students' teamwork and communication skills. Witnessing the advancements in virtual reality technology firsthand was remarkable. The system used is sophisticated enough to simulate hazards for forklift, crane, and maintenance workers, providing a safe environment for training and learning from mistakes.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our April 19th meeting at the Garmin International campus in Olathe, KS. Registration will be open by Monday. The EHS Team at Garmin has made significant strides in implementing ISO 14001 and 45001 standards, and they have expertise in drone capabilities for building safety plans, which their team is excited to talk about while sharing some slides about the tech they manufacturer.

Before we break for summer, our final meeting will take place at the UCM Innovation Campus in Lee's Summit, MO. We are thrilled to host Mr. Geoff Walter from Owens Corning and Keith Bowers from Bowers AI, who will discuss how artificial intelligence has revolutionized risk management at Owens Corning. Having heard Mr. Bowers speak on this topic at Safety 2023 in San Antonio, I can assure you that this presentation will be enlightening and not to be missed.

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February Meeting: Safety Managers & Mental Health – New Year Preparations and How to Navigate the Facilities Programs without Going Crazy



Our February Meeting at John Knox Village was a great turnout and our Speaker Steve Bell did a great job of showing us how to manage stress while working under pressure!

WISE – Served at Girls on the Run, Greater Kansas City



Our Heart of America Chapter Women In Safety Excellence (WISE) common interest group volunteered at [Girls on the Run Serving Greater Kansas City](#) where we packed over 1,800 bags for school-aged girls, 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade.

Girls on the Run reaches girls at a critical stage, strengthening their confidence at a time when society begins to

tell them they can't. Underscoring the important connection between physical and emotional health, our program addresses the whole girl when she needs it the most.



UCM Mock Investigation Event is hosting a Pet Drive

Our President and several other members were present at the UCM Mock Investigations this week to watch two of UCM classes, the Capstone and the Investigation class perform Mock Investigations! Thanks to those that show up and support the school and thanks to UCM for the invite!



Safety Olympics 2024

From February 29th to March 1st, the University of Central Missouri and Pitt State ventured down to the Southeastern campus in Durant, OK, to participate in the 2024 Safety Olympics. Both UCM and Pitt State showcased outstanding performances, clinching 2nd and 3rd place respectively out of 6 competing schools. Our chapter President, Derek Farmer, MBA, CSP, had the honor of being onsite and serving as a judge on Friday. "I had the privilege of judging the Friday competition, which involved hazard recognition. Students wore headsets and navigated a virtual reality warehouse, identifying risks, associating them with regulatory standards, and proposing corrective actions to earn points," Derek shared.

Our Chapter sponsored the event, donating \$500 to the event. Thanks for being a member and allowing us to aid like this.



ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE



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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

Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, March 21, 2024	Lockton Companies 11:30am – 1pm 444 W 47th 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. 151st Olathe, KS	<u>Garmin International EHS introduction; best management practices with ISO 14 & 45001; how to develop a Drone Safety Plan by McCown Gordon.</u> Speakers include Michael Carlson, EHS Specialist – The EHS Team and Drone Pilot with McCown Gordon.
May, 10, 2024	UCM Innovation Campus 11:30am – 1pm 1101 NW Innovations Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO	<u>AI Safety: Redefining Workplace Risk Management at Owens Corning</u> Speakers include Geoff Walter (Owens Corning); Keith Bowers (Bowers AI).

ChapterWISE – Women in Safety Excellence

Monday, April 29th, 2024	Hybrid Meeting 1:00pm-2:30pm Grainger Distribution Center 11200 MO-210 Kansas City, MO	Monthly Meeting <u>Speaker: Vivek Kulkarni</u> Vivek Kulkarni is the founder of ARIN Technologies a leading location based solutions company. Vivek has designed and built the best in class products for safety around mobile industrial equipment (ARINAlert) and real time location systems (ARINTrack).
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March Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

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March	Brain Injury Awareness Month	<u>Brain Injury Association of America</u>	<u>More about concussions</u>
March	National Ladder Safety Month	<u>American Ladder Institute</u>	<u>Ladder safety tips</u>
March	National Nutrition Month®	<u>Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics</u>	<u>Focuses on the importance of healthy eating and exercise</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/>

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