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President's Message December 2024

Hello to everyone in the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. I find it hard to believe that 2024 is almost over. In just two more days we will bring in the new year and start 2025. I know we all are heavily focused on closing out 2024 and finalizing preparations for a strong start to 2025.

Some helpful reminders for all of us include making sure to finalize your OSHA log for 2024. OSHA logs must be signed and posted from February 1 to April 30th. Also, don't forget ITA reporting requirements. If you're new to the OSHA ITA reporting requirements, here is a helpful link to get you started: <https://www.osha.gov/itareportapp>

Our first meeting of 2025 will be on Friday, January 24th. We are definitely honored to have Charlie Cartwright as the guest speaker for this meeting. The meeting announcement will be out shortly, so please look for that in your email and on the Heart of America website.

So far we haven't had much winter weather in the Kansas City area, but be sure to keep your workforces alert for changing conditions. Icy bridge surfaces and poor visibility are just two of the challenges facing drivers each winter. And although driving is an activity most people have plenty of practice with, it's still one of the most significant hazards we all face on a daily basis. Keep your team members alert and safe this winter.

New Year's Eve is a great time to celebrate and look back on everything from 2024. I'm sure this was a very eventful year for everyone, so don't forget to look back at all the lessons you may have learned.

Please Stay Safe!

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ASSP HoA Volunteer Event

The HoA Chapter had the opportunity to perform some community volunteering at Harvesters Community Food Network here in Kansas City. Harvesters is a regional food bank that serves a 27-county area in northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas. The primary mission of Harvesters is to collect, package, and distribute food to a network of more than 900 partner agencies throughout the region they serve. The partner agencies include local food pantries, community kitchens, and shelters who provide groceries or meals to families, children, and seniors in need. The annual volunteer event gives the Heart of America chapter an opportunity to support this vital organization. For more information on Harvesters, please visit their website at <https://www.harvesters.org/>.



Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, January 24 th 2025	Location TBA	<u>ASSP Meeting: New Beginnings</u> Speaker: Charlie Cartwright
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2025 Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

February 3-7	SafetyFOCUS 2025	ASSP	Las Vegas, NV https://safetyfocus.assp.org/
May, 2025	SafeConExpo 2025	Safety and Health Council	The Lodge of the Four Seasons 315 Four Seasons Drive Lake Ozark, MO
July 22-24	Safety 2025 Conference and Expo	ASSP	Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL

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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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