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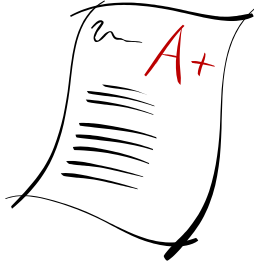


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### Myron D. Calkins Scholarship

Applications for the 2012-2013 year are now available.  
Application due date is **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012!**

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### NEW FEATURE!

See page 12 for the Member Spotlight, presented by the Diversity Committee.



### UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 - Clients and Consultants

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - AASHTO Green Book

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### NPWW Luncheon

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012  
Overland Park Convention Center

See page 9 for details.



### SAVE THE DATES!!!



### Membership BBQ

**WHEN:** Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

### 31st Annual Golf Tournament

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM DENA MEZGER

I am sure everyone has been enjoying this mild winter. I know our Public Works crews in Lee's Summit have appreciated the reprieve after a couple of tough winters, and many city budgets are probably in better shape without major snow removal expenses.

The recent uptick in the stock market, small reductions in unemployment and small increases in the housing market also offer hopeful signs that the economy is turning around. Our chapter financial condition remains strong and recent market trends have benefited our investments, especially the Myron D. Calkins Scholarship fund (find information on the scholarship in this issue of the Pub News).

The Chapter Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and Committee Members have been active these first two months of the year. Some highlights of recent and upcoming events and activities:



- The chapter's 2012 budget for \$152,580 was adopted on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Doug Brown (City of Overland Park) has been nominated for Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year. Rebecca Bilderback (City of Olathe) has been nominated for Young Leader of the Year. Project of the Year submittals for national awards have been selected. More information on selected projects is in this issue of the Pub News.
- The Awards Committee is also busy preparing the chapter application for the PACE Award - we need those committee 2011 year end reports and 2012 goals for this submittal!!
- The Community Services Committee continues to collect donations for Harvester's Food Network at chapter meetings and will be organizing at least one work day this year.
- Updates to Section 2200 of the APWA standard specifications are underway by a task force of local agency and business representatives.
- The new K-12 Student Outreach Committee presented its planned activities and events at the February chapter meeting. There are many opportunities to participate in the effort either on a one-time or recurring basis.
- NPWW luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tentative location is the Overland Park Convention Center.
- The annual membership BBQ competition is scheduled for Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> so get those grills dusted off and get your teams together.
- The annual golf tournament has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to avoid the heat of the last several July events. Also in September, the chapter will be partnering with the Mid-America Region Design Build Institute of America for a one day conference.

This list is just a start of what will be happening this year. There will be many more opportunities throughout the year to participate in chapter events and I challenge everyone to take one small step and participate in an activity that is new to you. Try it, you might like it!

## DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM CHUCK WILLIAMS

Joe Johnson and I recently participated in a conference call with Larry Stevens, Region VI Director, and the other members of the House of Delegates from Region VI. The purpose of the call was to discuss the agenda for the winter National APWA Board of Director's meeting. This was the first time members of the House had the opportunity to discuss the Board's agenda and provide feedback prior to their meeting. The APWA Board asked for our input as a method of improving communications between them and the chapters.



It was a great opportunity to provide input on issues being considered by the APWA Board and hear the perspective of the other chapters. There were a few items that generated the greatest discussion. During the last year the Board decided to change how it operates and move to a more "staff driven" model with the Board focusing on longer term, more strategic issues. One of the results of that shift will be the use of working groups and focus groups as opposed to standing committees for specific projects. Another significant outcome of this change in governance is that APWA National staff will do the Congress site selection in the future.

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## Delegate Details, Continued from Page 2

Another discussion topic was “Value Added” membership. This is an exciting idea that will provide members access to more professional development and resource material. For a small increase in membership dues members would have free access to Click, Listen and Learn programs as well as other training. This has the potential to provide access to some great educational resources for all members of APWA.

Other agenda items discussed include the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence, APWA’s expanded international activities by joining IFME, APWA’s presence in Washington and CPWA’s presence in Ottawa concerning advocacy for public works and the goal of increasing membership by 3% in 2012. There were several other agenda items which the Board was discussing and I am sure over the next few months we will receive updates from Larry.

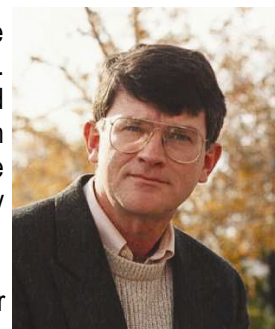
Spring is a busy time for Joe and me as we visit our neighboring chapters. Joe will be attending the Missouri Spring Conference while I will be attending Iowa and the Kansas Spring Conferences. We both appreciate the opportunity to see what great things other chapters are doing. In addition we will be attending the Region VI Spring House of Delegates meeting. This meeting will be held jointly with Regions VIII and IX in Banff, Canada in May.

Do not forget in the next couple of months registration will be open for the 2012 National Congress and Exposition in Anaheim, California. Now is the time to begin planning to attend this great event next August.

## TECHNO MINUTE

FROM MIKE ROSS

Lately, we have had a run of computer problems. One batch of computers failed when an installation image overwrote one of the libraries (DLLs) that had been updated, but evidently not with a higher version number. Another batch was victimized by a nasty virus that made it past our perimeter security. The virus attacked several older WindowsXP machines, and while I have not seen any infected Windows 7 PCs, in time I am sure I will. Several of us also help fellow staff members solve home computer problems, and there too we have seen a rise in malware infections. The economy may be down, but growth in the malware/virus industry has remained strong – too bad they are not paying taxes on it.



On my home computers, I solved malware infections with one simple adjustment. I created non-administrator accounts for every user (especially the one for my inquisitive child) and never use anything else while browsing the Internet. I created one account with administrative privileges for installing software and only use it for that purpose. In XP, you can generally right-click on executables and elect to run them as another user. In most cases this allowed me to update software and install new programs without logging off and back in as an administrator, but not always. It is easier to always be an administrator so that the computer never offers any interference, but gains there are quickly eliminated when a machine becomes infected with malware, especially if your personal data is compromised in the process.

Windows 7 defaults to running in non-administrator mode, stopping to ask if you really want to perform some administrative task, even if you are using an account with administrative privileges. This function is named User Access Control (UAC) and it was a source of derision between Mac and PC in the series of TV commercials selling the Mac as an easier-to-use alternative to the PC. For the record, UAC is a very good thing and is one of the reasons a Windows 7 computer has better protection from malware than a comparable Mac. Macs are less prone to attack largely because Macs represent a much smaller percentage of the personal computer market and thus have fewer malware authors. You can disable UAC from the control panel and thus stop those interruptions, but I personally believe it to be one of the best defenses against malware – and if you are installing so much software that you get lots of interruptions, perhaps you need it more than most.

Regardless of which operating system you are using, keeping it updated should be a priority. Keeping your applications current also should be a high priority. You may recall that Adobe Flash made the news recently for causing computer infections. It is not alone; in fact, many of the malware and virus exploits do so through application software. The Personal Software Inspector (PSI) from Secunia (<http://secunia.com>) goes way beyond Windows Update by scanning all installed software in addition to the operating system components.

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## Techno Minute, Continued from Page 3

It lists all software and for insecure applications it provides direct links to updates if they are available. Once installed, it resides in the system tray where you can easily access it. Best of all, it is free for personal use. This screenshot shows a portion of the listing produced. If you don't take anything else from this article – install and run this software.



The site at <http://www.mechbgon.com/build/security2.html> provides some very good security suggestions. I use and recommend Microsoft Security Essentials for malware protection. In my experience it is both unobtrusive and effective. It is also free for home use and available at <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/products/security-essentials>. Unlike some of the anti-malware products that I have used, it will stop what it is doing to allow you to use your computer and then will resume when you stop. In the reviews that I have read and in my own experience it does a good job at preventing malware infections.

If you suspect that your computer is infected, Microsoft offers Windows Defender Offline at: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/what-is-windows-defender-offline>. This site allows you to download an ISO image of a bootable CD that will scan and remove most malware. Because you boot from the CD, you are not running an infected system which makes it easier for this software to detect and remove the malware – while it is running, it looks very similar to the Microsoft Security Essentials application.

### Donald C. Stone Center - 2012 Leadership and Management Courses

APWA's Donald C. Stone Center has something for everyone with four programs in the Leadership & Management career path:

- Level 1 Public Works Supervisor (PWS)
- Level 2 Public Works Manager (PWM)
- Level 3 Public Works Executive (PWE)
- Level 4 Public Works Leadership Fellow (PWLF)

Earning the PWS, PWM, PWE, or PWLF designation provides national recognition that you have worked on the skills needed to be an effective public works leader. In the current job market, a credential that indicates your commitment to your profession will stand out on a resume.

APWA will offer two more sessions of each level in 2012. Application deadlines and program start dates are shown below.

#### Application Deadline

April 16, 2012  
July 16, 2012

#### Program Starts

June 13, 2012  
September 12, 2012

Click [here](#) to get more information about the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works programs.

# WHAT'S NEW REVIEW

## Real-Time Adaptive Traffic Control on Chipman Road in Lee's Summit, MO

Submitted by: Michael Park, PE, PTOE - City Traffic Engineer - Lee's Summit, Missouri Public Works

Timing traffic signals so that motorists are given green lights in the most efficient way possible is always a challenge. When you add the variable traffic demand created by busy shopping centers, crossing arterials, highway/interstate access, changing traffic patterns due to new transportation infrastructure and unusual pedestrian volume, sustained traffic signal synchronization becomes nearly inattainable. These factors were just some of the challenges facing the City of Lee's Summit in the area surrounding its two largest retail centers, Summit Woods Crossing and Summit Fair, and two very large employment centers, Summit Technology Campus and John Knox Village Retirement Community, located at the intersection of Interstate 470 and U.S. Highway 50.

Using America Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds from an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the City of Lee's Summit began an innovative effort to reduce traffic congestion, fossil fuel consumption and CO2 emissions using smart traffic signal technology.

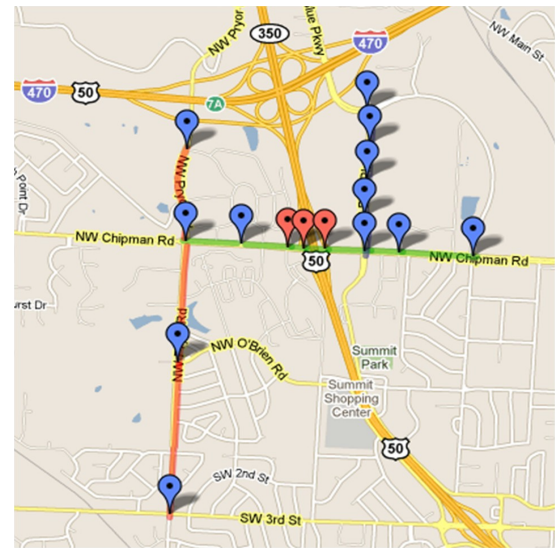
The City of Lee's Summit worked with the MoDOT Kansas City District to install the InSync adaptive traffic control system and necessary communications backbone for multiple corridors and 15 intersections that crossed both jurisdictions. The system, invented and manufactured by Lenexa, Kansas-based Rhythm Engineering LLC, uses video detection and its built-in artificial intelligence to see and adapt to traffic demand in real-time. The cameras recognize the presence of vehicles and change lights based on need rather than a set rotation. The resulting network, spanning three crossing arterials, has reduced travel time by 28-55% and increased average speeds by as much as 50% along Chipman Road. Moreover, the City of Lee's Summit has built a lasting traffic control infrastructure that can handle even the most challenging conditions and consistently give motorists the best experience possible.

### Project Results – Shorter Travel Times, Less Emissions & Improved Safety

When the goals in a project are to minimize travel time for motorists, the clearest measurement is the data. Representatives from both the City of Lee's Summit and Rhythm Engineering drove Chipman Road many times for each of three time periods – AM peak, midday and PM peak, before and after the InSync deployment.

- During the AM peak period, travel time was reduced by **43-55%** and average speed increased **39-50%**
- During the midday period, travel time was reduced by **35-42%** and average speed increased **43-47%**
- During the PM peak period, travel time was reduced by **28-45%** and average speed increased **17-33%**

Motorists have expressed positive feelings toward the project's impact, and notice that they are stopping less on Chipman Road.



Map illustrating installation locations.



A mast arm on Chipman Rd. with mounted IP video camera for vehicle detection.



By communicating with each other, the traffic signals can intelligently adapt to traffic demand. In this picture, you see several intersections turning green at the same time.

### WHO'S NEXT?!?

Have an idea for an article for the 'What's New Review'? Want to feature your project, new process, or product? Contact Shannon Jeffries at [shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net) or 816.969.1821 for submittal information.

# RECENT EVENTS

## APWA Education and Training Committee - from Jason Meyers, Committee Chair

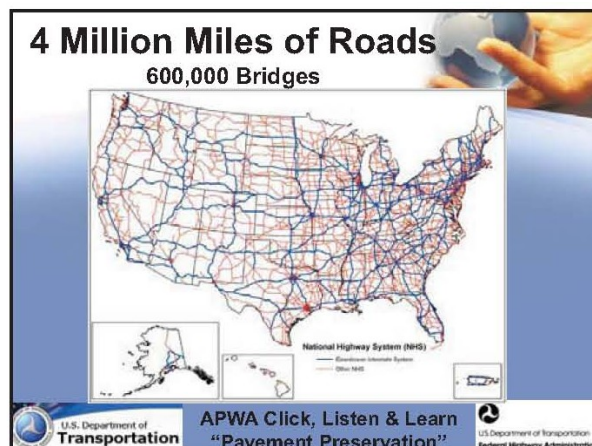
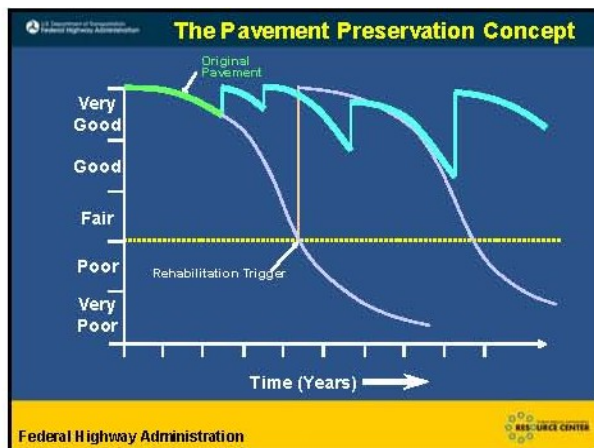
Burns & McDonnell hosted a *Click, Listen and Learn* training on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This event brought together 18 attendees from the public and private sectors. Each attendee received **two hours of professional development credits**.



The training topic presented was pavement restoration. Pavement preservation is a cost-effective set of practices that extend pavement life and improve safety and motorist satisfaction while saving public tax dollars.

The program focused on:

- Money aspects - such as costs, available resources, dedicated funding, etc;
- Engineering/ technology items – such as project selection, picking the right treatment for the right road at the right time;
- Management issues – developing a pavement preservation program, and
- Pavement management– such as data collections and data analysis.



Event attendees included: Andy Noll, Bryan Blizzard, Cynthia Moeller-Krass, David Brackett, Jason Meyers, Jerry Gibbs, Kerry Kanatzar, Lawrence Oquendo, Paul Lindstrom, Rachele Cornelius, Raegan Long, Robert Kline, Zach Hardy, Sarah Doherty, Marcus Moore, Ben McCabe, Carl Brooks and Rodney Jacobs.

# **MoKan Association Meeting**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Overland Park Fire Training Center  
12423 Hemlock, Overland Park, KS 66213**

**Registration: \$15.00 (includes lunch)  
Register by March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (see contact information below)**

**8:30 – 9:00 \*\* Registration**

**9:00 – 9:45 \*\* Emergency Preparedness for Public Works Employees  
(Ted Hufft & Todd Maxton, Olathe Fire Dept.)**

**9:45 – 10:00 \*\* Break**

**10:00 – 10:30 \*\* Table Top Exercises  
(Ted Hufft & Todd Maxton, Olathe Fire Dept.)**

**10:30 – 10:45 \*\* Overview of the Joplin Tornado  
(Ted Hufft & Todd Maxton, Olathe Fire Dept.)**

**10:45 – 11:00 \*\* Break**

**11:00 – 12:00 \*\* Operation Bulldozer  
(Erin Lynch, M.A.R.C)**

**12:00 – 1:15 \*\* Lunch (will be provided)**

**1:15 – 2:00 \*\* Tour of the Overland Park E.O.C.  
(Ron Ditmars)**

**Contact: Rob Kluender  
City of Olathe  
[rlkluender@olatheks.org](mailto:rlkluender@olatheks.org)  
(913) 944-2540**

## APWA CLICK, LISTEN AND LEARN EVENTS *sponsored by the Education and Training Committee*

All programs offer 2 PDH's, scheduled from 10:00 AM to Noon  
Cost \$15 (includes beverage and sandwich)  
Registration - <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/events/chapter/>

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 - Clients and Consultants

This session will offer basic advice on consultant selection and management, from the client's perspective. In addition, the consultant's viewpoint on the expectations of a client will be shared.

These tips from a seasoned client and an astute consultant will provide a basic framework for a successful and mutually beneficial client/consultant relationship.

This session will have broad appeal to any public works employee who engages in some portion of the consultant selection and/or management process. This crosses all disciplines of public works and will benefit most public works employees. In addition, consultants who serve clients in the public sector will gain valuable insight into the ways they can best serve their public works clients.

After viewing this program, participants will be better able to:

- \* Identify consultant management theories and techniques
- \* Explain what consultants expect/ need from their client
- \* Recognize what makes for a successful client/ consultant relationship.

### June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - AASHTO Green Book

The sixth edition of AASHTO's publication "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets" - popularly known as the "Green Book" and the leading U.S. practice guidance for geometric design - will be published this fall. The American Public Works Association has participated in the update of this key engineering design document.

The presentation will address the major changes in each chapter of the new book and discuss the use of updated design guidance and design flexibility throughout the document.

After viewing this program, participants will be better able to:

- \*Expand their knowledge of geometric design.
- \*Comprehend and apply the latest design policy guidance from AASHTO.
- \* Increase their ability to perform geometric design to current policies and discern how to apply design flexibility.







## **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

*Inspiration comes from many places in our lives. In public works, inspiration is all around us.*

*This year, as the Golden Gate Bridge celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we celebrate the inspiration and lasting impression it has provided to many generations.*

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

**Kansas City Metro Chapter NPWW Luncheon  
Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012  
Overland Park Convention Center**

Check the [KC Metro website](#) for updates regarding registration and event details.

8th Annual

# APWA



Kansas City Metro Chapter

# BBQ CHALLENGE AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

## Mark your Calendars!!

**Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Park - Shawnee, KS**

*This is a friendly team competition with lots of BBQ, fun, and awards!!! Even if you are not cooking this will be a "Must Attend" event.*



**REMEMBER – Potential Members that join at the BBQ Eat FREE!! Other guests eat for half price!!**

**Start organizing your teams. Team registration and Sponsor forms will be out soon. Team sign-up deadline is May 18th. Maximum of 18 teams allowed.**

# COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Scholarship Committee - from Shannon Jeffries, Committee Chair

### Myron D. Calkins Scholarship Applications- Due Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The Myron Calkins Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 year. Applicants interested in this scholarship must be:

1. Enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate education or trade school program that relates to public works.
2. Enrolled in a minimum of three (3) credit hours or an accredited program for the duration of the scholarship.
3. Applying to complete a certification program through APWA (or other agencies upon approval), including but not limited to the following: Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM), Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), and Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII). More information can be found online at: <http://www.apwa.net/certification/>.

The application is available to download from the KC Metro Chapter's website:

<http://kcmetro.apwa.net/resources/scholarships/>

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Jeffries at (816) 969-1821 or [shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net).

As many of our members know, Myron D. Calkins, namesake for this scholarship and beloved member of the KC Metro chapter, passed away this fall. The following poem was read at his funeral.

#### *The Bridge Builder*

By Will Allen Dromgoole 1860–1934

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

Source: *Father: An Anthology of Verse* (EP Dutton & Company, 1931)



# Member Spotlight



\*\*The 'Member Spotlight' is a new section brought to you by the Diversity Committee. This is our chance to highlight the interested and talented membership in the KC Metro chapter. If you would like to be featured in the member spotlight or if you would like to recommend a co-worker contact Nikki Guillot ([nquillot@lenexa.com](mailto:nquillot@lenexa.com)) or Gary Strack ([strack@skw-inc.com](mailto:strack@skw-inc.com)). All positions/skills/backgrounds are welcome.



Dena E. Mezger, P.E.  
Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
City of Lee's Summit, MO  
KC Metro APWA Chapter President

### **Why did you choose public works as your career field?**

*I became interested in public works as a consultant, while designing and managing various infrastructure projects for a number of municipalities. The distinct "personalities" of each community, the interaction with the staff and the public, and the diversity of the work made public works very appealing. Projects generally were smaller in scale and fairly close geographically than many of my previous projects, which allowed me to see the project through from start to finish.*

### **What would someone find interesting about your job?**

*The variety of work as well as the interaction with the public. Besides our usual maintenance, design and construction duties, we spend a considerable amount of time educating and explaining what we do to our citizens. That can be frustrating at times, rewarding and even amusing. I have never been bored since going to work for the city.*

### **What are your hobbies or outside interests?**

*I have a number of interests outside of work. I like to read, cook, garden a little in the summer, travel, attempt small home improvement projects (I learned to tile this past year), play handbells at church and spend time with family and friends.*

### **What does diversity mean to you and how does it affect your job?**

*Diversity is a mix of people from varying backgrounds, experiences, cultures and perspectives. As is the case with many communities, Lee's Summit is becoming a much more diverse community. (A recent presentation indicated that there are nearly 20 different languages spoken in the homes of students in the LS school district.) Customer service and communication regarding public works projects and initiatives can become much more challenging when trying to cross language and cultural barriers.*

## Awards Committee - *from Mark Hartegan, Committee Chair*



### 2012 APWA Chapter Level Award Winners

The chapter Awards Committee met in February and selected the winners of the 2012 chapter level awards. We are proud to announce the following projects, individuals and programs were selected as winners of **chapter level** awards, and will be recognized at the chapter 2012 National Public Works Week Luncheon to be held May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

#### 2012 Profession Awards (Does Not Require APWA Membership)

Award	Candidate/Chapter/Program Name	Managing Agency / Organization
Top Ten PW Leader of the Year Award	Doug Brown	City of Overland Park
Management Innovation Award	Arterial Roadway Reconstruction using Design -Build Project Delivery	City of Kansas City, MO
Technical Innovation Award	Information Visualization: The Road to the Future (Pavement Management System)	City of Overland Park
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award	Overland Park Snow and Ice Control Program	City of Overland Park

#### 2012 Members Awards (Requires APWA Membership)

Award	Candidate/Chapter/Program Name	Managing Agency / Organization
Young Leader Award	Rebecca Bilderback	City of Olathe
Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education	Public Works Institute	APWA KC Metro Chapter

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### 2012 Public Works Project of the Year Award

Project Name	Category	Division	Managing Agency	Primary Contractor	Primary Consultant
N. Garfield Ave. Improvements	Transportation	<\$5 Million	City of Kansas City, MO	Mega Industries Corporation	Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.
Bruce Forrester Viaduct	Transportation	\$5-\$25 million	City of Kansas City, MO Capital Projects Dept.	Rademacher Excavating	Lochner
Traffic Operations Center	Structures	\$5-\$25 million	City of Kansas City, MO	Konrath	Berger Devine Yaeger
City Center Stream Restoration	Environment	<\$5 Million	City of Lenexa	McAnany Construction	Olsson Associates

The Awards Committee will submit the award packages of chapter level award winners to APWA National on March 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration of national level awards. These are the official candidates/projects sponsored by the KC Metro Chapter. National will announce the winners of national level awards by mid-April.

The following projects will receive honorable mention at the chapter 2012 National Public Works Week Luncheon:

### 2012 Public Works Project of the Year Award—Honorable Mention

Project Name	Category	Division	Managing Agency	Primary Contractor	Primary Consultant
Front Street Improvements	Transportation	<\$5 Million	City of Kansas City, MO Capital Projects Dept.	Emery Sapp and Sons	HNTB
Missouri Route 7, SW Ridgeview Dr. to S. of Colbern Rd.	Transportation	<\$5 Million	City of Blue Springs	Miles Excavating, Inc.	TranSystems
Vehicular Bridge Replacement in Minor-Smith Park	Transportation	<\$5 Million	City of Raytown	Mega Industries Corp.	TranSystems
127 <sup>th</sup> St., Nall to Metcalf	Transportation	<\$5 Million	City of Overland Park	Miles Excavating, Inc.	BHC Rhodes
Williams-Grant Park and Wadsworth Park Stormwater Improvements	Environment	<\$5 Million	City of Lee's Summit	Pyramid Excavation and Construction, Inc.	Delich, Roth and Goodwillie, P.A.

The Awards Committee wishes to thank all the agencies who submitted people and projects for consideration of awards. Congratulations to our chapter level award winners, and good luck at National.

Sincerely,

Mark Hartegan  
Awards Committee Chair



## SAVE THE DATE!

31ST ANNUAL APWA GOLF TOURNAMENT  
*hosted by the KC Metro Chapter of APWA*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**WHERE:** Shoal Creek Golf Club (KCMO)

Want to hear more about all of the great sponsorship opportunities? Contact Heidi Thummel @ 913.577.8840 or [hthummel@gbateam.com](mailto:hthummel@gbateam.com).



## NEW MEMBERS

Josh Blann (City of Lenexa)

Ben Clark (City of Lenexa)

Chris Cronk (City of Pleasant Valley)

Perry Dummit (APAC-Kansas Inc)

Scott Eason (Emery sapp & Sons, Inc)

Andrea Fowles (Lucity, Inc)

Jeff Ghilani (United Rotary Brush Corporation)

Kirt Grahl (City of Greenwood)

Sherri Irving (City of Olathe)

Dallas Joplin (Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers PA)

Gus Lind (City of Lenexa)

Timothy McEldowney (City of Gardner)

Rodney Olson (United Rotary Brush Corporation)

John O'Rourke (Cretex Concrete Products)

Jalal Saleh (City of Kansas City, MO)

Jonathan Wiles (City of Shawnee)

Lucas Williams (Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA)

Justin Wise (City of Peculiar)

Sabin Yanex (Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA)

# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

## KC APWA 2012 OFFICERS

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Secretary - Wayne Gudenkauf  
Treasurer - Tim Ross  
Past President - Tom Rottinghaus  
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Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Bill Stogsdill  
Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Jerry Johnson  
Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Heidi Thummel  
Director-At-Large - Robert Kluender  
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