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Special Thank
You to Derby

What great hospitality
and warm welcome!

Thank you to Lois and her
sisters for putting
together an unforgettable
conference!!!

WELCOME TO DERBY

The AAKC 2013 Spring Conference was held in Derby. The accommodations were great, and the speakers were intuitive.



Our early bird started with a great gathering at the Olive Garden. The food, service, and the atmosphere were super. It also gave us time to catch up on what others had been doing since the fall conference.

After dinner we were left to discover the amenities Derby had to offer, or just go back to the hotel and relax.



“WELCOME!!!

City Manager Kathy Sexton was very proud to have our organization come to Derby for our spring conference. Mrs. Sexton was pleased to show off the new library building where our meetings were held. She also reviewed her efforts to implement curbside recycling and trash franchise. Mrs. Sexton discussed the new partnership with the Derby Chamber of Commerce to develop and manage the new Derby Welcome Center.



DISASTER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Jim Hendershot, Community Development Director of Spring Hill, gave a presentation on the purpose of the Kansas Disaster Assistance Program. Those who are members of this group respond to cities who have had devastating disasters from tornados or floods to help the local building codes/inspection departments in assessing and analyzing disaster-related damage to structures quickly; and to provide documentations to KDEM, Governor, and FEMA.

“Public Administration is the pursuit of unattainable goals, with inadequate tools, for an unappreciative audience.” - Jere Kersnar



CITY TOUR

Then onto the party bus we went, as Robert Mendoza gave us a tour of the city.



PUBLIC WORKS

Now off to the new public works building were Kristy Bansemer did a presentation on communication. Kristy explained that the way we communicate with family, co-workers, and friends today is considerably different than several years ago. Our social media has grown with Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, and texting. She left us with the questions of “What’s Next?”



We hear 1/2 of what is said
 We listen to 1/2 of that
 We understand 1/2 of that
 And we remember 1/2 of that (6.25%)

THE ROUND RED BARN

We all met at the Round Barn for dinner that night. The owner, Terri Reese, gave a history of the barn and how the restoration was going. Mr. Reese stated that there were only two of the round barns left in the state of Kanas.



Our last day of the conference was started off with Jo Lynn Bright's presentation on Living with Margin in Your Life. She stated that everyone needs balance in their life and reviewed different ways of achieving that.



Next came our business meeting after which Mike Koss from the League of Kansas Municipalities gave us an update on what was happening with KPERS, the conceal and carrying laws, and other items. He also answered questions.

WAY TO GO...

Congratulations to Lois and her sisters for putting on such a good conference in Derby. Plus all the food was delicious.



ACCOMMODATIONS

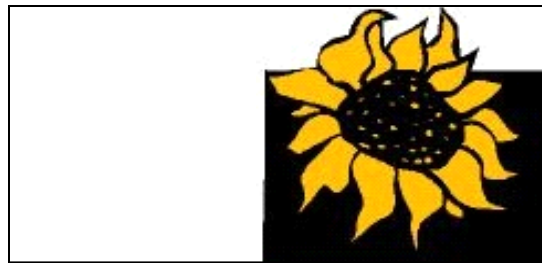
Candlewood Suites
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A block of 30 rooms has been reserved under "AAKC" for a rate of \$77/night. Reservations need to be made by August 15, 2013. Check-in is at 3:00 p.m., and check-out is at Noon. Please bring your tax exempt form for check-in.

Who We Are

The Administrative Assistants of Kansas Cities (AAKC) was formed from a desire to promote and improve proficiency of its members and public administration in Kansas, and provide a network of information, ideas and support to its members.

This organization meets semi-annually at various AAKC member cities across the State. A two-day Spring Conference is held on the first Thursday and Friday in April and the Fall Conference is held on the second week in September, beginning on a Thursday afternoon, adjourning early afternoon on Friday. Members have an opportunity to participate in training classes on various career-related topics, mobile tours of city projects, informational presentations from community leaders and city administrators, the AAKC Business Meeting, and invaluable networking.



AAKC Fall Conference

**September 12-13,
2013**



Welcome to Emporia, Kansas,
founding city of Veterans Day,
Home of William Allen White,
Clint Bowyer, Twinkies, and the
Best Tasting Water in the World!

2013 AAKC Fall Conference

Thursday, September 12

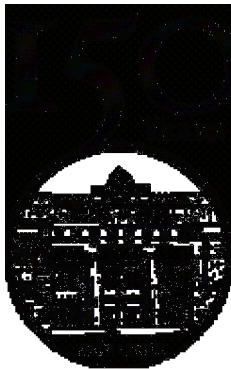
Early Bird Activities

3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-in

3:45 p.m. Emporia Attractions Tour
(Meet in Hotel Lobby)

- Tour of Apple Orchard
- Granada Shoppes/
Downtown

6:30 p.m. Dinner (on your own) at
Bruff's Bar & Grill
(Or venue of your choice)



Friday, September 13

Meeting to be held in the Candlewood Suites Meeting Room.

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Hotel

8:30 a.m. Welcome by Emporia City
Commissioner

8:45 a.m. Business Meeting

9:30 a.m. Break/Check Out

10:00 a.m. Dr. Jennifer Thomas, Health
Promotion Director at Emporia State
University



11:45 a.m. Lunch

Have a Safe Trip Home, Ladies!

Registration

(Due by September 2)

_____ \$50 Thursday evening & Friday

_____ \$40 Friday

Name

Title

City

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail

Spouse/Guest Name

Make check payable to AAKC and
mail with conference registration by
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