

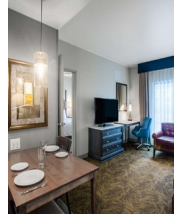
THE AAKC CONNECTION

2023 Spring Conference

Salina



Host Holly McGinnis—
City of Salina

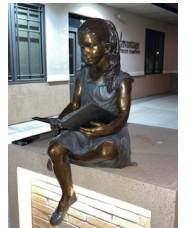


Mayor

Mike Hoppock

Welcomes

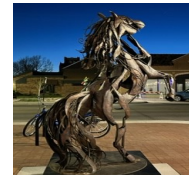
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Bus Tour City of Salina Downtown



During the tour we were surprised to get a quick snack at the famous 100 yr old eatery
Cozy Inn—You Can't eat just one.
Onion Burger "Sliders"

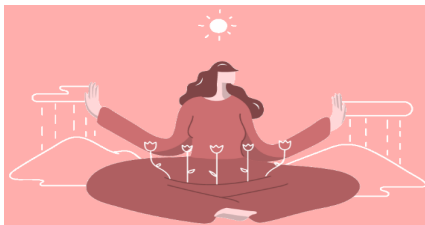


We began our preconference on a bus tour of Salina's downtown seeing many great sculptures through the art district. Standing high in the skyline was the "Mural at the Mill" which was part of the Salina Kanvas Project. This 100-ft tall H.D. Lee Flour Mill was completed by Guido Van Helten of Australia. He has completed many large-scale projects around the world. H.D. Lee Warehouses are located in Salina, where the founder of Lee Jeans, Henry David Lee decided to fill the void of wholesale mercantile in the West. This all began in 1889 and he continued helping Salina to grow by opening the flour mill, Kansas Ice & Cold Storage and several more businesses such as The Farmers' National Bank of Salina.



ENNEAGRAM UNIVERSE

Amanda Little –guest speaker discussed how our personalities types are determined and how we can use this information to help us succeed .



Amanda Michalis Little - "Enneagram

What is it and What can I learn About Myself"



Chair Yoga



Alec Hawkley- came and spoke with us about our retirements.



WEDNESDAY

Happy Hour, Pizza on the deck

Enjoy the night life

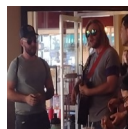


Lunch

We had a great BBQ



Thursday



Big Italian Family Dinner



MARTINELLI'S

Little Italy



AAKC Board Members

Terice Watts– President

Stacie Stromberg– Treasurer

Bobbie Walthall– Secretary

Holly McGinnis– Vice President



Group Activity at The Bath Pub



CREATE YOUR OWN SECENT—

LET'S HAVE FUN!!!

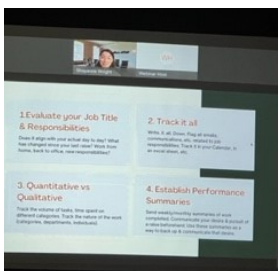


Webinar “Centralizing Your Role” Hosted by Shyanne Wright CEO officeotter.com

How OfficeOtter.com works



This webinar helped us find new workflows and converting them to digital solutions. Helping our hybrid workflows to your needs, organizing the communications that are messy and scattered in to one tool. Answering the question “What did you do this week?” Helping solve solutions for centralizing, tracking & measuring your job to show upward movement in our jobs. Gaining opportunity to pursue a raise and even help your desire to grow your career.



Webinar “Tips & Tricks for Rock Star Task Management” by ASAP American Society of Admin. Professionals

Say no on Fridays



How to adjust your day to optimize how you manage your time and keep your accomplishments ongoing. Make sure each morning you reattach to the previous days work, don't just jump in have a review, this will keep the flow from day to day. Say “NO” Fridays, this is just learn not to start projects that may take longer than that day. Make sure to award yourself and take those long deserved time off when need.

How to keep everyone happy...



Brenda Swearingian

Received her 10 year

AAKC Service Award.



SEE YOU IN FALL ... WINFIELD, KS,

Time to go—Friday Goodbye

Our final Meal with Moka's Wraps



HELLO LAWRENCE 😊

GOODBYE BOBBIE 😞

The 2023 Fall Conference in Lawrence was Bobbie Walthall’s second time hosting, but, unfortunately, it will also be her last. For those that do not know, Bobbie accepted a position in the human resources department for the City of Lawrence and will have to shift her focus from AAKC to an HR organization. Not only did she host another great conference, she left a lasting impact on our organization. So it shall be written, so it shall be done!



It is with mixed emotions that we bid you farewell as you embark on a new chapter in your career. While we are sad to see you go, we are also excited for the journey that awaits you.

As you step into new challenges, may you find success, fulfillment, and joy in every endeavor. Keep in touch, and don't be a stranger!

Our paths may diverge professionally, but the camaraderie we've built will endure.

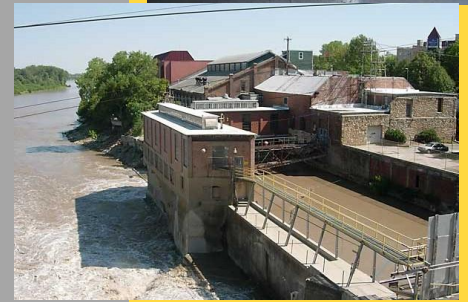
Bobbie, wishing you the very best in your future endeavors. Farewell, and may your journey be filled with achievements and happiness. Remember that you are not just a colleague but a friend, and the memories we've shared will be cherished.

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BOWERSOCK MILLS & POWER COMPANY



Bowersock Power President Sarah Hill-Nelson provided a dynamic, historical and interesting tour of the plant that provides Lawrence with river flow control for public water intakes plus produces renewable non-polluting, electrical power. Located on the Kansas River, it is the only operating hydroelectric plant in Kansas.



Mavor Lisa Larsen

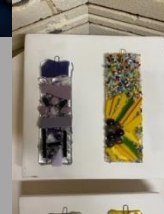
OOPAH! DINNER AT MAD GREEK

Thank you for the warm welcome and flaming hot cheese!



CREATIVITY TIME AT SUNFIRE CERAMICS

We tried our hand at cutting glass to make sun catchers. We have some very creative members.



WELCOME BY CITY MANAGER CRAIG OWENS



JULIA GAUGHAN BERT NASH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Julia Gaughan with Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, discussed strategies for remaining non-judgmental during difficult citizen interactions and how to prepare ourselves for stressful situations by utilizing self-care techniques.

LAWRENCE PD-K9 DEMO

Corporal Matt Weidl and Patrol Service Dog Taz showed off their impressive narcotics detection skills. The group had lots of questions for Corporal Weidl



BUSINESS MEETING & COMMITTEES

Highlights of the Committee Reports and Business Meeting on Friday were as follows:

- The Executive Board presented by-laws updates
- De Nelson was voted in as our newest Honorary Member
- Productive discussion regarding AAKC scholarships
- Terice Watts was voted in for her second consecutive term as President
- Melyn Bounous was elected as our new Secretary, beginning her term in January 2024
- Olathe will host the Spring 2024 Conference
- Hostess gift presented to Bobbie

