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Conference in Newton

It was April,
It was Newton,
It was raining.

Our conference in Newton wouldn't be the same if it wasn't raining. Now we are all wishing it was raining again.



What a great time we had at the early bird BBQ at the hotel. We all had a great opportunity to sit around and catch up with everyone on how their year had been going.



The next morning it was up and down to breakfast, and what a breakfast it was with such choices one had trouble figuring out what to eat.

Then off to the Meridian Center we went, which was wonderfully located to our hotel, and a hardy welcome from Mayor Racquel Thiensen. What a wonderful job she did promoting Newton.



Now it was time for our first speakers of the day, Mr. Chris Touhey and Mr. Matt Hine, who gave us a very energetic presentation on “Stand & Deliver—Great Customer Service & Winning Attitude”, which showed in their presentations.



Next came a tour of the Meridian Center, a facility Newton can be proud of.

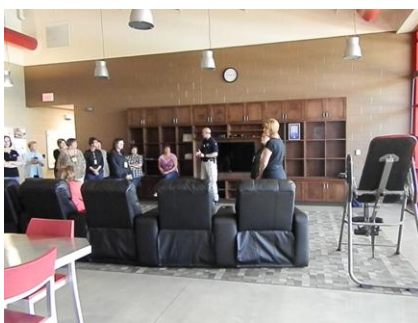


After lunch was the engaging presentation from Donna Allen on “Now Discover Your Strengths.” We all learned something new about ourselves during this segment, and some were even surprised by their results.



Then it was off for our tour of downtown Newton and the wonderful little shops they have. After the tour, we all met at the Acapulco Restaurant for some great Mexican food.

The following day we all met at the new fire station for a tour of the facility and our business meeting. Boy! What a fire station.



Then it was time to get down to business. Committee chairs gave their reports. A presentation was made on standardizing the AAKC Logo for use on promotional and gift items. The booth at the League Conference to be held in Topeka on October 6th–8th was also brought up for discussion. Volunteers were requested to help man the booth.

Wow, what a wonderful surprise for Susan Wettstein who was presented with the Nancy Crain AAKC Municipal Administrative Professional of the Year Award. Way to go Susan!



Gifts were presented to our hosts who did a wonderful job in making this conference a great one!

Thanks a Lot Denise Duerksen & Susan Rowan



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WELCOME TO HAYS

The AAKC 2012 Fall Conference was held in Hays. It was a nice visit in a beautiful city! The accommodations were perfect, the networking was great, and the speakers were insightful.



We enjoyed an early bird tour by trolley of Hays City Hall and a Comprehensive Planning Presentation from Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno. We continued the trolley ride to the Bickle-Schmidt Sports Complex, then past Fort Hays State University and on to downtown Hays.



Special Thank You to Hays!

What great hospitality and warm welcome!

A unique experience in a unique town!!

Thank you to the Hays AAKC members for putting together an unforgettable conference!!!

The trolley ride ended with a delicious dinner at Gella's Diner and LB Brewery and a short presentation from Traci Konrade regarding the Hays downtown development efforts.



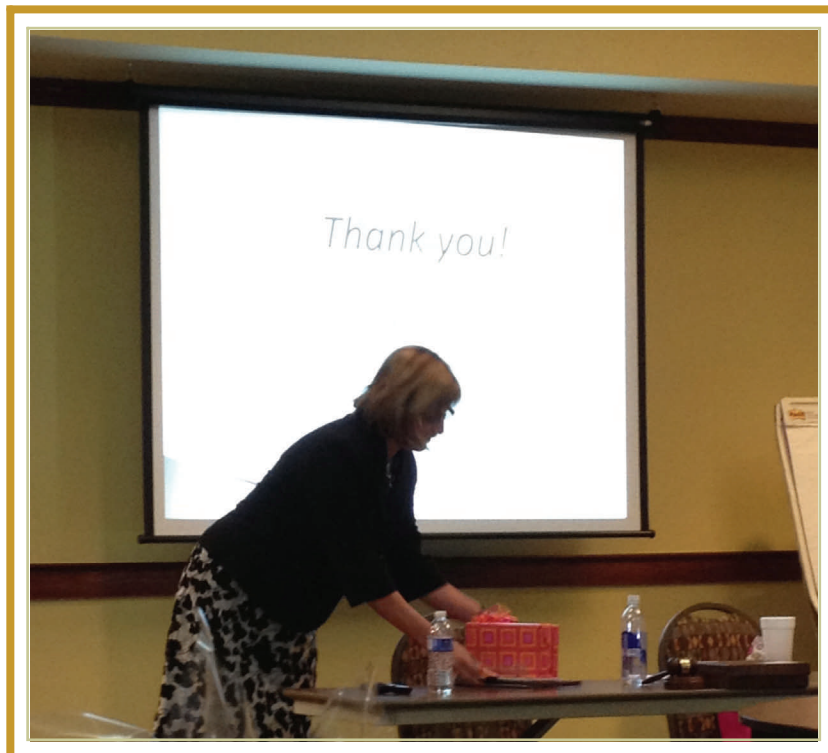
“ALL THE WATER THERE EVER WAS, IS...”

These were the words of City Manager Toby Dougherty . He gave AAKC a presentation on Water Conservation and Supply following a continental breakfast at the hotel and a warm welcome by Hays City Commissioner Barbara Wasinger. Mr. Dougherty talked about the history of Hays’ water supply and their current efforts to conserve water. He shared helpful tips and ideas other cities could use to improve water conservation in their communities due to recent drought.

WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

Dr. Christie Brungardt gave a moving presentation of the history and development of women and leadership. Inspired by her enthusiasm, she showed us how great an impact women can have in leadership roles. She offered great movies and books on the topic and shared a very personal story about her daughter. Dr. Brungardt’s presentation was a nice addition to the fall conference, since so many AAKC members find themselves in leadership roles.

“Great minds discuss ideas,
Average minds discuss events,
Small minds discuss people.”



AAKC BOOTH IS READY FOR CONFERENCE

The new booth was set up for display during the conference for members to see.

Jen Hiatt worked hard getting volunteers and giveaways ready for the League Conference in Topeka.

Thanks to everyone who participated!!!



WRAPPING UP...

We wrapped up the conference with lunch and a business meeting. Minutes were approved, the treasurer's report was given, and standing committee chairs gave their reports.

Congratulations to new AAKC President Denise Duerkson and Secretary Jen Hiatt!

A special thank you to De Nelson and Janet Hackney for showing us how important it is to have great women in leadership. De and Janet did fantastic jobs as past AAKC President and Secretary!

WAY TO GO...



Congratulations to Terri Dexter, above, and Susie Denham, to the right, for completing their Certified Municipal Assistant Certifications.

Denise Duerksen presented the certificates during the business meeting.

