The 40th Annual Conference – emphasizing: "You Are KRWA"

that left more moisture overall across the state, Kansas spring weather rolled out a warm red carpet for the 40th Anniversary of Mid-America's largest water/wastewater conference and exhibition at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. The 40th Anniversary of the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference and Exhibition was underway!

after a cold and snowy winter

On March 28-30, industry professionals, nearly 2200 strong, did their best to fill the 16 official hotels listed in the conference program. Attendees included: water and wastewater operators, city, county and RWD administrators, council, commission and board members, representatives from the public, related industry and local, state and federal government agencies. A total of 26 states and British Columbia were represented.

The 275 booths in EXPO Hall at Century II were filled with tons of marketing displays, heavy equipment, not so heavy equipment, tools, computers, brochures, give-away items, candy and an ever growing contingency of games and other fun things, were unloaded and hauled in by KRWA staff assisting the vendors who put it all together. These enthusiastic company marketing representatives hail from across the U.S. They appreciate the helping hand they get from KRWA staff after pulling equipment trailers to Wichita. The EXPO Hall move-in process that started on Monday before the conference steadily came together, culminating in wall to wall smiles and sparkle that welcomed the

rush of people at the 4 p.m. EXPO Hall opening on Tuesday afternoon.

Preconference recap

The eight daylong preconference sessions and the attornevs' forum made for a busy day on Tuesday. Nearly a thousand people registered and attended the in-depth training regimens learning about groundwater, wastewater collection systems, development of GIS/GPS management systems, Web sites, powerful presentations, workplace safety and water system management and alternative dispute resolutions.

A full day of preconference activities didn't start too early or run too late for all attending to be more than ready for the Grand 40 Hoopla party that immediately followed the pre-conference training.

The seventh KRWA Attorneys' Forum was beneficial for the attending water system attorneys as they received seven hours of Continuing Legal Education credits including





The 2007 Conference drew an attendance of 2172. Registrants came from 26 different states and British Columbia. Attendees represented 286 cities and 186 RWDs or other systems.

an hour of ethics credit. Attending attorneys representing cities and RWDs participated in excellent presentations and discussions on a wide variety of subjects encountered by their client systems every day. Moderator Gary Hanson of Stumbo and Hanson, Topeka again provided well researched planning and extra effort for putting together an excellent panel of presenters and discussion topics for the forum.

Attorneys' Forum

As mentioned, the 7th annual "Attorneys' Forum" was planned by Gary Hanson, of Stumbo Hanson, LLP, Topeka. The forum was attended by 41 attorneys who represent municipal systems.

Steven Harris, Doyle Harris Davis, Tulsa, Okla., an expert on 1926(b)

litigation, made a comprehensive presentation on the subject. Kim Christiansen, General Counsel of the Kansas Water Office, gave an overview of the programs administered by the state water agency. "Ethics for water system lawyers" was a presentation made especially for the forum by Stanton Hazlett, Disciplinary Administrator from Topeka. This was appreciated very much by the group as it also provided an hour of special ethics credit. Gary Smith, USDA Rural Development business and community programs director, spoke to the group on "USDA/Rural Development, what lawyers need to know."

Two lively, spirited, roundtable discussions in the afternoon kicked around topics ranging from easement issues such as the impact of Kansas One Call to antennae contracts for water storage tanks. The

discussions pulled great ideas and comments from every corner of the room. The Attorneys' Forum provides a unique service to member systems in that attending lawyers who represent KRWA members become more efficient in dealing with water issues. This saves costs in billings and provides the system attorney the ability to provide a more knowledgeable service to their clients.





"Providing assistance" is what KRWA staff does best. Here, KRWA Kan STEP Technician Mike Fisher unloads another vendor's vehicle before taking the display to the booth.

Left: The annual conference featured 56 training sessions ranging from board/council training (Kan Cap), territorial agreements, financing, identity theft, and a myriad of operation and maintenance issues.





Left: At the "Grand 40 Hoopla" opening nite party, the chance to win the 2007 Chevy 4x4 was won by Carol Ellis, Shawnee Cons. RWD 4. Missing the target however, a \$300 cash consolation prize was presented.

Above: An unidentified participant in the "Armchair Quarterback prepares to throw."



Left: Good BBQ on Tuesday nite. People enjoyed great food, great entertainment and great company.

Below: The LaserSport Skeet shooting allowed 5 contestants to take aim and take a shot at "bustin' the bird" as it flew across Convention Hall!

Bottom: Skee Ball is always fun and allowed people to win numerous chances to enter the drawing at the end of the night for some great prizes.

1100 attend eight pre-conference sessions

Ground Water, finding and keeping it

Obtaining a new system ground water supply in an ongoing dry period in Kansas is a situation being addressed more frequently across the state. Proper procedures for success as well as steps to rehabilitate and treat water wells were discussed. Robert Vincent. Ground Water Associates, Wichita, teamed up with KRWA Geologist Doug Helmke to cover topics that also included an overview of Kansas water rights with an explanation of the permitting and perfection processes. Attendees also reviewed pertinent tips on how to purchase a good water right at a fair price.

Wastewater systems

The comprehensive wastewater system presentation by Melinda Lambert, Paul Banzet, P.E., Jack Row and Todd Smith all of Utility Maintenance Contractors, Wichita, touched on every aspect of wastewater system needs. Discussions included:



system performance, system condition, maintenance costs, root control, smoke testing techniques, dye testing, video-taping and visual observations.

The team also addressed repair versus replacement, including re-lining existing mains and pipelines, manhole rehab including lining and repair.





Bustin' bugs and breakin' bulls has never been as much fun as when it's provided by Ottaway Amusement and Celebrations! Entertainment of Wichita. The bugs were all squashed by the end of the night and Brutus the Bull was ready for a rest after scores of riders.

GIS/GPS Development

The ins and outs of developing a GIS mapping tool for a water system was the basis for the day-long program. Eileen Battles, Kansas Geological Survey, Chris Schmeissner, Jefferson County GIS Coordinator, Luke Zakrzewski and Michael Jolley, of GIS Workshop of Lincoln, Nebraska, were the professional team presenting the facts for this essential function of modern water system management. Attendees took notes on what advantages a fully functioning GIS system can provide. Moderator Pete Koenig provided a brief history of what a GIS information system is and a diagram of the first use of GIS which determined the location of an outbreak of cholera in London.

Web site building blocks

With Internet usage increasing dramatically, it is becoming obvious that an effective Web site can serve customers and save management time. Award winning Web designer Jen Sharp of Jen Sharp.com, Ottawa, Kan., put participants through their paces starting with Web site planning. Using her many visual examples, Jen helped those attending quickly move through the topics of choosing a domain name, Web hosting that is just right, the right software to use for site development, selecting content and looking at graphics and layout tips. With Web site examples she

explained the benefits of creating a site that grows with usage, of finding affordable but easily accessible help, of using a Web site effectively and how to do Web site marketing. She

finished her presentation by explaining how to easily and inexpensively accomplish necessary site maintenance.

HR Fundamentals; Powerful Presentations

Human resource issues that face a new city council or rural water board member can come fast and furious. Many have ramifications that can be detrimental to an organization if ignored. Kristin Scott, part of the team from Creative Business Solutions, Topeka, addressed laws that pertain to an organization, development of job descriptions, explained why policies and procedures are helpful. She went over what discrimination and harassment is and isn't. All organizations face these sort of issues every day.

In the second half of the training, Kristin explored ways to jazz up a mundane presentation. Ways to set the stage, dramatic openers, ways to present key points, techniques for adding humor and ways to ensure participation were strategies explained in detail.



Workplace Safety; NIMS Training

Kevin Jones, Midwest Fire Training Associates, presented the six-hour session that met standards for the NIMS training (National Incident Management Training.) All elected and/or appointed officials directly involved in emergency operations should successfully complete IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction, ICS-100 and ICS-200. Otherwise, at the minimum, local chief elected and appointed officials should complete IS-700. The training session qualified all attendees for that certification. An exam was given at the end of the session.

While most emergency situations are handled locally, when there's a major incident help may be needed from the state or federal government. NIMS training allows responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines to work together to better respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism.



The opening nite Meet & Greet at the KRWA Conference is unlike any other – filled with games, prizes, good food, social and fellowship. KRWA provided \$5000 in door prizes. It's a Midway under roof that's enjoyed by 1300 plus.





KanCap training

With KanCap training a year out from its inauguration at last year's conference, system attendees were schooled on two of three KanCap sections; financial and management. Attendees will be able to attend the technical component of the training at local sessions later in the year. The financial segment, first of three training segments, was taught by John Haas, Ranson Financial Consultants, Wichita, Kan. He utilized the new KanCap manual and interactive training CD

showing testimonial videos, interactive group quizzes to review the subjects of revenue sufficiency, fiscal management, fiscal controls and credit worthiness. Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, anchored the training day with the management

segment. She reviewed records maintenance, personnel issues, public relations and regionalization. Cathy, who is Capacity Development Coordinator at KDHE, noted that, "Of the 51 attending all or part of Tuesday's training segments, 37 participants passed a certification exam and were mailed completion certificates. Not a bad start for what is promising to be numerous and ongoing training sessions statewide."

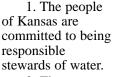


Scott Friedman's keynote challenge: The best way to predict the future is to create it!

onference keynoter Scott Friedman, Denver, CO, kicked off the Wednesday morning General Session with the address, "The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create It".

Fast-paced and humorous, Scott suggested that people learn to be driven by their purpose and values, rather than by circumstances and emotions. Here's

what he had to say about Kansans:



2. The greatest customer you will ever have is yourself. The ability to take

yourself lightly in tense situations will help you gain control over your life.

Friedman suggested there are three questions each person should ask him/herself:

- 1. What's important?
- 2. What's important now?

3. What's important not?

Friedman commented: "Humor is pain, embarrassment or stress –distanced – by time. Stress is not an event, it's a perception of an event. We can use humor to color our perception of reality.

"Playfulness is at the root of creativity and innovation. Play is letting go of worry, anxiety and pressure and embracing the positive emotions of curiosity, joy, and passion for life.

"Life can make you bitter or life can make you better. When you choose to be playful something good usually happens.

"We can be the carriers of humor and allow people to share the humor. Laughter is contagious and helps overcome the changes in our life.

Scott presented a quotation from the movie "The Shawshank Redemption," that sums up his thoughts. "You either get busy living or you get busy dying."

He continued: "The best way to predict the future is to create it by making choices, learning from those choices and then making new choices.

Friedman summed it up: "The quality of life we live is determined by the quality of our relationships. The best way to predict the future is to create it."

Conference goers contribute \$4,324 to WaterPAC

A san affiliate of the National Rural Water Association, KRWA members benefit from the legislative representation by National Rural Water Association (NRWA) in Washington. NRWA works in support of reasonableness for regulations dealing with water and wastewater utilities. NRWA, as well as other water organizations, has made profound impacts in support of developing legislation or reauthorization.

KRWA annually provides an opportunity for conference goers to support the NRWA political action committee, WaterPAC, through a raffle at the conference in Wichita. In 2007, the raffle raised \$4,324 which was sent to WaterPac. Donations

ranged from \$1 to \$150.

The chart at left shows the names of the winners of the WaterPAC Raffle prizes. KRWA contributes the cost of the prizes for the raffle.

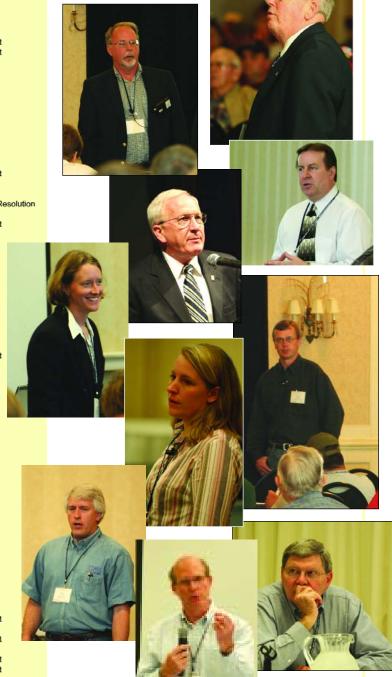
KRWA and NRWA appreciate the outstanding support for WaterPAC by Kansans.

WaterPAC Raffle prizes and winners . . .

| Prize | Winner | Represents |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Craftsman 18" Chain Saw | Patricia Shaffer | Butler RWD 5 |
| Craftsman Cordless Set 19.2 V | William Huss | Doniphan RWD 5 |
| Breadman Pro Bread Maker | Alice Hermesch | Nemaha RWD 3 |
| Craftsman 10" Sliding Compound Miter Saw | Alec Hrabe | City of Stockton |
| George Foreman Grill | Jalayne Turner | Leavenworth RWD 7 |
| Sanyo 42" LCD Flat Panel TV | Annette Metz | City of Washington |
| 16 Pc. Cookware Set | Larry Remmenga | City of Concordia |
| Weber Gas Grill | Tom Osterhaus | City of Seneca |
| 5 HP Power Washer | David Ratzlaff | City of Plains |
| 16 Gal. Craftsman Shop Vac | Lonnie Boller | KRWA |
| Craftsman 10" Table Saw | Leonard Mostrom | City of Burdett |
| Craftsman 10 Drawer Rolling Tool Chest | Jon Bolinder | City of Alma |

"Thank You" to the 73 conference presenters

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USDA Rural Development Director Banks: "Water is as basic as it gets"

huck Banks, State Director of USDA Rural Development, addressed the Wednesday noon luncheon at the KRWA 2007 Conference. Banks extended greetings from

Chuck Banks State Director, USDA Rural Development

Senator Sam Brownback who could not attend. Bank's address included the following comments:

"Water is as basic as it gets. If you don't have water in a community you are not probably going to be building homes,

growing business, schools aren't going to thrive, and people will not be living in the rural areas.

"In Kansas, USDA Rural Development's water and waste disposal programs since 1990 have delivered nearly \$300 million worth of programming in Kansas. This results in over \$5 billion dollars worth of economic development in Kansas with more than one quarter million Kansans benefited.

"The Kellogg Foundation had a study a couple of years ago that stated: "Since World War II, on a per capita basis we have invested in rural America at about one fifth the rate of our urban areas."

"From discussions in rural communities, water is the biggest limiting factor in economic growth and the second largest limiting factor is the lack of affordable housing.

"One of the most exciting things we now have available is renewable energy. I truly think renewable energy can be one of the greatest economical opportunities for rural America and hopefully Kansas that we've seen in decades. But as you know, if we don't have these basics like water, housing and health care in rural communities, these opportunities could slip past us.

"I challenge you all to look at it in a much bigger picture about all these programs, because they are hugely important. We need to see that type of investment in rural Kansas if we are going to thrive and prosper.

SUDS was indeed a scrrrrream!

hat a scream! SUDS, the frolicking musical that entertained the 2007 KRWA conference was indeed just that – as attested by the roaring, standing ovation from a near



capacity Little
Theatre on
Wednesday
evening. It was
another classic
production by

Christi Moore and her troupe from Cabaret Oldtown Theatre.

For those who didn't see the show, here's how it goes. Despite the vividness of her surroundings, things aren't going well for Cindy, who runs the laundromat. It's her birthday, and her pen-pal boyfriend dumps her for a girl with superior penmanship; her cat gets run over; and her only remaining relative dies, leaving an enormous debt.

This leads Cindy to attempt suicide by wrapping a pair of capri pants around her neck, dipping them into one of the machines, and turning on the spin cycle. Fortunately, two

guardian angels, Dee Dee and Marge, arrive to save her from a permanent case of ring around the collar.

Yes, it was all very silly, but SUDS was a scream, largely because the premise was an excuse to string together a bunch of hits that were

sung by pop divas and girl groups in the 1960s. The naive Dee Dee thinks that all Cindy needs is romance, while the weather-beaten Marge has a more cynical take, so we got both sides of the pop spectrum: the manic dysfunction of "Tell Him" and the weepy indulgence of "Are

You Lonesome Tonight?"

KRWA is already planning for another crowd-pleasing production for 2008. The KRWA conference features some of the best theatre that many people have an opportunity to see all

year - and it comes as complimentary of the awards banquet. It's absolutely unique. Thanks again to Cabaret Oldtown for producing another great show!





Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter addressed annual conference

racy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, was special guest speaker at the Thursday luncheon at the 40th Annual Conference. His presentation included the following comments:

"Water is very important, actually it is the most important thing we can talk about. Water quality and water quantity. Water quantity I would say in the long



run is going to be our concern. We can engineer solutions to water quality and we can engineer some quantity issues, but we do not have an infinite supply.

"What we saw last year in our 24 reservoirs around the

State was that every one of them was below the Conservation Pool and many of our small lakes were also below conservation pool. I don't know if that's ever happened in Kansas where they were all declining. The good news is with winter snow melt we've seen and the late winter precipitation many of them are now above conservation pool.

"The Kansas Water Office provides some funding to Rural Water, but boy do we get a bang for our buck. If you look at the contract we have with the Rural Water Association to provide technical assistance to many of you, here's what we saw in the 06 Annual Report. Rural Water served 181 different cities and 165 rural water and municipal systems as a result of that contract between the State and Rural Water, 40 water loss surveys were conducted with 137 million gallons of loss detected that had a cash value of more than a quarter million dollars.

"The future looks very good in my opinion, because the State of Kansas has over 650 thousand acre feet of storage in the 13 federal reservoirs that the State has contracted with the Corps of Engineers. Almost 400 thousand acre feet is available that is not already under contract with other users.

"The Ogallala High Plains has a couple of programs that would go voluntarily to buy water rights from willing irrigators and retire them permanently."

"Water users have equal footing under the Water Appropriations Act. Whether you are recreating, irrigating or drinking it, you all have equal footing. Nobody has priority over another in terms of use based on first in time, first in right.

'The State has been busy the last three years in restoring the State Water Plan Fund. Just under \$5 million has been given back to the Water Plan the last two years and an additional \$4 million is proposed for this year.

"We are also going to experience some additional money for water coming into the State Water Plan Fund this July. A large chunk of that money, a little over \$3 million will go into lake restoration and management.

"In addition to those dollars there was money set aside for technical assistance for water users. It will take the program that is currently going on here in Kansas with Rural Water and enhance it. Dedicated money to the tune of about one half million dollars will be made available to increase and enhance the programs and services provided for all.

"More regionalization of water supplies is inevitable. We are going to have to share the water that's available and have a customer base so that we can afford safe clean drinking water in the future.

"The Ogallala High Plains has a couple of programs that would go voluntarily to buy water rights from willing irrigators and retire them permanently.

"The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program proposes to retire 100,000 acres of irrigation along the Arkansas River from the State line to Great Bend, and permanently retire those water rights through the use of available federal funds.

"In closing much has changed since the 40 years KRWA has been in existence and more is likely to come. Our challenges will undoubtedly be plenty. The State looks forward to many more years of working with the Kansas Rural Water Association."



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Best Western Governors Inn & Suites, 4742 S. Emporia, Ph. 866/522-0775 or 316/522-0775; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; king \$59, double \$69

Broadview Hotel, 400 W. Douglas (across street from Century II), complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/262-5000; \$90 queen; king, \$102

Cambridge Suites, 711 South Main, downtown Wichita; Ph. 316/263-1061, \$99 Executive Suite; \$109 Studio Double; \$129 Penthouse Suite

Clubhouse Inn & Suites, 515 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/684-1111; comp. full hot breakfast buffet, \$59 flat

CrestHill Suites Hotel Company, 12111 E. Central Avenue; Ph. 888/723-1655 or 316/689-8000; comp. deluxe continental breakfast; studio or one bedroom w/king bed \$75; two bedroom suite, \$149

Days Inn West, 550 South Florence; Ph. 316/942-1717; comp. breakfast; \$65 flat

Hampton Inn, 3800 W. Kellogg; Ph. 316/945-4100; comp. airport shuttle and deluxe hot breakfast bar; \$129 flat

Holiday Inn, 221 E. Kellogg; within walking distance to Century II, comp. shuttle to Century II and airport; Ph. 316/269-2090; \$82 flat

Holiday Inn Select, 549 S. Rock Road; Ph. 888/558-5113 or 316/681-5083, for king or double, (one to four persons); \$82 flat

Hotel at Old Town, 830 E. First, complimentary parking garage; complimentary hot buffet breakfast; Ph. 316/267-4800; \$109 Queen; \$119 King

Hyatt Regency, attached to Century II, complimentary parking garage; Ph. 316/293-1234; \$113 single; \$113 double **SOLD OUT AS OF JUNE 1**

TownePlace Suites, by Marriott, 9444 E. 29th St. N.; Ph 316/631-3773 Ext. 520; comp. continental breakfast; full kitchen; \$89 flat

Wichita Fairfield Inn, by Marriott; 333 S. Webb Road; Ph. 316/685-3777; comp. continental breakfast; \$79 flat, complete renovation in 2005

Grand Hoopla prize winners...

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Copper Patio Beverage Cooler w/Stand 32" Sanyo LCD Flat Panel TV

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Ionic Pro Air Purifier

Kenmore Crockpot

Collapsible Sun Shade

Craftsman Auto-Loading Screwdriver

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Shannon Shields Hannah Farmer

Dean Michaud Tad Schlesener

Greg Drinovshy Marilyn Senff

Ellen Bayless David Nicolet

Brad Barbour Tina Francis

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Tami Mars

Chris Owen

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More conference













Grand prize winners.

Winners of the three grand prize pieced quilts were (at right): Don Hellar, EBH Engineers, *Wild Sunflowers*; (below left), Charles Suchy, City of Great Bend, *Trip Around the World*; (below right), Tom







Thursday luncheon prize winners .

| Prize | Donated By | Winner | Represents |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
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| Solar Light Set | Ponzer-Youngquist | Barb Short | Linn RWD 1 |
| \$200 Best Buy Gift Card | EAI Central | Jack May | City of Onaga |
| 2 Worlds of Fun Tickets | BG Consultants | Jay Barnard | City of Linwood |
| \$50 Gift Card | Commerce Bank | Jim Burton | City of Columbus |
| Bottle of Wine | Hydro Guard | Ron Fischer | Callaway 2 Water |
| Bottle of Wine | Hydro Guard | Richard Hoffman | City of Hutchinson |
| Hunting Knife | Team Laboratory | Mitchell Noll | City of Horton |
| Fishing Pole | Leggette, Brashears & Graham | Damon Wilson | City of Mulvane |
| Craftsman Drill | Anderson Peck Agency | Marian Bradley | Pottawatomie RWD 2 |
| Box of Chocolates | Jayhawk Software | Stacy Barbour | Sedgwick RWD 2 |
| Wall Picture | City of Lyons | Carol Ellis | Shawnee Cons. RWD 4 |
| DeWall Grinder | Anderson Peck Agency | Bill Pence | Wabaunsee RWD 2 |
| BBQ Set | Infinitec | Mary Meyer | Sumner RWD 5 |
| Digital Game Camera & Battery | Micro-Comm | Donna Markley | Douglas RWD 2 |
| \$25 Gift Card | Olathe Winwater | Dennis Chinberg | McPherson RWD 4 |
| \$25 Gift Card | Olathe Winwater | Harold Turner | Leavenworth RWD 7 |

Planning for 2008

A measure of time at KRWA is the Annual Conference & Exhibition. Planning for a beneficial and successful conference goes on year-round.

KRWA appreciates the several hundred registrants who completed the conference evaluation. Many good suggestions were made by attendees.

While there are many photos of the "fun times" printed in this issue, the KRWA conference continues to offer an excellent value for a water or wastewater conference. With a \$100 registration charge in 2008, many conferences impose charges of three or four times that. KRWA's goal in providing the conference is to make good training, a second-to-none EXPO Hall, good food, some fun and social and great fellowship available to those who attend. See you in Wichita March 25 - 28, 2008!

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