Summer Fest 2016

The 22nd Annual KCA Summer Fest Golf Tournament at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson came off without a hitch July 11th with 80 KCA members participating. Following an outstanding buffet dinner, trophies were presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as the Longest Drive and the always coveted “Crapper Award,” given out to the team with the highest score. Each received a personal trophy and have their names engraved on the Summer Fest championship traveling trophy.

In the longest drive contest, Julio Franco won the title and will have his name engraved on the KCA Summer Fest John Daly Longest Drive traveling trophy. Sixteen KCA members generously sponsored Summer Fest which is designed to extend goodwill from contractors and SSPs to their partners in construction.

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Calendar of Events:
- September 23, 2016 KCA Safety Picnic Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS
- September 28 - 29, 2016 KCA Fall Days Prairie Band Casino & Firekeeper Golf Course Mayetta, KS
- December 13, 2016 Christmas Open House KCA Office, Topeka
- January 25 - 27, 2017 2017 KCA Convention InterContinental Hotel Kansas City, MO
- March 2017 Spring Fling Prairie Band Casino & Firekeeper Golf Course Mayetta, KS
- May 2017 Transportation Fly-In Washington, D.C.
- June 1, 2017 (Tentative Date) KCA Construction Education Foundation Golf Tournament Colbert Hills Manhattan, KS

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As I am writing this, I find the temperature over 100 degrees which is not a good thing for the construction industry. We all appreciate the opportunity to work but when the temperature is constantly above 95 degrees, work crews and people in general get cranky.

I am sure there are studies done to show that more successful construction can be conducted when the temperatures are between 65 and 90 degrees...but intuitively, I just know that to be true.

When crews are cranky, less work is done and we all lose. I urge you to make sure everyone is well hydrated and always be aware of the safety needs of the work environment.

Be sure to take your time, drink lots of water and look out for the other guy.

The Kansas Contractors Association has always taken a strong position when it comes to politics, but this summer the KCA has provided an even stronger political voice. It is our goal to elect candidates who are more inclined to support funding infrastructure. With more than $2.7 billion already diverted from KDOT by our state lawmakers, the leadership of this organization agreed something had to be done.

As a result, the KCA decided to continue its usual support for candidates with its normal PAC donations, but it also added a strong bundling campaign. At least 37 companies chose to participate in this campaign which has given infrastructure friendly candidates additional resources to put towards their campaigns. In addition, there are a few races the KCA has provided even stronger support for candidates by placing mailers in their districts.

Remember, no matter how much money is spent for the right candidate, the most important thing is to get people to vote in the correct fashion. Please encourage everyone you know to vote. Until August 2nd, registered voters can cast their ballot in person at the county clerk’s office or the election commissioner’s office. If anyone needs to know who to vote for, please contact the KCA office and we will more than gladly help you make these important decisions. In addition, let your employees know the candidates they should vote for that will be a strong advocate for the industry. It has to be a full-fledged effort to change the tide.

A special thank you to our 16 sponsors: Ash Grove Cement; B&K, LLP; Cornejo & Sons, LLC; Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.; Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions; Foley Equipment Co., Inc.; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers of KC, Inc.; K-Coe Isom, LLP; Lockton Companies; Midwest Minerals, Inc.; Monarch Cement Company; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.; SRA; Universal Lubricants, LLC; Vance Bros. Inc.; Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. Without the support of our sponsors, we couldn’t offer this event at such an attractive price.
**Dredging at John Redmond Reservoir**

Dredging began at John Redmond Reservoir on May 18, 2016, after a great deal of collaboration and planning. The dredging project began in 2007 when a study found the water supply needs in the Neosho region could not be sustained during a 1950’s drought. Building new reservoirs or importing water were considered, but dredging was ultimately decided to be the most cost-effective and reasonable solution. In addition, stabilization efforts have begun to repair eroding stream banks. Dredging operations will continue 24 hours a day through December of 2016.

The sediment once removed will be relocated to land surrounding John Redmond Reservoir as well as on private land. KCA member, Mies Construction, Inc, Wichita, KS, built the confined disposal facilities to hold the silt being pumped. They first moved dirt in January, 2016 and finished in June. Mies built three total cells to hold the silt; 35 acres, 90 acres and 100 acres. It required 22,000 lineal feet of cross off trenches and 1.2 million cubic yards total excavation. Mies employees worked 12-hour days, six days a week. They were also responsible for seeding and erosion control.

John Redmond Reservoir was constructed due to the large amounts of flooding that had occurred in the area. Before construction the Neosho River had flooded 57 times in the 34 years of recorded history. The work began in June 1959 with major construction being completed in December 1965.

Governor Sam Brownback communicated to the barge with a hand-held radio and gave the command for work to begin.

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**Construction Industry Training Program Update**

By Wanda Tidball

The 10th Annual KDOT/KCA Construction Training Program will continue thanks to the support from the Kansas Department of Transportation. KDOT officials have agreed to provide funding to the program in the amount of $325,000 for the coming year which will allow the Kansas Contractors Association to coordinate the classes for our workers. In the past 10 years, KDOT has allocated over $3 million to improve the ability of our craftsmen in the highway construction industry.

As you may realize it is a monumental task in coordinating classes, students, and locations for the classes throughout the year. With more than 2,500 taking part in the program last year, we are expecting a similar amount for 2016-2017.

Some of the classes offered include Erosion Control, OSHA 10-hour, Run-Over Safety, Confined Space/Excavation Safety/Fall Protection, Fork Lift Certification and Crane Certification.

This program is for all KCA members who have bid KDOT work for calendar year 2015. Those of you who have will be receiving a survey soon to let us know your training needs. We plan our training season around what we receive from you, so please complete and return.

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**WELCOME KCA MEMBERS!**

KCA is pleased to welcome Randy Long Trucking, LLC, Topeka, KS as a new Supplier/Service Provider member! Thank you for becoming a member and we are happy to have you!

**MEMBER NEWS**

Foley Equipment Breaks Ground in Wichita

Foley Equipment Company broke ground in May for a $20 million expansion of its company headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. Foley held a ceremonial groundbreaking May 3 on the site of one of the new buildings. The new buildings will add over 160,000 square feet of offices, parts warehouse, service shops and equipment wash and lube bays to the 30+ acre Foley campus.

Foley Equipment is a 3rd generation, family-run cat dealer whose dealership includes Kansas and 40 counties in western Missouri, including the Kansas City metropolitan area. Founded in Wichita in 1940 as Foley Tractor Company, the company celebrated 75 years in 2015 and has operated out of the Wichita facility at 1550 S. West St. for approximately 65 years.