



President's Message

David Mullins, *President of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association*



The Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturers help our spring meeting in Hot Springs Arkansas. I would like to thank our hosts Tommy and Sue Burns for insuring all those in attendance had an enjoyable time.

As I was preparing to lead my first Board of Directors meeting I realized how fortunate I am to be following Past Presidents Bob Moelter, Jeff Messerschmitt, and Dan McGrath. These men had worked hard to lay a foundation by forming committees within the association. My main focus was to build on the foundation these men had started. I took on the task of evaluating the Auction, Convention, Disaster, Life Time Achievement, and Membership/Future Convention Committees. I also removed the Sanitation committee and assembled a Plant Operation Committee. After a lot of consideration I moved some of the members into and out of each committee, outlined some of the expected duties, and set some goals for the committees. I hope have the rest of the committees and Board Members duties evaluated by the fall convention.

We had Rita Emmett as a guest speaker on Monday morning. Rita was slated to speak to our group for three hours. I must

admit I was a bit skeptical when we committed to the allotment of this much time to one speaker. Rita did a great job of keeping the attention of all in attendance while speaking of situations procrastination can put us in during the first half of her presentation and how to conquer your clutter in the second half of the presentation. She used life applications to get her point across, help others self evaluate their shortfalls, and gave tools on how e can change our behaviors to be more efficient and unstressed.

Dave Durham led a high energy presentation on communication. This is the second time Dave has been a guest of the MO Valley and we weren't disappointed this time either.

The convention closed with a silent/live auction on Tuesday night. Thank you to the Auction Committee for their hard work in coordinating and running the event. Your hard work has paid off. The event profited over \$3,700 for the association. I would also like to thank those who donated and purchased items during the auction.

Well, the grass is getting green, the trees are in full bloom and my mums are pushing up from the ground. This can only mean summer is just around the corner. I'm sure we are all in the same boat when it comes to hoping for a good hot season.

Hope to see you all at the fall convention. ■

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Secretary's Notes

Tom Howat, *Secretary of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association*



Things I need to report: First, I was remiss in the last issue of Ice World Journal in not announcing the names of the latest recipients of the Missouri Valley Lifetime Achievement Award. Marie Hilke of Hilke's Ice in Freeburg, MO and Tom

Miller, recently retired from Artesian Ice & Cold Storage in St. Joseph, MO received their awards in Deadwood, SD at our convention there in October of last year. Both of these people have served our association for a long time and have answered the call any time we have asked anything of them. Marie joins her husband John as the second set of husband/wife members to receive the award joining Lloyd and Mary Ellen Baker.

Next I need to take some time to say goodbye to one of our members. Chris Gress, owner of Kwik Ice in Ketchum, OK passed away on February 1, 2011 at the age of thirty-three. Chris had been waging a battle with cancer for quite a while, a battle which took him halfway around the world and back, and he finally lost. Chris was just starting to come into his own as a MO Valley member and was hoping to get onto the Board of Directors when his time had to be used to fight this battle.

Chris leaves behind a wife and two young children. Our Board discussed putting one of our scholarships into the children's college fund. After discussion, it was decided that we will hold a separate fund-raising event (probably in Oconomowoc) and send the proceeds to the college fund. Thank-you Board members.

Now it is time for those of us who were there to say "Thanks for a job well done" to Tommy and Sue Burns for hosting our recent meeting in Hot Springs, AR. We had 83 people registered and those who attended heard great speakers and had good fun even though the weather was not perfect and no pigs were harmed during the convention.

Next, let's turn our thoughts to Oconomowoc, WI where our fall annual meeting will be hosted by Tim Counsell and his group at Mr. Ice Company. The dates are October 9 - 11, 2011 and we will be staying at the Olympia Resort Hotel and Spa in Oconomowoc. I hope all of our members have a great ice season and are able to attend this meeting. Tim has never failed to pull something out of the hat to surprise us.

And finally, we all receive our share of weird, funny, stupid or disgusting things on the Internet but I got this not long ago and it really made me think and I wanted to pass it on: "You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them." ■

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