



# President's Message

Laron Hilke, *President of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association*



I would like to begin with the hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had one of the craziest summers we've had in

years and I hope all of you got to spend a little extra special time with your friends and family.

I would like to thank ITC for hosting the Fall 2012 Convention in Colorado Springs. David, Patty and Dave picked a great location for a convention. I personally enjoyed seeing all my old friends and getting a chance to make new friends, and that is what the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association is all about. I would also like to thank Tom Howat for all the hard work he did toward the convention.

I would like to express my appreciation to Jeff Messerschmitt for his time on the Board. Jeff just stepped down off the board this past convention. I would like to welcome Shawn Messmore and Jeff Tyler to the Board of Directors. Shawn is with Modern Ice, Cincinnati, Ohio and I know he will bring a lot to the table. Jeff owns Tyler Ice in Tyler, Texas and I have served with Jeff on the Board of Directors of the South West Ice Association. Jeff is going to be a great fit to the board of Missouri Valley. I would also like to congratulate Bernie Akemann of Waterville Foods and Ice in Waterville, MN, who was elected to the Treasurer's position for our Association. Bernie has just finished serving a five-year term as a Director.

I would like everybody to mark their calendars for the 10th through the 12th of March, 2013 as this will be the Spring convention. Our hosts will be Dennis and Kate Menke of Arctic Glacier Premium Ice in West Point, IA. The meeting will be held at Camden on the Lake resort at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. The Menke family has hosted several conventions in Missouri and Iowa and I know Dennis and Kate will put on a good convention, as they have in the past.

I guess I am keeping our family tradition going by being President of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association. My Mother, Marie Hilke, was the first woman to serve on the Board in the 1980's. She served from 1987 to 1992 to be exact. Then my Father, John Hilke, served on the Board from 1992 to 1997 I believe. Dad is a past President of the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association. My family has been a member of the association since 1980. I am a product of what my parents have instilled in me as regards the Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association. It is not just another business meeting nor is it just another chance to get away. You are going to see your second family. It is something I look forward to every spring and every fall.

I would like to congratulate the Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, Dan McGrath of McGrath Ice Service - Independence, MO and Tommy Burns of J&K Delta Ice - West Memphis, AR. These two gentlemen truly deserve this award in my eyes.

As I start my term as the President of this Association, I have a request to make of ALL of our members. If, at any time of the year or during a convention - you see or experience something you enjoy or learn from or notice something we are doing right - please let an Officer or Director know. If you see or experience something you don't like with the Association or during a convention please call or see ME directly. My cell phone number is 573-659-0787. ■



# Secretary's Notes

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



Well, since the last issue we have survived another National election (congratulations or condolences depending on your party), another

IPIA convention (Scottsdale was great), another first day of winter and, oh yeah, another Missouri Valley Ice Manufacturer's Association convention.

We met at the Marriott Hotel in beautiful Colorado Springs and had a registration of 87 people. Much thanks to David Inglis and his crew at ITC for all their efforts. For those who didn't make it - we learned - first-hand and in pictures - what the Summer's wildfires did to the area. It was scary.

While we were there we added two new names to the Lifetime Achievement plaque. Congratulations to Tommy Burns and Dan McGrath, two long-time, very active members of our group.

We also awarded two scholarships to employees of a couple of our members. Conner Berg (Tour Ice of Pierre/Sturgis) and Chris Eichholz (Hilke's Ice) each received \$500 to help further their education.

In keeping in the Spirit of doing things in twos - we said goodbye to two of our Board members and elected two new ones. Jeff Messerschmitt went off of the Board and we all thank him for his time and his input. Bernie Akemann, after a five year Director term, moved into the Treasurer's chair and is now an Officer.

Our new members of the Board are Jeff Tyler of Tyler's Super Quality Ice and Shawn Messmore of Modern Ice. These two are starting on their five year attempt to keep the wheels on the bus. Our supplier members also bid farewell to Brad Welle and elected Don Hutton of Norcan Flexible Packaging to a two-year term as Supplier Rep to the Board. Congratulations to Bernie and welcome aboard to Jeff, Shawn and Don.

I have been in contact with Dennis and Kate Menke who will be hosting our Spring convention at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO (March 10 - 12 at the Camden on the Lake Resort, Spa and Yacht Club to be exact) and it looks like it will be a good, informative, fun meeting and I hope to see most of our members in attendance.

So, may you all achieve what you had hoped to in this off-season and in closing I would like to share a little more of what I learned from my grandfather. You should keep your words both soft and tender, because tomorrow you may have to eat them. ■

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**March 10-12, 2013**

Camden On the Lake Resort  
Lake of the Ozarks, MO  
Hosts: Dennis and Kate Menke  
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**Fall of 2013**

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# MO Valley 2012 Annual Convention

