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Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2012



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
Wednesday

January 9, 2013

Murfreesboro Water Plant
5528 Sam Jared Drive
Murfreesboro, TN
For directions call
615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

ABPA 29th Annual Conference
May 6th – 8th, 2013
Phoenix, Arizona

2013

TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
Murfreesboro Water Plant
January 9th - April 3rd - July 10th

TBPA Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association is to protect drinking water quality in the State of Tennessee by providing for education, statewide training, standardized certification, technical assistance and resources to our membership and the general public.

President's Message

Hello All –

It was good to see many of you at the Annual Conference in Jackson in October. We had one of the best conferences in recent years, I believe. The attendance was very good with 39 registered attendees and 13 vendors. We are always thankful to our loyal vendors for their support of our organization and for sharing first-rate information with our members. The location was good, the food was fabulous, and the presentations shared by our speakers were outstanding. Many thanks to Liba Ford and Bradley Tomlin, along with Kitty Vaughn for all their work in arranging speakers, location, food, etc. that ensured such a great event. And thanks to those additional Board members for lining up speakers as well. It was undoubtedly our most diverse and appealing set of speakers. The topics were fresh and pertinent to the work we do in cross connection.

Congratulations to our 2012 Award winners: First Utility District for the Company or Water Purveyor Award, Kitty Vaughn for her work in the TBPA over the last year, and Bill Hunt for the Robert Lashlee (Lifetime Achievement) Award. Thanks to our nominating committee for their work on the awards.

On the heels of that event we were saddened to lose one of our longtime members – actually a founding member of our organization. Larry Stinnett, who has long been a member of not only the TBPA board, but also the national ABPA organization, passed on November 20th. He bravely fought cancer for many years, but even during bad times was active in his company,

TBPA, and his church. Many of us learned a great deal of what we know today at Larry's side. We will miss his leadership, his knowledge, and his friendship.

Congratulations to our newly elected Directors – Steve Betty, East Tennessee and David Risner, Middle Tennessee. Kent Bowman, who has been a long time Board member, is stepping down as East Tennessee Director. We certainly hope that Kent will remain active with TBPA, as we depend on him for so many things. Thanks to all who are active on our Board and those who step up to help out with making our conference, classes, and exhibitions successful. The extra "helping hands" are always appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2013 a successful year for TBPA.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and many blessings during this holiday season and into the New Year.

Donna Maloy
President TBPA

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The Tennessee Backflow News is published quarterly by the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the TBPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Tennessee. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Tennessee.

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Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA membership required for state TBPA membership*

Bill Hunt

The Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award

We thought you might like to know a little more about this man who has devoted his life to the backflow industry.

William Michael Hunt was born February 20, 1924 in Cory, Pennsylvania. Since birth, thru unforeseen circumstances he was raised in a Catholic orphanage in nearby Erie until he was seventeen. WWII broke out and on September 19, 1942 he joined the Navy. He spent three years serving in the south pacific and was discharged in 1945 in Long Island, NY.

He moved to Mobile, Alabama to take a job with Crane Company. There he met his future wife Ramona while she worked as a secretary at the naval shipbuilding yard. Bill and Ramona married in 1951, lived in Nashville for a time and eventually moved to Memphis when Bill took a job as a Wade representative in 1957. There they opened Central Sales Co. Even though he sold the business to his son and daughter-in-law in 1991 he remains active.

Bill has been associated with many organizations and groups throughout the years. Two of those dearest to him are as a founding member of ASPE Memphis Chapter and working on the cutting edge of backflows for water safety. Bill has always had the heart of an educator and still to this day never turns away an opportunity to educate, even when there was never going to be a sale. Many of you remember the lively presentations he has done at our TBPA Conferences.

Bill's ever-optimistic attitude is that he wants to give back more than he receives and still enjoys the people and the organizations that have contributed to his enjoyment and success over his fifty five years in business. Bill and Ramona have been blessed with four children and ten grandchildren. They continue to count their blessing for the friendships, memories, and successes that this industry has bestowed on them.

Congratulations Bill.



Mr. Hunt receiving his award.

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Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap
Memphis, TN 38105

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

April 12: 8:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 12:00
October 11: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

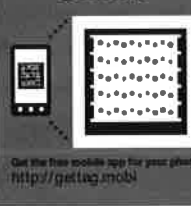
Watts (Limit 12 per class)

February 15: 8:00 – 12:00
August 9: 12:00 – 4:00

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ABPA 2013

Harrington/Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2013 Scholarship Topic: Explain the difference between cross-connection and backflow, then identify 5 high hazard cross-connections in your community and how to resolve them.

The ABPA 2013 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31, 2012 and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! The scholarship can be used for any type of advanced education.

An essay must be submitted based on the required content. The winner will receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00. Winners of a scholarship under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is January 1, 2013, so start working on those essays!

Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.

TBPA West Section News

Thanks to everyone who worked on the 2012 Conference. I can honestly say the conference was a success. Congratulations to everyone who received an award this year. We really appreciate all the hard work you do for our organization and the cross-connection industry. We were especially glad to have Ken Goergen our Region 3 Director and Paul Schwartz from USC join us at the conference.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend,

Larry Stinnett on November 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry's wife Ginny, their sons and the entire family. He was a vital part of TBPA and will be greatly missed.

Make plans now to join us at the January Board Meeting Murfreesboro. From all of us in West Tennessee, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director



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Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542
225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207
- **Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT:** Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- **Knoxville Plumbers & Steamfitters, LU #102 JATC:** Knoxville, TN Contact Wayne Summers, 1218 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 - (865) 525-6305 or lu102jatc@bellsouth.net
- **Plumbers Local Union #17:** For information on classes contact Howard Burgess at (901) 368-9099 - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training Classes and Certification Classes for the State of Mississippi. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 - 262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
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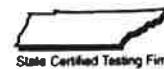
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TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 24, 2012

Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 16,905.63. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00 and a checking account balance of \$11,405.63.

ABPA PACE Award

TBPA did not win a PACE Award this year at the National Conference because our information was not submitted in a three-ring binder. Ken Goergen explained the rule but said he will look at this with the committee and see about it being submitted electronically. He stated John Oakson is available to hear any comments.

Membership

Ken will check on the timing of the refund checks to TBPA. We are currently up to date on our reimbursements.

Web Site

Updates for Fleming Training Center complete. Dale Reagan suggestion about a forum for members to share and request information was voted against.

TBPA Conference 2012

The registered attendance is good, speakers are confirmed and the hotel has been wonderful to work with. Looks to be a great conference. Donna went over the agenda and attendees. Old conference T-shirts will sell for \$5.00 and current 2012 shirts will sell for \$6.00.

TBPA gives CEU's for conference attendance. Ken presented that if we go thru ABPA they will preapprove PDH's (Engineering credits). This is something we will think about for the future.

Region 3 Conference

Ken is checking on the possibility of having a Region 3 Conference. Members expressed an interest in maybe having one every three years.

Nominations

Nominations for East and Middle Directors are due. Donna will mention tomorrow during the conference. Kitty will email Liba the form and Liba will send to the printer to mail November 15th.

ABPA Conference

Donna asked for the presentations to be put on the web site. Ken stated the site is being managed by a volunteer.

ABPA Magazine

Donna asked about the delay in the mailing of the magazine. The hold up is the lack of articles, if they

don't get enough; they pay a writer to submit articles. He would like for chapters to supply articles.

TBPA Annual Conference 2013

Possible locations: Clarksville or Cookville - Angel will see what information she can get on Clarksville and present at the January board meeting.

Next meeting - January 9, 2013 - 10:00 AM - Murfreesboro Water Plant - Murfreesboro, TN.

2013 Meeting Dates are Jan. 9th, April 3rd and July 10th.

Not official minutes.



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Welcome to New Board Members

Welcome to the new TBPA Board Members, Steve Betty and David Risner. Both these individuals have been active in TBPA for several years. We look forward to having them serve on our board.

Steve will be the new East Tennessee Director. He has worked with Tennessee American Water for 31 years. He managed their Cross Connection Program for four years and is currently a Supervisor over the Distribution Department. He still works closely with the cross connection department.

David will be the Middle Tennessee Director. He has worked at Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department for 13 years. For the past 10 years he has worked with their Cross Connection Program. David recently served as interim Middle TN Director.

TBPA East Section News

I'm going to let the East Section news go this quarter and just tell everyone a quick story.

Larry Stinnett would often call me and if I didn't answer the phone he would leave me a message. He would say; "Boy, get off that couch and get to work!" I would do him the same way. Well, Larry my friend you have made

your journey home and to you I say. "Boy, enjoy your couch!" Larry Stinnett: 11/19/46 - 11/20/12.

Ginny, Brad and Todd you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

Larry Stinnett

The TBPA Board and entire membership join Kent in his expression of sympathy to the family of Larry Stinnett. We will miss his sweet spirit and that wonderful smile!

If you would like to send a personal note please address it to:
Mrs. Ginny Stinnett – 925 Tavistock Way – Knoxville, TN 37918.



2006 Larry opens the annual conference



2009 Larry with Kent and Lloyd at TAUD Expo



2008 Larry tries to give away a UT shirt



2010 Larry accepting the ABPA Gold Eagle Award

Thank You Kent

Kent Bowman retires in January from his position as East Tennessee Director for TBPA. He has served in this capacity for several years. Kent has planned conferences, lead repair classes, worked at events on behalf of TBPA, helped with membership, written newsletter articles and the list goes on and on! We cannot thank him enough for all he has done over the years. We know Kent is ready for a break but we are also sure that he will stay active in the association. Thanks again Kent!



2011 Larry accepting the TBPA Lifetime Achievement Award

Conference Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's TBPA Awards.

First Knox Utility District - for their work in the field of backflow & promotion of TBPA.

Kitty Banks – for her work within the TBPA organization.

William “Bill” Hunt – The Robert Lashlee Award for his work within the backflow industry.

We are honored to have individuals such as these who are willing to give of their time and talents to work in the field of cross-connection and to further the goals of this association.



Kitty accepting her award from Donna



Kent accepting his award from Donna



Jeff and Regina accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award for Mr. Hunt

Conference Vendors

The Conference Committee and the TBPA Board of Directors would like to say THANK YOU to all our 2012 Conference Vendors. You were a large part of the success of our conference this year. We encourage our members to support the following vendors who give their time and resources to support TBPA and the backflow industry:

Apollo Valves – Al Rathheim

Backflow Control – Roger Crane

BAVCO – Mark Canterbury

Central Sales – Jeff Hunt

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) – Bob Carpenter & Sean Cleary

Mid-America Marketing, Inc. (Watts & Ames) – Lloyd Rainey & Richard Goodman

Safe-T-Cover – Al Adams

Tenn. Assoc. of Utility Dist. (TAUD) – Brent Ogles

Tennessee One Call – Kathy Quartermaine

Test Gauge & Backflow Supply – Stephen Krebs

Tennessee Training Calendar

- **The Fleming Training Center:** FTC offers Basic and Renewal and Cross Connection Classes to water systems and personnel throughout Tennessee. FTC is located at 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone: (615) 898-8090, fax: (615) 898-8064. Hours of operation: Weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time. For more information and a registration form visit: www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/. Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

January 16-18

March 6-8

May 8-10

June 26-28

July 24-26

August 21-23

November 20-22

Kingsport

May 22-24

August 7-9

Jackson

April 10-12

Alcoa:

April 24-26

September 18-20

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

January 15

March 5

May 7

June 25

July 23

August 20

November 19

Kingsport

May 21

August 6

Jackson

April 9

Alcoa:

April 23

September 17

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$125

Murfreesboro March 14 & September 12

NOTICE

Beginning January 1, 2013 Fleming Training Center will upgrade their data system. All registration forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment. Registration cannot be completed for a class until payment is received in full. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

- **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):**

Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. For information on Classes and Cost you can visit the training section on their web site at www.taud.org or contact either Brent Ogles at brentogles@taud.org - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at

gregbaker@taud.org - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Basic Cross Connection Class

TAUD – Murfreesboro

January 16-18

May 8-10

Clarksville Gas & Water

February 6-8

Alpha-Talbot Utility

– Jefferson City

March 26 -28

MLGW - Memphis

June 12-14

JEA Training Center - Jackson

January 30 - February 1

Tennessee American Water

- Chattanooga

March 6-8

Larry Fleming Facility

- Knoxville

April 10-12

Renewal Cross Connection Class

TAUD – Murfreesboro

January 15

May 7

Coburn Supply – Memphis

January 23

Alpha-Talbot Utility

– Jefferson City

March 25

MLGW - Memphis

June 11

JEA Training Center - Jackson

January 29

Clarksville Gas & Water

February 5

Tennessee American Water

- Chattanooga

March 5

Larry Fleming Facility

- Knoxville

April 9

Backflow Repair Class – Wilkins

East Utility District

– Chattanooga

June 27

JEA Training Center - Jackson

July 16

- **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal classes are scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Fee is \$100 and must be received prior to class date. (Checks payable to MLGW). Test fee is \$60 (Checks payable to Fleming Training Center) Class size is limited to twelve (12). Students must bring a Test kit and flathead screwdriver.

Backflow Repair Class fee is \$50.

For more information and to register contact: MLGW Cross Connection at 901-528-7757

Cross Connection Renewal Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN

Class Date	Registration Deadline
January 24	January 10
March 14	March 7
March 28	March 21
May 23	May 16
July 11	July 5