

Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2016



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
January 4, 2017
Murfreesboro Water Plant
5528 Sam Jared Drive
Murfreesboro, TN
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615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

2017 ABPA Annual Conference
April 3 -5, 2017
San Antonio, TX

2017

TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
April 5th & July 12th
Murfreesboro Water Plant

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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

It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is already here. It seems this year has just flown by.

The TBPA 20th Annual Conference was held in Chattanooga in October. It was a very informative conference with some great speakers and presentations. Our vendors help make our conference possible by paying for booth space. Many come from out of state, as far away as Oregon this year. We need participation from our members to keep them coming and make it worthwhile for them.

The board members start putting our conference together as early as January. We work diligently, spending numerous hours to make our conference happen. We are continuing to try to increase participation and welcome any suggestions. These conferences are costly and we cannot continue to have a yearly conference without member participation.

Michael Robeson our At-Large Director and Membership Chair sent a short questionnaire to all our members with an email address after this year's conference. The focus of the survey was to seek suggestions to increase participation. The response rate was very poor, but members who did reply were still in favor of a yearly conference.

Our next board meeting is just a few weeks away on January 4th. At this meeting the Board will address the feasibility of a conference in 2017 or wait until 2018. Our next conference will most likely be held East Tennessee. Please take a few minutes to contact myself or any board member with your suggestions or input. Your board members addresses and phone numbers are in this newsletter.

This is your association. The success of it depends on your involvement.

In other news, someone new is updating our web site (tnbackflow.com) so take a look at it from time to time. You can go to it for all the latest news and happenings within the TBPA.

The 2017 ABPA Conference and Tradeshow is April 3rd – 5th in San Antonio, Texas. Visit the web site for more information.

I hope each and every one has a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Wayne Osborne
TBPA President

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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.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the TBPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice. Dues are \$85 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$65 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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For newsletter advertisements contact:
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Pre-payment of dues required to process application.
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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

Jan. 18-20 Mar. 8-10 May 10-12

Feb. 8-10 Apr. 5-7 June 14-16

Alcoa

Chattanooga

Kingsport

Apr. 19-21 July 12-14 June 28-30

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110 *(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Jan. 17 Mar. 7 May 9 June 13

Feb. 7 Apr. 4 May 25 July 18

Alcoa

Chattanooga

Kingsport

Apr. 18 July 11 June 27

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125

Murfreesboro

Feb. 24 May 26 Sept. 15

NOTICE

All registrations forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD): Offering classes for utilities, municipalities and other industry related businesses and contractors. Classes include Cross Connection Renewal and Basic, Confined Space Entry, CPR/ First Aid, Flagger Safety, Trench Excavation and many others. Customized classes are also available. For more information please visit the Training Page at www.taud.org or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

Jan. 11-13

Apr. 7-9

Jackson

Feb. 8-10

Memphis

June 14-16

Kingsport

Mar. 15-17

Knoxville

Apr. 19-21

Clarksville

Jan. 25-27

Chattanooga

Feb. 22-24

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

Jan. 10

Apr. 3

Jackson

Feb. 7

Memphis

June 13

Kingsport

Mar. 14

Knoxville

Apr. 18

Clarksville

Jan. 24

Chattanooga

Feb. 21

Backflow Troubleshooting & Advanced Testing

Jackson

Mar. 8

Knoxville

Mar. 14

Chattanooga

Mar. 16

Memphis Light Gas & Water

For information and to register for classes contact David Wright at 901-528-4449 or dwright@mlgw.org

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 Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007
262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
- To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 12, 2016

Treasurer's report

Account Balance \$10,136.86

Web Site

Chase Layne has done some updating to the web site but will not continue in the future. Michael's son, Ryan, will get the info from Chase and make the changes. We will hire him at a cost of \$45 / hour with up to three hours per quarter.

TBPA 2016 Conference

This year's attendance numbers are low but the Vendor participation is very good. It does not appear that we will make any money this year.

TBPA 2017 Conference

It was discussed about having the 2017 Conference in Gatlinburg and also having it every other year because of the low attendance. Wayne will contact the Park Vista Hotel just to get information. He will present the prospect of every other year and the location to the conference attendees. Michael will send an email asking for opinions. Frank, Dave and Wayne will contact at least 60 random members to get their opinions.

Nominations Committee

East and Middle TN Directors are up for election. We once again need nominations. Kitty will send the ballots to the printer in November or early December.

ABPA

No one from ABPA was able to attend the conference this year.

Next Board meeting: Murfreesboro - Jan. 4th at 10:00 AM

Not official minutes

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Thank you to our Conference Vendors

We appreciate your support of TBPA



TBPA West Section News

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Grady Gentry on November 16, 2016. Grady was 85 years old and dedicated a large part of his life to the Water industry and the field of cross-connection control. He served many years on the TBPA Board as the West Tennessee Director and was a source of knowledge for many of us in the water industry.

In 2013 Grady was awarded the Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award from TBPA.

Many of you may not know that Grady played football for UT Knoxville, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, worked in his father's Well drilling business and was Dyer County Highway Commissioner. He owned his own Utility Maintenance business until retiring in 2014.

Grady is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary; his daughters, Sally Gentry and Anne Jacobs; three step-daughters, a brother Ted along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

TBPA made a donation to Living Water International in memory of Grady.

We love you Grady....you will be missed.



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TBPA Middle Section News

I would like to thank everyone who came to this year's Conference in Chattanooga. If you could not attend you missed an excellent conference with some outstanding vendors. Also, a big congratulations to all our award winners. We truly appreciate all you do for our association.

We ask that you contact a Board member and give your opinion on future conferences. We need your help and participation.

As we prepare for the Christmas season, please remember all those in need, especially our neighbors in East Tennessee affected by the recent fires. Gatlinburg has been the site of many of our annual conferences. The area is dear to our hearts.

Wishing everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas!

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

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2015 TBPA AWARDS



Lloyd Rainey accepting the Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award from Vice President Bradley Tomlin



Gerald Elliot of Cleveland Utilities accepting the Water Purveyor Award



Danny Warren accepting the TBPA Individual Award

2016 New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest Members. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

Brandon Caldwell	Newport Utilities
Jordan Knight	Newport Utilities
William Julian	Knoxville Utilities Board
Dana Thomas	Town of Jonesborough
Bryan Young	Volunteer Underground Bristol, TN

Conference Speakers



Ben Rodriguez with Fleming Traing Center



Josh Perry with Clarksville Water Company

Congratulations to all of this year's TBPA Award recipients.

BACKFLOW LINKS

For more backflow information check out
the American Backflow web site:
www.abpa.org

Check Out Our Website!

www.tnbackflow.com

Your Association working for safe
drinking water in Tennessee

ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2016 Topic: Backflow prevention and cross connection control not only protect the drinking water in day to day applications, but it can also be a protection against terrorist acts. Tell the public what backflow hazards you would suggest for them to be aware of and how to protect the safe drinking water through backflow prevention in your community.

The scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31st and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! It can be used for any type of advanced education.

Essays must be submitted based on the required topic. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners of this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is 12:00 midnight, January 1st. Visit the web site for complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.



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