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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jeff Weber
WHEA President

First I would like to start by wishing all of us a Happy Holidays, some may be enjoying our snowless Holiday Season! I for one enjoy the seasons here in Wisconsin and looking forward to getting some skating, sledding, snow tubing and downhill skiing in, given old man winter should come to Wisconsin. Reflecting over the past year, where did 2023 go, to think two years ago I joined the State Board. Begin a part of WHEA is amazing, the support and resources this organization has to offer a member is of the highest

remark, believe me when I say guidance, growth, knowledge, networking, team atmosphere, you can get all right here being a part of WHEA.

In this newsletter I thought I would provide a brief overview of what's ahead for WHEA 2024. The State Board meet on December 1st, 2023, we approved our 2024 budget and shared Chapter and Committee updates. I am happy to report all is well and each Chapter is healthy and planning for the upcoming year. Chapter 5 is hoping to host a Curling event for their members. Events are listed on the website calendar and if you are a user of Linked In or Facebook, be sure to look us up and if you have items to share from social events, send them to your Technology Committee to be posted. Another noteworthy item, on January 24th we have a virtual Healthcare Construction Certificate course. You can register at www.whea.com/whea-news-and-updates/hcc-program.

Please remember to renew your WHEA membership. Membership renewal is currently open, be sure to log into the website click on your Chapter to renew.

Our 2024 Annual Conference Technical Exhibition registration will open in January 2024.

Another resource out there for us is the American Society of Healthcare Engineers for additional information (www.ashe.org) For those of you that may not know, WHEA is affiliated with American Society of Healthcare Engineering. WHEA is in Region 6 and holds an elite membership status thanks to our WHEA members.

In closing, from my family to yours, wishing you all a Happy New Year, stay safe and be sure to seek work / life balance in our lives during the Holidays.

Fraternally, Jeff Weber, State President 2024



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For additional details on calendar events (time, location address, etc.), go to www.whea.com and click on the individual event under the “CALENDAR” tab.

W H E A C A L E N D A R

1/5/2024	Education & Professional Development Committee Meeting
1/11/2024	Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
1/11/2024	Chapter III Meeting
1/11/2024	Chapter I Holiday Party
1/12/2024	Conference Committee Meeting
1/18/2024	Chapter V Annual Banquet
1/24/2024	Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) Program
2/1/2024	Chapter II Meeting
2/8/2024	Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
2/8/2024	Chapter I Meeting
2/15/2024	Chapter V Meeting
2/22/2024	Chapter IV Meeting
3/1/2024	State Board Meeting
3/7/2024	Chapter II Meeting
3/8/2024	Education & Professional Development Committee Meeting
3/12/2024	Codes & Standards Committee Meeting
3/14/2024	Lunch & Learn Series Webinar
3/14/2024	Chapter III Meeting
3/14/2024	Chapter I Meeting
3/18/2024 - 3/20/2024	PDC Conference
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Erwin "Pat" Korish

Erwin "Pat" Korish, 79 of La Crosse passed away Saturday, December 9, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. He was born on March 17, 1944 to Erwin A. and Janice (Roth) Korish. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving from 1961 and being honorably discharged in 1983. On July 7, 1962 Erwin married Bonnie Jean Rohrer and they celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Pat worked at Franciscan Skemp (Mayo) for 40 years before retiring to spend time with his family. He became a member of Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA) in 1970 and remained very active in WHEA Chapter VI, even into his retirement years. He became only the fourth member of WHEA to achieve a 50-year continuous membership award in 2020. He was most recently a very dedicated and active member of the WHEA Resource Committee.

Pat enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and golfing with family and friends. He loved visiting the children's ward at the hospital and his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's school, dressed as a Leprechaun every year since his 50th birthday. If you would ask him what his greatest accomplishment was he would say his wife of 61 years, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be forever missed by all who loved him.

Erwin is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie; two daughters, Karolee (Carl) Behringer of Onalaska and Tamra (Mark) Sullivan of La Crosse; two sons, Scot (Kelly) Korish and Eric (Karla) Korish both of La Crosse; grandchildren...Adam (Alyssa) Behringer, Michael (Amelia) Behringer, Nick Behringer, Anthony Behringer, Christopher Behringer, Nici Behringer, Matthew (Ashley) Sullivan, Zach Sullivan, Jake Sullivan, Casie (Ryan) Klich, Courtnaey (Lucas Chase) Korish, Connor Korish, Kamryann Korish, Kenzie Korish, Alex Korish, Katie (Andy) Crowley. Great Grandchildren... Trenton Stalsberg, Eliana Behringer, Landon Behringer, Lydia Behringer, Silas Behringer, Madeline Behringer, Archer Sullivan, Emilee Klich, Attleigh Klich, Finnley Klich, Brian Phelps, Queen Williams, Royalty Williams, Louis Chase, Logan Chase, Scot Chase and Payton Crowley. His step-mother, Carla Korish, sisters Anita Mason and Sue Meyer and brothers Richard (Jan) Korish, Tom (Patty) Korish and Steve (Debbie) Sandau, Ken (Rose) Korish, John (Stephanie) Korish, many nieces, nephews and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harry Korish, Timothy and Richard Sandau; mother-in-law, Vivian Rohrer; and father-in-law, Frederick Rohrer.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse. Pastor Phillip Waselik officiated and entombment is in the Mormon Coulee Memorial Park Mausoleum. Visitation was held on Thursday, December 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Dickinson Family Funeral Home, 401 Main Street, Onalaska and again at the church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse or NASA, PO Box 186, Holmen, WI. 54636.

"Our family is forever grateful for our father's Hospice team's loving care, kindness and concern for and to our father and our family. Ellen, Elizabeth, Liz, Robbie and Drew, your attention and anticipation of our father's needs greatly assisted his peaceful transition and gave comfort to all of us".



Sponsorship Chair, Dennis Havlik (l) presented Pat Korish with his 50-yr plaque while working the 2021 Technical Exhibition as a member of the Resource Committee.

The Member Services Committee has begun it's work on the 2024 WHEA Annual Directory. Advertising opportunities are available now. You can find the ad order form on the Directory webpage under the Publications tab at www.whea.com. Or follow this link:

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Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC)



Darrell Courtney
Co-Chair



Terry Phillips
Co-Chair

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! With 2024 coming to an end, look back and think to yourself, did I make any strides this year? 2023 has given us

an opportunity work together to build stronger and happier relationships. Did you build a relationship, or make a new acquaintance, or maybe helped bring along friends to meet new people. While our in-person education and conference events continue to grow in the same manner. The EPDC is still striving to offer the best education for our members at the best prices available with limited required travel. Through the year, we have offered web based and site-based programs and plan to continue with this practice.
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On November 1, the Education and Professional Development Committee held the final Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) program of 2023. 168 people were registered for this very popular program.



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In 2024, we will again be working with the Codes & Standards Committee to offer the HCC(s) programs around the state. Our HCC has been a great success and we look forward to having it as long as the desire to have the program maintains. Once again, we will be holding a virtual HCC on January 24th. Thank you to the Code Committee for their continued efforts to keep our quality programs at a reasonable cost for our association. I would also like to extend our thanks to the Resource Committee for all their assistance during the scheduled programs. Their help during the on-site programs, help maintain our low costs.

We look forward continuing to provide great educational opportunities in 2024 to all of our WHEA members.

Be sure to sign up for the 2024 Lunch and Learn webinar programs today, if you haven't done so already. As a subscriber, you will receive the recorded links to all the webinars; past ones to review or watch for the first time. These may be watched at any time that you wish. Go to the Education tab at the www.whea.com site, sign up, and start your learning today. You will receive the login information for the next scheduled webinar. You never have to miss a program again. The cost for the annual webinar series will again be \$300 for WHEA members and \$500 for non WHEA members. Join now: www.whea.com. See next page for the webinar flyer that lists the tentative topics for 2024.





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All was very beneficial and great knowledge to take in.

Thanks so much for making these available and for allowing us to be informed.

Keep up the good work!

I appreciate the ability to earn CECs on relevant topics via these convenient webinars.

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To receive the members only discounted rate, you must log into your WHEA membership account and use the Members Only registration form. If you have forgotten your login, just use the “Forgot Login” feature to gain access.

You may sign up anytime during the year but the cost will stay the same - there is no individual webinar pricing. All webinars will be recorded and you will receive a link to that recording after the webinar has been presented. Even if you are not able to attend, you can still have these important updates to watch at your convenience.

The subscription is location specific. Each facility/company location must purchase their own separate subscription, and if your facility or company has more than one location that you'd like to be able to watch the webinars, you must purchase a subscription for each location.

2024 WEBINAR TENTATIVE TOPICS

January 11	ADA in Healthcare	July 11	FGI 2022 Impacts
February 8	Daily Rounds	August 8	Leadership
March 14	Generators	September 12	Suites
April 11	Heat Pumps	October 10	Construction Delivery
May 9	ICRA 2.0	November 14	Thermal Imaging
June 13	BAS	December 12	Critical Environment Ceiling Grids

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Dennis Havlik
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Donella Sarauer
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2024 will be our 22nd year of the sponsorship program, and the success of this program in past years has been outstanding! We would like to thank the 103 sponsors that pledged their support in 2023!

A WHEA sponsorship's primary purpose is to provide financial support for our annual conference and educational seminars throughout the year. WHEA cannot begin to express the sincere appreciation to these associate members and technical exhibitors who will support WHEA in the upcoming year.

Although Platinum Sponsorship has been filled, Gold and Silver Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Within those levels of sponsorship there are opportunities for free advertisements in the directory and news-

letters, technical booth registrations and other ways to promote your company within the WHEA membership, depending on which level of sponsorship you choose.

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Conference Committee Updates



Ed Cosner
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Kevin Feyen
Co-Chair

Plans for the 2024 conference are progressing steadily. Our speaker search is ongoing and we are still accepting completed Speaker Abstract forms from potential presenters. This form can be found on the WHEA website. If you would like to be a presenter at the 2024 Annual Conference and have a hot topic presentation that is not a sales pitch or about proprietary equipment and would be of interest to our group, please go to www.whea.com and to the Speaker Abstract dropdown from the Conference tab. We will be accepting abstracts until January 31st

The 2024 Annual Conference will run from Tuesday, October 1st to Friday, October 4th at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay this year. We, once again, will expect important updates from our very own Codes & Standards Committee and updates from both Joint Commission and the DNV. Be sure to check back at the annual conference webpage on www.whea.com for additional information when it becomes available.

Registration for the 2024 Technical Exhibition will be opening a little later in January this year. Information will be available on www.whea.com soon.

Conference Committee Members:

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Technology Committee News



*Jim Benedict
Committee Chair*

The Technology Committee has added a member! Jessica Jensen (Chapters I & III) from Phigenics has agreed to join us and assist with leading WHEA into bigger and better technology.

The Committee has been busy researching the current and potentially new app for the conference. After much input by the Conference Committee and others, WHEA has decided to stay with Whova for another year. Discussions continue with Whova and those involved as to how we can make this app even better than it has been in past years.

The Code Committee had reached out and asked us to look into technology to help with the facilitating of their quarterly meetings. We have made a recommendation and the order has been placed. Once received, the Code Committee will put this technology to use.

The Technology Committee continues to ask for input / content / pictures from all Chapters and members on pertinent information that can be posted on social media and for ideas on possible future technology needs. Please reach out to one of our members for further information.

Jim Benedict, Chair - Chapter I jbenedict@milwaukeeecatholichome.org

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Code Critical

Codes & Standards Committee

2023 Wisconsin Plumbing Code Change

by Tony Ramos, Master Plumber, Plumbing Instructor



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There are a number of code changes whether it be additions, removal of sections or amendments. It is important to note that in Wisconsin we have our own state plumbing code. It is not a national code. There are many similarities to the IPC and UPC that many states follow, yet there are many rules and standards that remain particular to Wisconsin. DSPS (Department of Safety and Professional Services) has been the governing agency since 2011 with the last major plumbing code change in 2009. The code changes that went into effect Oct. 1st represent the first updates to the Wisconsin State Code in 14 yrs. There are a number of chapters in the code that have been affected by this update. My

focus is to touch on

changes that affect healthcare in Wisconsin. These updates include increased bacterial control options in these healthcare facilities, adoption of nationally recognized standards for water reuse, energy efficiency standards and the addition of new material and products.

The large portion of this update is focused on Legionella prevention. The amount on focus and education that we witness over the last few decades, especially after the covid years, should have made this a heightened awareness. The code spells out a number of specifics when it comes to disinfection methods from thermal to chlorination. Any methods of disinfection other than thermal or chlorination be approved by the DSPS. Many updates focus on the hot water to patient accessible sinks. Thermal disinfection is always a concern because it can put the patient or end user at risk. Temperatures that potable hot water is stored at including the maximum temperature at the end user, is specifically identified along with required methods and devices. When using chlorination as a disinfection they added specific identification and labeling for the hot water distribution piping along with the water heater mechanical room and doors. The hot water distribution piping must identify which type of disinfection method is used.

The code now limits dead ends in the water distribution system so that they may not exceed 6 pipe diameters. They added that expansion tanks in the hot water distribution system shall be of the flow through type to eliminate stagnant water. One of the updates changes minimum water pipe sizing. Serving public lavatory faucets, the minimum pipe size and length is based off 8 ounces of uncirculated hot water. Self-closing faucets accessible to patients need a run time that is calculated to evacuate this 8 ounces of hot from the faucet to the hot water supply. The code now states for healthcare facilities exceeding 250 occupants, they shall have a water management plan and the specific items that need to be included. Most if not all healthcare facilities have a water management system in place. It is nice to see that added verbiage and specifics in the state plumbing code.

This creates thoughts and questions for many healthcare organizations in Wisconsin with how this affects our facilities now. They are not saying that all existing facilities need to change what they have to meet the code updates. This pertains to new buildings and renovations of existing. If anything, it may create awareness of existing water management plans that have been in place on ideas of how to improve. At the end of the day, we all have the same mission. To protect the health of the patients and nation.



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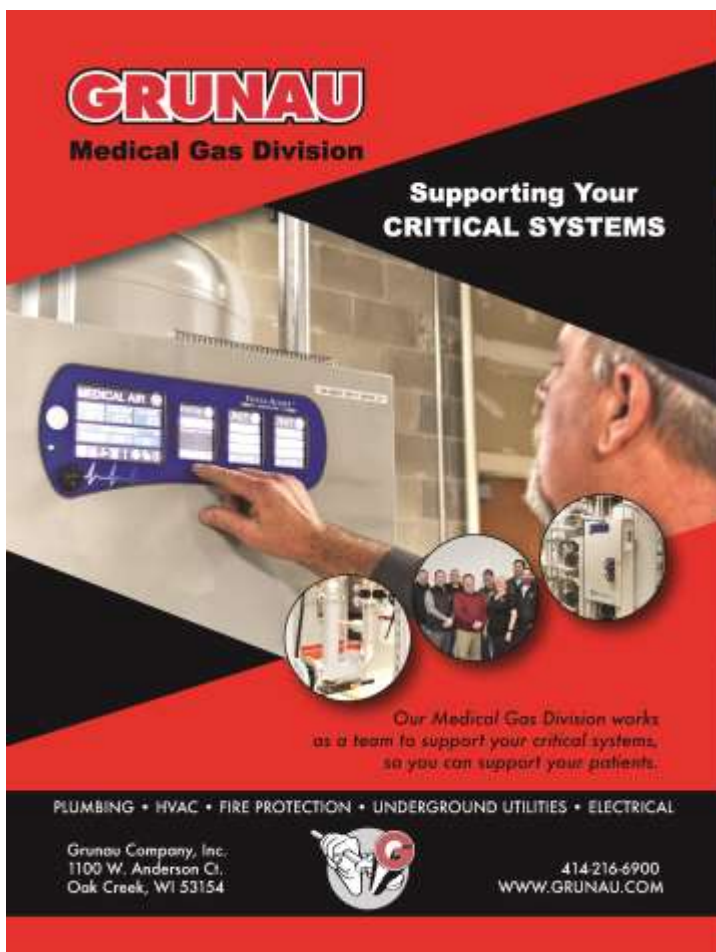
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