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SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER



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The Smoky Valley Chapter monthly newsletter is a great place to inform members of general news, ideas, and events that are of interest to the society. Anyone that has newsletter material they would like to share with the society should feel free to submit the information to Chapter Director Elizabeth Hopp Elizabeth.hopp@earleseng.com throughout the upcoming year. Submittals not later than the first of each month are needed to ensure insertion in the current monthly newsletter.

SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER MEETING

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

When: December 1, 2022

Where: Old Chicago, 214 S. Santa Fe Ave., Salina, KS

Time: 12:00-1:30PM

KSPE Resident Kiel Johnson, PE, F. NSPE, will provide a short update about the state society. We will also be joined by KSPE's executive director, Travis Lowe, and members of the Kansas state legislature. They will provide a short update about bills and issues they are discussing at the capital regarding the engineering profession.

Recruits...

Guests are always welcome at chapter meetings. Feel free to invite prospective members. For membership information, contact Brett Wilkinson - - bwilkinson@kirkham.com.

Call for KSPE Award Nominations

The awards committee is accepting award nominations for outstanding achievements in the engineering profession. Categories include **Engineer of the Year, KSPE Award, Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Engineering Achievement, Outstanding Engineering Intern, Outstanding Teacher, Outstanding Young Engineer, Government Engineer, and Professional Development Award.** Award nomination forms and selection criteria can be found on the KSPE website at <http://www.kansasengineer.org>.

There are many outstanding professionals in the Smoky Valley Chapter. Awards will be presented to the most deserving candidate nominated. If no nominations are received, however, no award will be presented. We challenge each member to nominate at least one candidate for an award. Nominations are due in January of 2022, and may be sent to Wayne Nelson at wayne.nelson@salina.org or 785-309-5725; or to any other chapter officer.

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2022-2023 Committees

Chapter Committee Chairs are still being filled.

Joining a committee is a great way for new or prospective members to get involved in the local chapter.

If you wish to serve on a committee, please contact President Rex Ritter.

Awards: Wayne Nelson wayne.nelson@salina.org

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Happy Thanksgiving

Membership Anniversaries

The following membership anniversaries are based on the most recent KSPE Office membership status information.

Congratulations to these members!

<u>Members</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Year Joined</u>
Jeff Drees	Lochner	11/06/2008





In October, Smoky Valley Chapter member met up to socialize and have beer with fellow engineers at Speakeasy's. One of the many ways KSPE serves members, is to offer a place for networking.



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From Wayne:
The 23rd Annual EFK golf tournament was held October 7 at Colbert Hill in Manhattan. We had 76 golfers playing and 15 hole sponsors supporting the tournament. Although the day was chilly, and at times wet, everyone had a great time. We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year.

Wayne Nelson, PE spoke at EFK Golf Tournament.



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