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Hi Everyone!

As President my goal is to make it to the conventions and to visit with members across our state.

I made it to last years LICA winter convention in San Antonio, but missed the summer meeting. I have reservations for this winters LICA Winter Convention in Las Vegas. I am looking forward to seeing Con-Expo and would like to go to see Lake Mead's historically low water level.

I hope to see everyone at the KLICA convention in Topeka Jan 29, 30, and 31st. Looking forward to the tour at Foley Equipment Company to close out convention.

Still looking forward to actually getting out and meeting our members.

Kent



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Welcome New Members

The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association welcomes the following new members. Please introduce yourself and welcome them if you have the opportunity and please consider them for your future construction or equipment needs. Thank You for joining KLICA and we hope you find your membership rewarding and worthwhile professionally and personally.

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71st Annual KLICA Winter Convention & Business Meeting
January 29, 30, & 31, 2023
Ramada Inn Hotel & Convention Center
Topeka, Kansas

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 29, 2023

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Registration

3:00 pm
Budget & Finance Committee Mtg.

4:00 pm
Officers & Directors Board Mtg.

5:30 pm
Cornhole Tournament Registration

6:00 pm
Cornhole Tournament & Informal
Reception

*This year will be our first year for the cornhole
tournament. We hope this allows for a fun
environment allowing both competitors and
watching fans an opportunity to visit. Come out
and enjoy some friendly competition and
camaraderie.*

Monday, January 30, 2023

7:00 am
Registration

7:30 am
Breakfast

*Allison Hack and Caroline Krug will visit with
us about the LICA Educational Foundation for
Veterans.*

Ladies Programs

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Hazel Hill Chocolate

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Prairie Glass Art Studio

Schedule of Events

Monday, January 30, 2023

General Session

8:30 - 9:00 am
USDA/NRCS
Larry Schieferrecke

9:00 am - 9:30 am
KS Dept. of Ag/Div. of Conservation
Kristin Kloft

9:30 am - 10:00 am Break

10:00 am - 11:30 am
The Johnson Company
Good Things Happened
Business & Personal Planning

Noon Memorial Luncheon

We remember: Wilbur G. Jueneman
Bonnie Haile
Robert Valentine Becker

General Session Continued

1:30 - 2:30 pm
National Member Benefits
Allison Hack/Caroline Krug

2:30 - 2:45 pm
Break

2:45 - 4:00 pm
Machinery Trader

4:00 - 5:00 pm
Associates Meeting

4:00 - 4:30 pm
District Meetings



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Schedule of Events

Monday, January 30, 2023

Associates Evening

5:30 pm
Social

6:00 pm
Awards
Length of Membership
Associate of the Year
Lifetime Achievement

7:00 pm
Auction
Come ready to have a great time. There will be more than one item you'll want to take home so come ready to bid and bring your checkbook.

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

7:30 am
Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am
Committee Meetings

10:00 am
Members Annual Business Meeting

Tour & Lunch

Tour of Foley Equipment Company rebuild facility with lunch provided by Foley Equipment Company

Don't go home - those attending the tour have a chance to win a Solo Bonfire 2.0 Fire Pit!

Must be present to win.



Convention Notes & Information

Exhibitor Set-up: Exhibitors should set-up Sunday evening or Monday morning prior to 9:30, the Monday morning break.

Cornhole Tournament: This will be our first time with the cornhole tournament. We hope to have at least 3 sets of boards set up so we can move the tournament along quickly. Prizes will be awarded and proceeds will go to benefit the KLICA Scholarship Fund. Please find a partner and sign up for some fun.


Directors for odd numbered districts will be elected. Current directors for these districts are:

- District 1 Brad Raifsnider
- District 3 Randy Myers
- District 5 Justin Rutz
- District 7 Keith Babcock

The Tuesday morning Annual Members Business Meeting is your opportunity to learn what is happening with your Association. It is your opportunity to provide input into future direction or priorities. All contractor members should plan to attend. Come with your thoughts and ideas - Help keep your Association strong.



Following the Business Meeting we will have the opportunity to visit one of our local Associate Members facilities. Foley Equipment Company will be our host providing us a tour of their motor and transmission rebuilding facility. Their hospitality will include a generous lunch.

Your attendance at Foley Equipment Company will provide you the opportunity to win a Solo Bonfire Fire Pit! Must be present to win - Be There!




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Notice: Those who have never attended a Convention

It's on us!

Don't

Miss

This

Opportunity!

Come out

and be our guest!

If you've never attended a KLICA Convention this ones on us. Whether you're a brand new member of one year or you've been a member for 10 years or even longer one convention registration is complimentary for the first convention you attend! So come on we'd love to see you in Topeka. This convention will showcase the many benefits available to all members.

We will have two of the best national staff you'll find in any association here to speak about the many benefits provided by LICA associates and partners. We have a couple of those partners who will be here themselves to talk about what they have to offer. Nan Merrill & the Johnson Company will talk about what they offer for business and personal financial planning.

Machinery Trader will talk about their many publications and tools to assist with your equipment needs, equipment inventory and evaluation, and many other benefits.

Ladies Programs

Hazel Hill Chocolate

Monday morning Hazel Hill Chocolate will come to the hotel to talk about their chocolates - and the best part is they will bring some to taste!

Owners, Nick and Terry Xidis, invest their hearts and hands in fine chocolate and confectionery. Hazel Hill, Terry's grandmother, is a symbol of their dedication to a family tradition of "the best in everything they do."

Nick is the third generation chocolatier and in keeping with traditions, they use only the finest ingredients, chocolate, fresh cream and butter, to produce handmade treats that explode with flavor. Made the old fashioned way, in small batches, by hand, you'll taste the craftsmanship in every bite. Hazel Hill's heritage thrives through every delicious morsel of handmade candy.

www.hazelhillchocolate.com



Remember, we need a count for these programs. Please let us know or mark on your registration form if you plan to attend.

Prairie Glass Studio

Monday afternoon the ladies will travel to Prairie Glass Studio.

Kymm Ledbetter, the owner of the studio will be instructing you. At Prairie Glass Art Studio "you will learn to use fusible glass to create a unique piece of art, handmade gift, or treasure to keep for years to come. First-time students choose a project that may be a picture frame, dish (large or small), ornament, jewelry, name plate, wall hanging, standing creature, coaster, decorative kitchen item . . . the list goes on and on." You are allowed to bring snacks & beverages with you (non-alcoholic or alcoholic are welcome).

Kymm Ledbetter is the artistic energy of Prairie Glass Studio. She attended Washburn University where she fell in love with her chosen medium - fused glass. Shortly after graduating, Kymm began sharing her love of fused glass with young, aspiring artists during summer camps. The youngsters passed their enthusiasm to their parents and Prairie Glass Studio was born! Kymm conducts classes at the studio and occasionally teaches at Washburn University, always challenging her students to push the boundaries of their own creativity.

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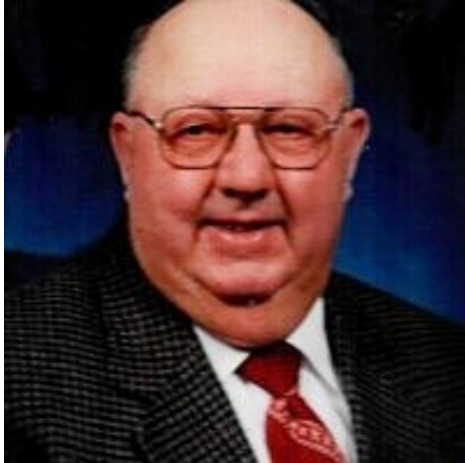
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In Memoriam
Members lost since
our last newsletter.

Robert Valentine Becker
November 14, 1935 - October 25, 2022

Robert Valentine Becker passed away October 25, 2022. Robert was owner operator of Becker Terracing, now operated by his son Gary. Robert served as KLICA President in 2003 and was the 2006 KLICA Contractor of the Year. Robert served in the US Army, was a member of the American Legion, Logan Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and KLICA. Robert is survived by his son Gary, daughters Laquita and Rebecca, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



2023 National LICA Winter Convention

The 2023 National LICA Winter Convention will return to Las Vegas the weekend before CONEXPO-CON/AGG. Attendance at this convention affords you the opportunity to stay over and attend North America's Largest Construction Trade Show immediately following the LICA Convention. CONEXPO-CON/AGG will open Tuesday March 14 and run through Saturday March 18.



Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino Tentative Agenda

Saturday, March 11, 2023

- Executive Committee

Sunday, March 12, 2023

- Committee Meetings
- Associates' Night

Monday, March 13, 2023

- Board Meeting
- Delegates' Meeting
- Awards Banquet



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 Ramada Hotel & Convention Center, 420 East 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas
 January 29, 30 & 31, 2023
 Attendee Registration Form

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Individual Names Registering:	Entire Convention \$150.00	Single Day \$50.00 Indicate S, M, or T	Monday Memorial Luncheon ONLY \$30.00	Ladies AM Session At Hotel N/C Count Only	Ladies PM Session Off Site N/C Count Only
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Registration must be returned by January 15, 2023 ***No refunds after January 15, 2023!***

**Credit cards are accepted with a 4% service fee added to the total. You will need to complete this registration form and I will send you an invoice for the amount owed.*

- Forms may also be emailed to jungerer@kansasilica.com with payment to follow. If you have questions please contact Jon at 785 221-8697 or jungerer@kansasilica.com

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For hotel reservations please contact the Ramada Hotel & Convention Center directly at 785-234-5400 or 1-800-432-2424.

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 Associate Sponsorship Registration Form

Business Name _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Contact Individual: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____
 Please indicate if your company would like an Exhibitor Booth **AND/OR** to be a Convention Sponsor:

Exhibitor Booth: \$275.00

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Associate's Night Sponsor(s): \$250.00 \$ _____ (Includes One Convention Registration)

Individual Names Registering:

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On the Other
Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



I wonder how much time I spend at this table, with pen in hand? It's a clear morning, no wind, temperature in the 30's the day after Thanksgiving, which was different this year. I didn't have far to go, just across the driveway to David and Jeans. A really special meal, Jean is a terrific cook.

Of course, the memories flood in. In a few days, it will be a year of missing Lloyd, yet so many things to be thankful for. Cora Marie, Lee & Rachels baby girl, is a bundle of smile at 9 months. Great grandson Thomas is recovering from some corrective surgery and doing well.

The drouth continues, we did have a 2 plus inch rain, later an inch, every drop a blessing. Our ponds are lower than I can remember. Unless the predicted rains materialize there will be pond ice to cut this winter.

Our "cow day" went well, good vet, good crew, our little herd pays the ever climbing taxes & insurance. Takes time from dirt work but David manages. Our accommodating vet also gives my dogs their shots while here. I was back in the house with notebook in less than two hours.

David and Lee are about to finish the pond cleaning and rebuilding Lloyd built many years ago. It has been a tough job, David still wonders why it was done that way! Work keeps coming in, and so far no problems getting diesel, our last diesel was \$4.54. If we have an "open" winter they'll keep busy. The predictions of a really hard one may come true.

I'm not much on "signs" but if a burr oak in the back yard is any indicator it well be, the grass is literally covered with acorns and hulls. The squirrels could have a "family reunion", walnuts also plentiful.

The new housing continues in our area, when I saw surveying across the road in a big brome field, that was not a happy sight. I realize people must long for a piece of ground and a house in the country. But where is all the financing coming from?

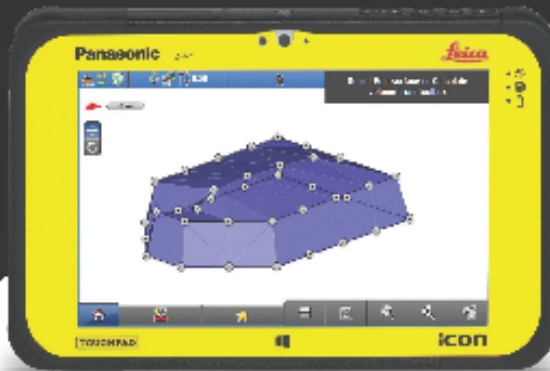
I never run out of things to do, I am seriously working on "my book". So many reminders and requests for my poems. It is a huge challenge. They "tell" the story of my life, the ups & downs & challenges we have faced. Also, how a little girl from California came to Eastern Kansas a long time ago and married that country boy who became a "dirt moving man"!

Black Friday today and shop shop shop! So little of the true Christmas. I have been pleased to see the commercials of Scheels and Hobby Lobby among all the glitter and hullabaloo! My mind goes way back to Lloyd and his little tagalongs going to the pasture to find a cedar tree to decorate. What a simpler time. To truly worship the Christ of Christmas, & every day the Greatest Gift.

We survived the elections and saddened and disgusted at the mess our country is in. We must do our little bit to make things better - we all matter.

As winter begins, take care of yourself & your loved ones, a little bit of caring can change a day. Christmas blessing and a Good New Year. My sympathy for the Becker family on the loss of Bob.





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Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association Year In Review



L-R Scott Kracht, Landoll Company Shipping Coordinator, James Fenwick, outgoing KLICA president, and Jim Ladner, Landoll Company Trailer Sales Manager.



John & Irene Loflin celebrate their 72nd Wedding

Second Annual Golf Tournament

On June 3, 2022 KLICA held their 2nd Annual ‘Swing Away & Pray’ Golf Tournament. Fourteen teams consisting of 56 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day for golfing with temperatures in the low 80s.

Marysville Country Club provided a nice setting for the tournament won by a local team from Landoll Company, LLC.



A beautiful course and day greeted the golfers.

70th Annual KLICA Convention

After not having a convention in 2021 KLICA held their 70th Annual Business Meeting and Convention January 23, 24, & 25, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Salina, Kansas. On Sunday night the crowd gathered to watch the Chiefs defeat the Buffalo Bills in unbelievable fashion.

Monday we heard from local Representative and current State Treasurer elect Steven Johnson. Monday Noon we honored and remembered those we lost in 2020 and 2021. Monday evening was

Associates Night and although attendance was down from past conventions the evening was capped off with a very successful auction. Landoll Company LLC was recognized as our Associate of the Year, Clem Karlin Contractor of the Year, and Kathy Ungerer Lady of the Year.

It was great to get together with the KLICA family again.

Cornhole boards donated by Scott Lowe auctioned after the tournament.



Cutest golfer!

Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association Year In Review



SAVE Farm Assistance

At the end of July the Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association assisted the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education (SAVE) Farm with improving their farm. Their large cropland field had an old terrace system that was no longer functioning and creating an erosion problem. Volunteers constructed a tile outlet terrace system on the cropland field greatly improving the field for future farming. Associate Members provided machinery and pipe.

The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) provided a public affairs team producing videos documenting the work and promoting KLICA.



KLICA President Kent Henderson explains the work and terrace system to KSU President Linton and other guests.

KSU President Visit Senator Moran Tour

In August Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association was represented by Steve Peter and Jon Ungerer on Senator Jerry Morans Conservation Tour of Southwest Kansas.

On September 1 the Kansas Land Improvement Contractors were present when Kansas State University President Dr. Richard H. Linton toured the SAVE Farm.



- HAPPY NEW YEAR -

KLICA hopes 2023 brings everyone a year of good health, joy, and business success.

KLICA is looking forward to a great 2023.



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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

The KLICA Winter Convention and Business Meeting returns to Topeka, Kansas in January, 2023. It has brought back memories to January, 2017 and my first annual meeting as your Executive Director. I had no idea what I was doing but with the help of many of the board we made it happen. I have enjoyed the last five years. Hopefully I have not caused too much anguish among members along the way and I know I have many to thank for their help.

Coming from the government side of things and going to work for private businesses has provided an entirely new and different perspective. But there is also one common thread, I have had the opportunity to work with some great people. My career with USDA/NRCS provided me the opportunity to work with many individuals dedicated to the improvement of our natural resources. During that career the many contractors I worked with were a partner we worked with to get jobs completed on the ground. As the one following design guidelines, cost share guidelines, and government red tape in general I wasn't always happy with contractors and they weren't always happy with me. I also knew they were just trying to get the job done in an economically feasible manner while keeping customers happy.

During these last five years I have had the opportunity to learn the contractors of KLICA are also just as dedicated to improving and conserving our land.

Unfortunately, as the years pass a number of friends I have made, both through my career and my work with KLICA, have passed on. Their obituaries and families have made it clear their work was a labor of love. Love for the land, love for knowing they were improving the lives of not only those they were working for today but for future generations.

Someone who is working to improve life for others and especially for future generations should be honored and respected by all.

Throughout my career I always thought it should be a requirement for those in national positions to spend time in a field office. I still believe that to be true but I also think all USDA/NRCS staff should spend time working for a contractor.

But even more importantly ALL of our politicians should spend some time with both our USDA/NRCS field staff and contractors. Of course this should include all industries; agricultural, manufacturing, commerce, education, financial, service. There is nothing better than actually living an experience to give you perspective and it is good for everyone to see life through the eyes and shoes of others.



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On a less serious note Kathy and I are headed for New Orleans to watch our favorite football team play in the Sugar Bowl. I love Kansas State football and if they can pull out a win against Alabama it would be awesome. But win or lose they have had a great year and it has been fun. Congratulations also go to Kansas University for their appearance in the Liberty Bowl. By the time you read this I hope both teams are celebrating bowl victories.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces, and hopefully some new ones, at convention. It is important to continue to grow our membership and we all know what great things membership offers. We need to show others and convention is a great opportunity to do that. Bring a guest so they can not only hear about the many benefits of KLICA membership but experience it through a couple of days spent with members. As with anything it is the people that make it great.

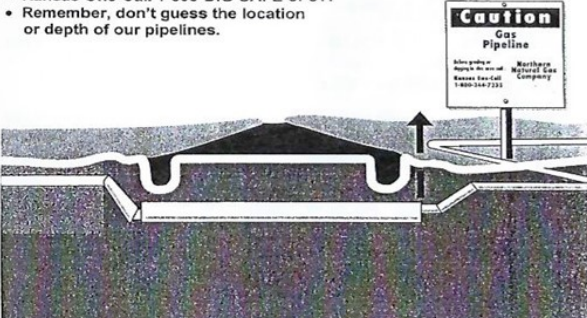
May the New Year bring everyone reading this joy, health, and wealth!



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KLICA Clothing

There has been quite a bit of interest in clothing with the KLICA logo lately. Three Carhartt coats with KLICA logos were donated for the 2022 Winter Convention auction and sold really well. These coats were purchased from Idntiteez in Marysville. If anyone is interested in obtaining clothing with the KLICA or LICA logo they do great work. They can put this logo on just about any type of shirt/jacket/cap that you might be interested in. If you're interested in clothing you can let me know what you would like or contact Idntiteez directly at 785-562-2300.



Leather patches sealed to the shirt - right has KLICA stitching.

The above two examples are stitched into the clothing.



**Kansas Land Improvement
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Membership Application**

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Fax: _____ Home phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Annual Dues:	Contractor	Associate	Special
Circle Applicable Member Type	\$325	\$250	\$40

Contractor Services Provided:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DB Directional Boring | <input type="checkbox"/> PD Ponds/Dams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DI Drainage or Irrigation | <input type="checkbox"/> R Reclamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EC Erosion Control | <input type="checkbox"/> SEP Septic Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXG Excavation or Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> SP Site Preparation/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GR Gravel/Rock Production | <input type="checkbox"/> SWU Sewer/Water/Underground Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LL Land Leveling | <input type="checkbox"/> TH Trucking/Hauling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LS Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> TW Terraces/Waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODW Open Ditch Work Crane Service | <input type="checkbox"/> WM Water Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dealer/Service Company/Consultant/Insurance/Other | |

Annual dues are due and payable on a calendar year basis, prior to January 1 of each year.
KLICA dues for new contractor members joining after March 1 are paid up for the next full calendar year.

Return Application to: Jon L. Ungerer, Executive Director
 Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association
 850 U.S. Hwy 77
 Marysville, KS 66508

Contact Phone: 785-221-8697
 Email: jungerer@kansaslica.com



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Important Dates for your Calendar.....

- January 29, 30 & 31, 2023
KLICA Winter Convention & Business Meeting
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
Topeka, Kansas
- March 11 - 13, 2023
National LICA Winter Convention
Harrah's Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada
- CONEXPO-CON/AGG
March 14 - 18, 2023
Las Vegas, Nevada
- To Be Determined
3rd Annual KLICA
Golf Tournament
- July 11 - 15, 2023
National LICA Summer Meeting
Lincoln, Nebraska

