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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**IT'S ELECTION
TIME AGAIN!**

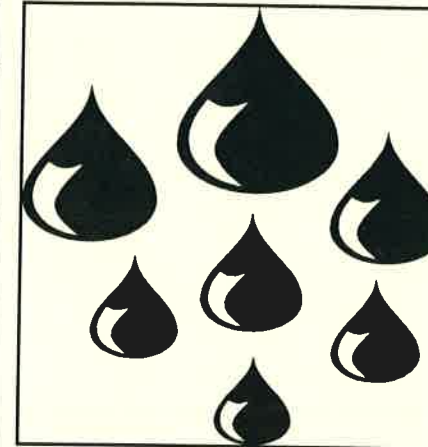
AS required by the by-laws of the Volunteer Chapter ABPA, we are currently seeking nominations for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director-Middle Tennessee. All positions are a two year term beginning January 1, 1997. All officers and directors can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in office. An official "Call For Nominations" will be issued at the June 18 Chapter meeting in Jackson, TN. Nominations will be closed at the September meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 10th in Gray, TN.

Any Chapter member wishing to nominate someone for the above offices, please contact the Nominating Committee or the Chapter President between the above dates. A written one-page resume shall be submitted along with the condidate's name and address. The nominating Committee members are: Dean Davenport, Nashville, (615) 833-0233, FAX (615) 831-0156, Steve Warren, Memphis, (901) 485-6634, Bobby Deal, Hixon, (423) 877-3513, FAX (423) 875-3116, and Chapter President Dale Phelps, (423) 436-4681, FAX (423) 430-3800.

Please note the office of Secretary/Treasurer will be vacant at the end of this year. Discussion is underway to split this now combined office into two separate offices. This will be discussed and voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting in Jackson. The election will be by mail ballot within a few weeks after the September meeting.

Make your talents and abilities available to the Volunteer Chapter

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IMPORTANT DATE

The Volunteer Chapter ABPA will meet June 18, 1996, in Jackson, TN, at the Jackson Utility District Building, Jackson, TN. The Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 AM (Central Time) and the Chapter meeting will begin at 10:00 AM (Central Time).

For directions contact Jeff Becker at (901) 422-7214. A map can be faxed to your office.

WE NEED YOU!!

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**THANKS
VOLUNTEER ABPA
MEMBERS**

On March 28, 1996, the 1st Annual Volunteer Chapter Conference, was held in Gallatin, TN.

IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

There were approximately seventy-five in attendance, along with many fabulous speakers. Our speakers were:

- Bill Love of Mufreesboro
- John Hall of TAUD
- Jim Pruzycski of BAVCO
- Larry Stinnett of Backflow Specialty Company
- Dave Evans of Ohio

All of the speakers gave us much valuable information that we can apply to our jobs of backflow prevention.

We are already in the planning stages for our next conference. We sincerely hope that more of our members will try to attend, as well as, participate in this fine chapter.

We need your suggestions on the next conference. What kind of information do you need to perform your job more efficiently or who would you enjoy hearing? This conference is for the benefit of the members and we need your input. Why don't you jot down your ideas and drop them in the mail to:

Becky Thompson
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(Submitted by Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN)

ABPA NEWS
Volunteer Chapter

Published quarterly by the Volunteer Chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross-connections. Opinions expressed in articles or letters are not necessarily those supported by the Chapter.

Your ideas and expertise are needed by the Volunteer Chapter ABPA to ensure a balanced approach to solving backflow problems in the State of Tennessee. Your participation will help shape the future of cross connection control across the State by providing support for a unified backflow prevention effort.

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15.00 Volunteer Chapter
\$42.00 Total Annual Dues

Make check payable to ABPA.
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Mail dues to:
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MISCELLANEOUS

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please remember to include your \$15.00 Volunteer chapter dues with your annual renewal of the \$27.00 Association Dues. Write on your renewal the \$15.00 is for the Volunteer Chapter dues. The total amount is \$42.00 annually.

CONGRATULATIONS

Eddie & Amy Agee, Mid-America Marketing, recently became the proud parents of a fine baby girl. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. They named her Ashlee. All of us at Volunteer ABPA want to send a big congratulations to the proud new parents.

THANKS!!!

Dawn Duckett of Knoxville Utility Board had the hard job of co-ordinating the 1st Annual Volunteer Chapter Conference. She did an excellent job and the conference was a great success!!!!

Lets extend our appreciation to Dawn for all the hard work she performed for the Chapter!

GALLATIN NEWS

In March of 1996, the City of Gallatin passed a new ordinance to instill private testing. If you are interested in more information, please contact Dave Kellogg at (615) 452-5400.



NEWS FROM MEMPHIS

Our inspectors have finished performing initial inspections on over 17,000 commercial and industrial accounts in Shelby County. Our next effort will be to revisit some of the most hazardous facilities and reinspect them regularly. Our inspectors are responsible not only for point of entrance protection, but we also inspect internally for cross connections.

There is a task force currently evaluating what protection, if any, is required on dental chairs. This issue has received a great deal of attention in recent years. It is our desire to require suitable protection on all equipment connected to the water supply.

It is a concern that there is very little being done in most communities to address this issue. There has been much research performed on the hazard but little is available regarding specific recommendations on mitigation.

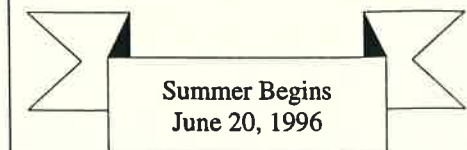
If anyone has information on this topic that they wish to share, please contact Kevin Poe at Memphis Light, Gas & Water, (901) 528-4170 or FAX (901) 528-4984.

(Submitted by Kevin Poe, Memphis Light, Gas & Water, Memphis, TN)

President's Corner

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ABPA by volunteering to serve as an officer or a committee member. Many of our committee members have served two to four years and some may be rotating off their respective committees. That means we need YOU to take any active part in your Volunteer Chapter.

(Submitted by Dale Phelps, City of Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN)



NEW CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION

Recently, the Plumbers & Pipefitters, Local 572 of Nashville obtained the State of Tennessee's approval to offer Tennessee Certification Classes. They are about to complete their first class and have ten (10) people in attendance. The class has a list of twenty-seven (27) people waiting for their opportunity to attend.

Mike Trigg of the Local 572 has put a lot of long hours into this much needed class. Mike and the Local 572 Board Members saw the need for the training and certification of their members. That is how this program was founded.

Mike has been an instructor for many years in the Nashville area and is well know in the Nashville plumbing field.

For more information about this class, you can contact Mike at the Local 572 office at (615) 254-1104 or FAX at (615) 226-3642.

(If you know of any organization that is involved in educating the public or holding a certification class on backflow prevention, please notify us so that we can recognize them in our newsletter. Our members have a right to know so that they can obtain options for their training and/or continue their education.)

(Submitted by Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN)



Labor Day
September 2, 1996

EDUCATIONAL COURSES (Backflow Prevention)

REPAIR CLASS

The Knoxville Utilities Board is hosting a Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class Thursday, June 20th at the Power Operations Center on Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville, TN. Representatives of the major backflow companies will be present to demonstrate their products. The class is scheduled for 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is free.

CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts will be holding the following classes. Any questions please call 1-615-896-9022.

- June 4-5, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN
- June 17-18, Jackson Utility Division, Jackson, TN
- July 17-18, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN
- July 23-24, Maryville Operations Center, Maryville, TN

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The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts will be holding the following classes. Any questions please call 1-615-896-9022.

- August 14, Jackson Utility Division, Jackson, TN
- September 12, Greenville Utility District, Greenville, TN

HELP!

We need news, articles, etc. Please contact Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, (615) 868-5400 with information.

NEWS ABOUT SOME OF OUR MEMBERS

On April 19, 1996, Steve Warren of Memphis Light, Gas & Water, recently retired after twenty-five (25) years of service. He had been involved with their cross-connection program since the early 80's. His contribution to the development of the program was invaluable.

He performed inspections on some of the most hazardous facilities in Memphis and Shelby County. His ability to identify cross connections and correct them, has no doubt made the drinking water in Memphis safer for the consumer.

Steve also taught the Cross Connection Certification Class to HUNDREDS of testers through the years. These testers are responsible for testing and repairing the many thousands of backflow preventers in the area.

Steve will continue to be involved in the cross connection field in the private sector. He will be missed at Memphis Light, Gas & Water but most of all, they wish him well in his future endeavors.

(Submitted by Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN)



Independence Day
July 4, 1996