



# Wichita Chapter

## PAST PRESIDENTS

### LEADERSHIP RECALL



**NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER.** JOHN WEBER, 1983-84

**WOULD YOU GIVE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF YOUR LIFE? (PLACE OF BIRTH, FAMILY SIZE, EARLY SCHOOLING, HIGHER EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND OUTSIDE OF THE HVAC INDUSTRY, CURRENT FAMILY—SPOUSE, CHILDREN.)**

BORN IN GARDEN CITY, KANSAS, WENT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE GGCJC, MOVED TO LIBERAL TO GO TO WORK FOR A MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR, MOVED TO WICHITA TO FINISH SCHOOL, MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, GRADUATED FROM FRIENDS UNIVERSITY BS, WORKED FOR BRYANT O'CONNOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS, MOVED OVER TO M.E. CHIEPPO CO, REP OFFICE FOR MCQUAY, LIEBERT. BOUGHT MIKE OUT IN JANUARY 1984. WEBER AND ASSOCIATES 1984 TO PRESENT

**WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO ENGINEERING AND/OR THE HVAC INDUSTRY?**

LOOKING FOR AN INDUSTRY THAT COULD PROVIDE A GOOD SOURCE OF REVENUE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE.

**WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB IN THE HVAC INDUSTRY AND WHERE DID IT LEAD?**

MECHANICAL CONTRACTING FIRM, LIBERAL Ks. COMFORT INC.

**DESCRIBE THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME. WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WERE FACING?**

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER FACING A REAL INDUSTRY ISSUES AT THAT TIME

**HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?**

JOINED ASHRAE WITH BRYANT O'CONNOR. GOT PERMISSION FROM MY EMPLOYER TO JOIN.

**WHAT WAS YOUR ASHRAE CHAPTER AND/OR REGIONAL AND SOCIETY EXPERIENCE?**

GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, MEMBERSHIP, SECRETARY, TREASURER, VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT

**WHAT WERE THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME?**

NONE

**WHAT PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY STAND OUT AS INFLUENCES ON YOU?**

MOSTLY LOCAL PEOPLE THAT HELPED ME ALONG, MIKE CHIEPPO, DALE MALTBIE, DON MANSON, HERB SPEYER, LIST GOES ON

**WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?**

CLIMATE CHANGE HAS BEEN THE MAJOR EVENT IN THIS INDUSTRY BY FAR.

**WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?**

ASHRAE PROVIDES ALL OF THE DIRECTION FOR OUR INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT INFLUENCE

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG PERSON ENTERING THE HVAC FIELD?**

HVAC FIELD IS A GREAT INDUSTRY TO GET IN TO, MANY OPPORTUNITIES OUT THERE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK IT.

**DID ANY HUMOROUS EVENTS TAKE PLACE DURING YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH ASHRAE?**

**WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?**

WORKING ON OLD CARS, GOLF AND FAMILY

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?**

MY CAREER HAS BEEN INTERESTING, DIFFICULT AT TIMES BUT I AM VERY BLESSED TO GET A CHANCE TO SUCCEED. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD RUN.