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## Best-selling Author to Highlight OGA Annual Conference

Jeremie Kubicek, best-selling author of *Making Your Leadership Come Alive* will lead an impressive line-up of speakers at the OGA 2016 Annual Conference scheduled for August 29 — 31 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma.

“Jeremie is a transformative speaker on the topic of leadership,” said Tom Rider, OGA Executive Director. “He delivers the type of presentation where the audience will leave with something they can put to use almost immediately.”

Mike Stice, Dean of the College of Earth and Energy at the University of Oklahoma, will bring his long experience in the energy industry during his remarks. He will discuss “Defining Excellence: Personal & Professional.”  
(see CONFERENCE, page 2)

## Support the OGA Scholarship Program at the Annual Conference

The OGA Annual Conference auction events provide a great opportunity to support the association’s Scholarship Program and 2016 will be no different.

“We will introduce the 2016 winners at the annual conference,” said Tom Rider, OGA Executive Director. “We had a tremendous group of applicants to choose from.”

The OGA Scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are dependents or grandchildren of member employees or retirees.

There will be both a live and a silent auction, and almost anything of value can be entered.

Donations with a value of approximately \$100 or more will be put into the silent auction and items of greater value will be sold through a live auction during the Tuesday, August 30 dinner.

Not only do live auction items increase the scholarship funds, they also increase the evening’s entertainment.

Theme baskets such as — “A Night at the Movies;” “An Evening with the Thunder/Dodgers;” and, “Rainy Day Activities” — have been popular in the past.

Auction items may be delivered to the Annual Conference registration table by 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 30 or the OGA offices before Friday, August 26. For more information about the OGA Scholarship Program or to make donations, contact Rider at [tom@meso.org](mailto:tom@meso.org).

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Ideas, concerns, ways to make the  
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## Leadership Conference

The annual OGA Leadership Conference challenged participants with a simple question — WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

“Rather than a full day of speakers, the 2016 OGA Leadership conference included two high level industry experts and then participants worked in groups on real life scenarios,” said Tom Rider, OGA Executive Director. “We know leadership involves making good decisions in various situations, so we built the conference around real-life circumstances and the decision making process.”

Industry leaders, One Gas’ Scott Shepherd and Mari Bailey from TD Williamson delivered keynote remarks. Conference participants were assigned to small working groups and given leadership and business scenarios and asked to develop a response to the situation as presented from different perspectives. Recommendations were presented and discussed.

Shepherd is a Vice President with ONEOK Gas and Bailey is a Human Resources professional with T.D. Williamson.



## Conference

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An alcohol and drug-free work place is critical for any organization. St. Anthony Hospital’s Chuck Robinson will present “Understanding Impairment” and discuss best practices to help leaders deal with employee abuse, claims of use, and review various events where drug and alcohol testing is permitted and required.

Additional topics to be covered in breakout sessions include: Key Aspects of Odorization; Life Cycle of a Locate Ticket; Pig/Sig – Troubleshooting & Closure Maintenance; Partnering in Damage Prevention; IVP – Integrity Verification Process; Leak Survey & Investigation; Pressure Limiting & Regulating Station; Understanding CAZ: Combustible Appliance Zone Testing; BBS Behind the Wheel; and, Hydro Vac for Pipeline Facilities.

“In addition to a great line-up of speakers, we have invited Senator James Lankford to address the conference,” Rider added.

In addition to conference sessions, networking sessions, and exhibitors, there is a golf event and a sporting clay shooting event Monday, August 29, 2016.

The overall Annual Conference theme is “Achieving Excellence,” and registration for the OGA 2016 Annual Conference & Exposition is now open at [www.okgas.org](http://www.okgas.org) with “early bird” rates available until August 16.

For questions about the conference or sponsor/exhibitor opportunities, contact Tom Rider at [tom@meso.org](mailto:tom@meso.org). For registration or billing questions, contact Deborah Miner-Gonzales at [deborah@meso.org](mailto:deborah@meso.org).

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## OGA Hosts Scholarship Classic at Cimarron National



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## EPA Recognizes Utility Efforts to Reduce Emissions

From the American Gas Association  
May 12th, 2016

In its release of a final rule for emission standards for the oil and natural gas industry for new, reconstructed and modified sources today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the ongoing work by natural gas utilities to reduce emissions.

The rule does not include distribution infrastructure or assets operated by local distribution companies in their services territories. A concerted effort by natural gas utilities to upgrade and modernize our nation's pipeline network to enhance safety has contributed significantly to a declining trend in emissions from the natural gas system. Natural gas utilities also participate in voluntary programs to reduce emissions.

The 2016 EPA Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks released in April showed that emissions from local distribution systems decreased by 74 percent from 1990 to 2014 following a substantial downward revision for the sector. EPA attributes the decrease to the industry's continued work to replace pipelines no longer fit for service with ones made from modern plastic materials, as well as upgrades at metering and regulating stations. Today, natural gas utility systems account for only six percent of total methane emissions from the natural gas value chain.

While all natural gas utilities upgrade and modernize their infrastructure using risk-based integrity management programs, 39 states and the District of Columbia now have specific rate mechanisms that foster accelerated replacement of pipelines. In the case of the states without such programs, several no longer have pipelines made of legacy materials and others recover their costs through annual rate cases.

In March, 41 AGA member companies – representing 66 percent of the natural gas customers served in the United States – were Founding Partners of the EPA's Natural Gas STAR Methane Challenge Program whereby oil and gas companies can make and track commitments to reduce emissions and showcase their efforts to improve air quality and capture and monetize this valuable energy resource. The American Gas Association and many of its members were founders of the original Natural Gas STAR program in 1993. According to the EPA, the 50 AGA member companies participating in the Natural Gas STAR program reduced emissions by 0.8 billion cubic feet in 2013 and a total of 46.2 billion cubic feet since 1993.

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# OGA 2016 Annual Conference & Exposition



*“Achieving Excellence”*

August 29 – 31, 2016

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center

2501 Conference Drive • Norman, OK 73069

# ATTENDEE PACKET

Register soon:

**Conference Rates go up August 16th**

**Oklahoma Gas Association**  
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**FEATURED SPEAKERS – “Achieving Excellence”**

- **Mike Stice**, Dean, College of Earth and Energy, University of Oklahoma, will discuss “*Defining Excellence: Personal & Professional.*” He is a widely recognized industry energy leader with more than 35 years of experience working worldwide.
- **Chuck Robinson** from St Anthony’s Hospital will present “*Understanding Impairment*” and discuss best practices to help leaders deal with employee abuse, claims of use, and review various events where drug or alcohol testing is permitted and required.
- **Jeremie Kubicek’s** first book *Making Your Leadership Come Alive* became a Wall Street Journal best seller. New books, *5 Gears* and the *5 Voices*, launched in the spring of 2016. He speaks on transformational leadership, emotional intelligence, and personal growth.
- And, **United States Senator James Lankford** (invited)

**WHY ATTEND**

- First hand opportunity to discuss current, relevant issues with industry leaders.
- Interact with your peers and learn what others are doing and what might make your operations more successful.
- See the latest technology, products and services when you visit with exhibitors.

**ALL RATES IN THIS PACKET ARE CONSIDERED “EARLY BIRD” AND ARE GOOD THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2016. SELECT RATES WILL INCREASE BEGINNING AUGUST 16.**

**[Register online](#) or visit [www.okgas.org](http://www.okgas.org)**

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## OGA Scholarship Fundraising Activities

### Silent Auction

#### Proceeds go to the OGA Scholarship Fund

For more than twenty years, OGA has annually awarded \$1,000 scholarships – four in 2015. This year will be no exception. To raise the funds necessary for these scholarships, the association will be conducting its second Silent Auction in conjunction with the Annual Conference. The OGA Scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are dependents or grandchildren of **OGA Member employees or retirees**. For more information, go to [www.okgas.org](http://www.okgas.org).

The auction will take place Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> during the annual conference. Donated items may be brought to the conference or delivered to the OGA offices prior to August 19<sup>th</sup>. Members who plan to donate silent auction items or need more information should contact Tom Rider at [tom@meso.org](mailto:tom@meso.org).

#### *Silent Auction Items*

What can be donated to the Silent Auction? Practically everything of value. Members willing to donate are encouraged to put together a theme basket with a value of \$100 or more. The baskets could have themes such as – “A Night at the Movies;” “An Evening with the Thunder/Dodgers;” “Rainy Day Activities.” The possibilities are only limited by the imagination of the donating organization.

Auction items should be delivered to the Annual Conference Registration table by 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. OGA staff will then develop the auction sheet for each item in the auction.

#### *Live Auction*

Donated items with a \$500 or greater value will be sold during a live auction at the August 30<sup>th</sup> dinner. Not only do live auction items increase the scholarship funds, they also increase the evening’s entertainment.



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### ***Bidding Wars***

All attendees will have the opportunity to participate in Bidding Wars. This is a great way to meet with Exhibitors and learn about their latest products and services. In doing so, you'll collect cash (play money) which can be used to bid for great prizes donated by our exhibitors. Strategy and planning will be required when you begin bidding against friends and acquaintances. You may even have to pool your "money" for the big gamble.

### ***People's Choice Awards***

The People's Choice Award is a friendly competition where participants can show off their cooking skills. During lunch Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, participants will dish out samples of their entries. Conference participants, after sampling - and probably coming back for seconds - will vote on the entry they enjoyed the most.

*Wanted: Teams willing to cook for hundreds. Bring or prepare on-site the dish you enjoy preparing the most, the one your friends always ask you to prepare. And share it with 200 of your closest gas industry buddies.*

**CONFERENCE COSTS:** Primary Early Bird Registration - \$240 (rates go up August 16)  
Additional Early Bird Registration - \$220 each

**CONFERENCE HOTEL:** Embassy Suites Hotel  
(Conference Rate \$124 until August 16)(use Group Code OGA)  
2501 Conference Dr., Norman, OK 73069  
Phone – (405) 364-8040  
[Click Here to reserve your lodging](#)

### **GOLF EVENT**

JOHN CONRAD REGIONAL GOLF COURSE 711 S. Douglas Blvd., Midwest City, OK  
**LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN**

### **SPORTING CLAYS**

QUAIL RIDGE SPORTING CLAYS 2401 S. McLoud Road, Oklahoma City, OK  
**LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN**

## Conference Schedule\*

<b>Monday, August 29, 2016</b>		
12 p.m.	<b>GOLF EVENT</b> <b>JOHN CONRAD REGIONAL GOLF COURSE</b> 711 S. Douglas Blvd, Midwest City <i>LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN</i>	<b>SPORTING CLAYS</b> <b>QUAIL RIDGE SPORTING CLAYS:</b> 2401 S. McLoud Road, Oklahoma City <i>LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN</i>
6:30 p.m.	Opening Reception	
<b>Tuesday, August 30, 2016</b>		
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mike Stice, Dean, College of Earth and Energy, University of Oklahoma</b> “Defining Excellence: Personal & Professional”	
9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:45 a.m.	Key Aspects of Odorization	Life Cycle of a Locate Ticket
10:40 a.m.	Break with our Exhibitors	
11:15 a.m.	Pig/Sig - Troubleshooting & Closure Maintenance	Partnering in Damage Prevention
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	<b>United States Senator James Lankford</b> (Invited)	
2:15 p.m.	Break	
2: 30 p.m.	IVP - Integrity Verification Process	Leak Survey & Investigation
3:30 p.m.	Break with our Exhibitors	
4:00 p.m.	<b>Chuck Robinson, St Anthony’s Hospital</b> “Understanding Impairment”	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner, Bidding Wars, Scholarship Silent Auction, Live Auction	
<b>Wednesday, August 31, 2016</b>		
7 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Association; August Board Meeting	
8:30 a.m.	Pressure Limiting & Regulating Station	Understanding CAZ: Combustible Appliance Zone Testing
9:30 a.m.	BBS Behind the Wheel	Hydro Vac for Pipeline Facilities
10:30 a.m.	Break with our Exhibitors	
11 a.m.	<b>Jeremie Kubicek</b> Best-selling author of <i>Making Your Leadership Come Alive</i> , <i>5 Gears</i> , and <i>the 5 Voices</i>	
12 p.m.	Lunch with Prize Drawings	

\*All events are at Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center in Norman unless otherwise noted.

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REGISTRATION FORM

[Register online](#) or visit [www.okgas.org](http://www.okgas.org)

Name		
Company/Organization		
Mailing Address		
City/State/Zip+4		
Phone	Fax	E-mail

**ALL RATES IN THIS PACKET ARE CONSIDERED "EARLY BIRD" AND ARE GOOD THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2016. SELECT RATES WILL INCREASE BEGINNING AUGUST 16.**

<b>Primary Registration</b> - \$240 Early Bird (on or before August 15) Registration Includes: Tickets to all meals and entrance to all sessions. <b>Reservations are required for Tuesday evening dinner.</b>	Conference Registration @ \$240	Tuesday Steak Dinner YES/NO	Golf @ \$85	Sporting Clays @ \$85	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:					
<b>Additional Registrations</b> - \$220 early bird (on or before August 14) Each Additional Attendee Registration Includes: Tickets to all meals and entrance to all sessions. <b>Reservations are required for Tuesday evening dinner.</b>	Conference Registration @ \$220	Tuesday Steak Dinner YES/NO	Golf @ \$85	Sporting Clays @ \$85	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:					
NAME:					
NAME:					
NAME:					
<b>Sub-Total</b> (please total all columns)					

## Registration Continued

### Additional Meal Tickets for Guests

	Monday Beer & Wine Reception @ \$40 per person	Tuesday Lunch @ \$40 per person	Tuesday Steak Dinner @ \$50 per person	Wednesday Lunch @ \$40 per person	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:					
NAME:					
NAME:					
NAME:					
<b>Sub-Total</b> (please total all columns)					
<b>Total</b> (please total all columns)					

*Registration is not complete until registration form and payment are received.*

**Make Payment to:** OGA • 308 N. E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73105-2717  
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**Early Bird Rates end August 15.  
Register Now**

**About the OGA**

The Oklahoma Gas Association (OGA) brings together the gathering, transmission, distribution and municipal segments of the natural gas industry. We develop strong relationships between our members, enhance best practices, and address regulatory issues. Our goal is safety first while promoting natural gas as the energy source of choice.

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