

# VIEWPOINT

NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the President.

By now most of you are back in your offices following our annual ICA/KCA Convention held in Clarksville, Indiana and it was our year to host and plan the affair. Host, plan and execute we did with a good solid program from beginning to end. Brad Kraft was our event chairman and Brad always does an outstanding job getting the event planned and on the road. Also many thanks to Casey Miller, our Executive Director for getting all the details out to the membership, working closely with the KCA and handling all the administrative details incurred before and during the Convention. My appreciation and gratitude goes out to all who had a hand in making this a great convention.

One final thank you and this goes out to all the attendees and our vendors. You make the convention complete and worth all the hard work.

I can't imagine not attending one of our conventions. In my ten years in this business I have missed only two, one I let other members of our staff attend and the second my family had to attend a wedding in northern Indiana. You might question, why I feel so strong about attending conventions? Simply put, I'm a dues paying member of the ICA and it is my responsibility to support, attend and participate in the organization's activities.

Let me share with you my key reasons, both social and business for attending our conventions and they are:

- Get away from the office for a couple of days
- Meet and greet old acquaintances
- Make new acquaintances
- Play a little golf

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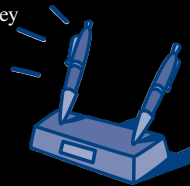
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## A Little Funny.

### One thing we can do.

At a nursing home a group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments. "My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!" said a fourth.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fifth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy I can hardly walk!" exclaimed another.

"I forgot where I am, and where I'm going," said an elderly gent.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said one woman cheerfully, "thankfully, we can still drive."

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"Sabol's Tables" moderator Ray Sabol

# THE ANNUAL ICA/KCA CONVENTION

## CLARKSVILLE, INDIANA

# 2008



Event Chairman Brad Kraft



Joe Sehee of the Green Burial Council

- Visit with vendors
- Seek out fresh ideas
- Share ideas
- Be a good listener
- Participate in group sessions
- Learn something new
- Attend annual meeting
- Have a good time

Well there you have it my keys for attending and having a successful convention and it works for me. I had a great time in Clarksville, we had a great convention, a terrific program and there were great speakers.

I hope to see you there next year.

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Matthews representative Tom McDowell



Legal panel and discussion; John Gerlach, Stephen Brooks, Al Matherly and Tom Underwood



Introduction of suppliers



Mr. Lou Stein - "A fun look at ATTITUDE"



SCI Legal representative Merci Carrasco on the subject of Ethics in the Workplace

ICA President John Dick



Bev and Ray Sabol, Tracy Johnson and John Gerlach

