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APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WICHITA



A History of Apartments

During the month of July Americans celebrate our Independence Day and the history of our nation. Today, over 100 million of those Americans rent, most of those in apartment buildings. But where did the idea of apartments start and why were they needed? Let's take a look back and see how our industry got to where we are today.



Apartment buildings have existed for centuries. In the great cities of the Roman Empire, because of urban congestion, the individual house, or domus, had given way in early imperial times to the communal dwelling, or insula, except for the residences of the very wealthy. Four stories were common, and six-, seven-, or eight-story buildings were occasionally constructed. Another type of apartment existed in Europe in the Middle Ages, consisting of a great house or mansion, part of which was subdivided into smaller sets of rooms in order to house the servants and other retainers of an important person. In contrast to these "apartments," which were simply personal suites within great houses, the apartment house as it is known today first appeared in Paris and other large European cities in the 18th century, when tall blocks of flats for middle-class tenants began appearing. In the typical Parisian apartment building, the size of the apartments, and the financial means of the tenants, decreased with each successive story in a four- or five-story building.

By the mid-19th century, large numbers of inexpensive apartment houses were under construction to house swelling numbers of industrial labourers in cities and towns across Europe and in the United States. These buildings were often incredibly shabby, poorly designed, unsanitary, and cramped.

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Member of the Month

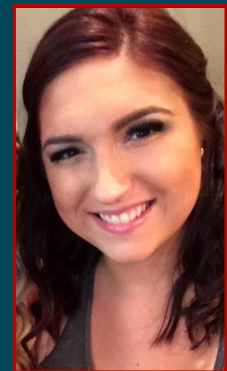
By Stacie Becker, BPO5 Ventures

Being in the apartment industry for 14 years, I sure hope you've had the privilege of meeting Rachel Deese who is the July Member of the Month! Fourteen years ago, Rachel was perusing the help wanted section in the Wichita Eagle and found a listing for a leasing consultant and decided to give it a shot. It was a good thing she did, because she ended up falling in love with this industry. "I love the day to day stuff. Every day is different, whether it be a different high or a different low, every day brings something new! It's also really rewarding to know someone trusts me enough with their home when they have chosen our community to live at," she said.

Any industry has its challenges and the apartment industry isn't short of them, but Rachel tries to see those challenges as positive as possible. "Although the day to day is what I love most it can also be a little overwhelming sometimes. I just have to try and remind myself sometimes that I'm doing something great for other people and this is ultimately that I love to do," Rachel said.

Rachel really loves that the AAGW is doing more community outreach and feels like helping others has been her best experience so far since being involved. After the donation drive for Center of Hope, she got to help unload and stock their shelves and felt like it was truly a blessing to be a part of it. "It is one of the most rewarding things to know what we do behind the scenes and being on the board has given me a whole new outlook at what the AAGW is really about."

We are sure grateful to have such a giving, caring member on our AAGW Board. Thank you for all that you do, Rachel!



Rachel Deese
Bennington Apts.



VOLUNTEER KICKOFF



PROPERTY RESTORATION

Date/Time: Friday, July 19th, 12:00-1:30pm

Where: Build U, 1097 S Glendale, Wichita, KS 67218

Details: The 2020 Star of Excellence Awards, recognizing the best in our industry, will be held this upcoming January at Crown Uptown Theatre. Before that happens there is a lot of planning and organizing that needs to be completed. The AAGW is asking for the help of you and your co-workers who are willing to volunteer their time to help make this a great evening and celebration.

At this kickoff luncheon, sponsored by Belfor Property Restoration, those interested in volunteering or learning more about what is involved are welcome to attend to see what committee might best fit your time schedule. We please ask that all interested in attending register at www.myaagw.com by Tuesday, July 16th for catering purposes.

Meet Your AAGW Board and Committees

I was recruited to join the board in 2018, from there I have learned that there is much more than just working at your property. I was excited to be a part of something bigger. Since then I have made great friends and built many relationships that have taught me more about myself. I am currently serving as the Board's Treasurer and hope to gain a different position on the Executive Committee in the upcoming year. I thoroughly enjoy working with Samantha Dubree on the PAC committee where we collect contributions from members that assists with funds that are spent for political purposes to help protect our industry.

The best part about being on the Board is seeing things in a new light. This helps me realize how limiting my own views are, and to change for the better. It opens my eyes to so much more, every meeting, and every event teaches me something new. I am very excited to have been elected to be this upcoming years Star of Excellence Chair, yes I am a bit nervous but I have a pro along my side (Mrs. Becker) and I look forward to learning more from her. One thing I would like to point out is I am very lucky to work for a company (Builders) that allows me to be so involved. So if your company would be willing to allow you to be involved, I say apply for the Board today!!!

*Rachell Reeves, Property Manager
Gouverneur Manor Apartments—Builders, Inc.*



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The typical New York City apartment, or tenement, a type first constructed in the 1830s, consisted of apartments popularly known as railroad flats because the narrow rooms were arranged end-to-end in a row like boxcars. Indeed, few low-cost apartment buildings erected in Europe or America before 1918 were designed for either comfort or style. In many European cities, however, particularly in Paris and Vienna, the second half of the 19th century witnessed great progress in the design of apartments for the upper-middle class and the rich.

The modern large apartment building emerged in the early 20th century with the incorporation of elevators, central heating, and other conveniences that could be shared in common by a building's tenants. Apartments for the well-to-do began to offer other amenities such as leisure facilities, delivery and laundry services, and communal dining rooms and gardens. The multistory apartment house continued to grow in importance as crowding and rising land values in cities made one-family homes less and less practicable in parts of many cities.

Since World War II the demand for apartment housing has continued to grow as a result of continued urbanization. The mid- or high-rise apartment complex has become a fixture of the skylines of most of the world's cities, and the two- or three-story "walk-up" apartment also remains popular in somewhat less built-up urban areas.



Membership Event: AAGW Paint the Towne!

Date: Thursday, July 18th, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Cost: \$30 per member, limited to first 50 who register

Details: The AAGW will be hosting an afternoon networking event at Paint the Towne East. This will be a great team-building exercise for your staff and also a great way to meet other members in the association while going home with a piece of art.

After switching things up last year, we will be returning to painting the popular Wichita flag as seen to the left, a perfect addition to any home or office!

Register Today At:
www.myaagw.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 11th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Metro Appliances & More
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 17th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Furniture Options
Suppliers Council Meeting

Thursday, July 18th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Paint the Towne East
Membership Event: Paint the Towne!

Friday, July 19th, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Build U
Star of Excellence Volunteer Kickoff Lunch

Thursday, August 8th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Metro Appliances & More
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Furniture Options
Suppliers Council Meeting

Thursday, August 15th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Holiday Inn Wichita East
Annual Membership Meeting

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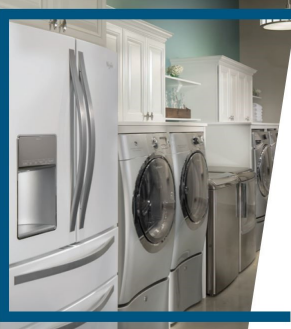
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