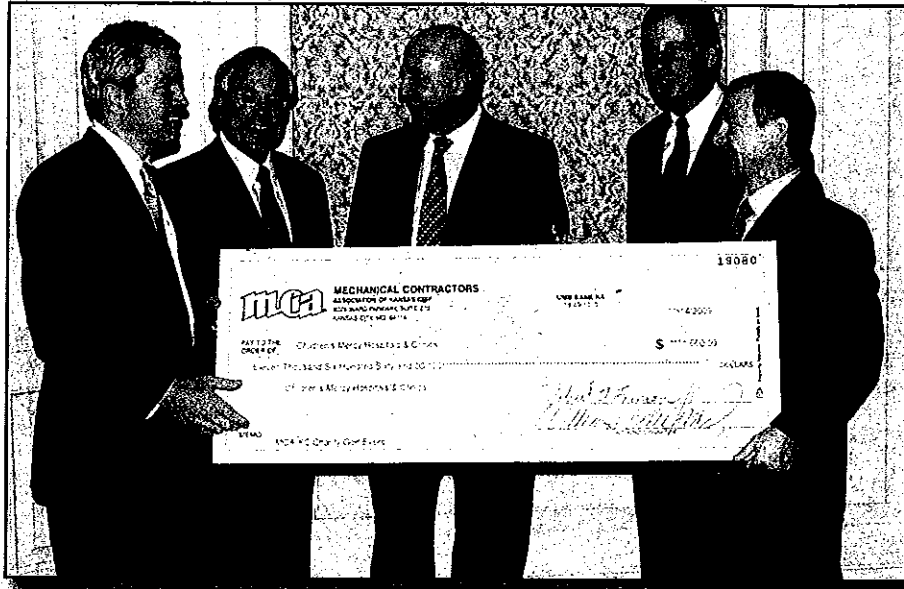


# MCA HAS NEW PRESIDENT



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Prevailing concerns about the bailout should be seen as a "reinvestment in America's future," a Lee's Summit, MO executive and new president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Kansas City (MCA-KC) told the group's membership.

Michael J. Kotubey, 57, who also is president of Midwest Mechanical

Contractors, Inc., Kansas City, MO., made his remarks following the association's biannual installation of officers where he expressed optimism in seeing many future opportunities, provided that the nation does not succumb to the fear factor directly related to any lack of confidence in today's financial market, government, and the economy in general.

MCA-KC's new president, whose company is a leader in health care construction, added, "What started as psychological fear has now turned into reality. To some degree nationally we have talked ourselves into at least a part of this recession-pretty much a self fulfilling prophesy."

Nevertheless, he struck a chord of optimism, suggesting that doubts should be left behind and urging a focus on the positives because every challenge presents opportunities.

"The silver lining," he said, "is that we all now have the chance to look at ourselves, our companies, our labor partners, and our industry. It's an opportunity to take a new look at our old beliefs and methods and bring them in line with new market realities. As Rahmi Emanuel, the new president's Chief of Staff has said, 'You never want a serious crisis to go to waste.'"

Previous to Kotubey's remarks, immediate past President Steve Hancock, vice president of estimating at U.S. Engineering Company, Kansas City, presented a donation of more than \$11,000 to Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, for all they do for children and families in the city.

MCA-KC contractors and associate members and sponsors raised the

money during their second annual golf outing as a fundraiser for local charities. Hancock said the event is among the association's example of professionalism in responding to the significant needs of the community.

Kotubey's newly installed officers included Vice President Bill Adams, president, The Fagan Company; Treasurer, Bill Alexander, president, Alexander Mechanical Contractors; and board members Robert Rimel, Jr., president, All State Mechanical; David DeBiasse, Vice President, Environmental Mechanical Contractors; Kollin Knox, president, P1 Group; Hancock will continue on the board as immediate past president.

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