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West Michigan Chapter of ASSE Newsletter

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February Meeting:

This month's meeting is on Thursday, February 19th and include a discussion on Respiratory Protection and cartridge service life estimation. The meeting will be at the City of Wyoming BPW:
2660 Burlingame
Cost is \$10 and breakfast starts at 8am.
Please RSVP directly to Heather Kubiak by 2/16/09 if you would like to attend.

KubiakH@ci.wyoming.mi.us

March Meeting:

Stay tuned for details for the March meeting.



A Letter from the President

Western Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers

Happy New Year!

Hopefully all of our members are well, as we move into this year of change. The economy is taking its toll, and I don't need to place any more emphasis on that subject.

What I would like to emphasize is the need to continue your membership, attendance, and involvement with Western Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. We continue to ask for your participation in any way or form to make your membership worth while. Last month I had asked for feedback on our program content, which I did receive a few responses. We will take this into consideration and appreciate any and all constructive feedback. We do realize that companies are doing more with less, and time is of the utmost importance. The time that we do have available to us has to get the most for the miles.

In 2007, a survey was conducted by our chapter and the following is the feedback we received:

- 72 % of those returning information stated "subject matter" was most important
- 21 % CEU points were a reason for attending
- 57 % Networking with other EHS Professionals
- 36 % Location of where the monthly meetings are held

57% surveyed stated networking is why they attend meetings (2007). At last count, we have approximately 190 members in the WMASSE. We would be thrilled to have at any given event 30% of our members attend. I personally can attest that WMASSE has provided networking that has been extremely beneficial. You can participate in many ways; articles for the newsletter, announcements of safety events, attending meetings, and involvement in volunteer opportunities.

Please plan to attend our joint meeting with the Detroit Chapter on April 7th, at the Michigan Safety Conference, here in GR.

Brian Becker
WMASSE Chapter President



Health and Safety Specialist

Eastern Michigan University is searching for a Health and Safety Specialist. Deadline for receipt of applications is February 9, 2009. To learn more about the position and EMU, as well as to apply for the position online, go to: www.emich.edu/jobs Reference Job Posting #: PTPR0904.

Loss Control Supervisor

Des Moines, IA; Our client is a regional carrier with a long successful tradition. Due to continued business growth, they offer an opportunity to join their home office Loss Control department in a newly created Supervisory role. Ideally, this person will work in their home office location; however, other locations may be considered.

Please contact Scot Dickerson for immediate confidential consideration:
sdickerson@insurance-csg.com (515) 273-9991
 For further details , go to: www.csgrcruiting.com/ins_opportunities.htm

It's a boy!

Congratulations are in order for WMASSE Vice President Jamie Bauer and his wife on the birth of their new baby boy. Andrew (Drew) James Bauer was born on 1/15/09 at 9:24pm. Drew weighed 9 1/2lbs and was 21 1/2" long.

Local MIOSHA Training

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Feb 11	Self Inspection to Identify Hazards and Safety Training Needs	Grand Rapids	Janine Thomas	616.698.1167 jthomas@teagr.org
Feb 11	Asbestos Awareness	Holland	Brian Cole	800.690.0314
Feb 12	Supervisor's Role in Safety and Health	Lansing	Adriane Truss	517.371.1550 atruss@agcmichigan.org
Feb 12	MIOSHA Construction - Part 45 Fall Protection	Holland	Brian Cole	800.690.0314
Feb 24	When MIOSHA Enforcement Visits	Grand Rapids	Phillip Greene	616.234.3811 pgreene@grcc.edu
Feb 26	Asbestos Awareness	Lansing	Sandy Long	866.423.7233 info@safetycouncil.org
March 4	When MIOSHA Enforcement Visits	Grand Rapids	Janine Thomas	616.698.1167 jthomas@teagr.org

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Michigan Safety Conference

The 79th annual Michigan Safety Conference will occur on April 7-8 at the DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids.

For further details about the conference, go to:
www.michsafetyconference.org

The West Michigan Chapter of the ASSE, in conjunction with the Detroit Chapter will be hosting a joint meeting in the evening of April 7th at the DeVos Place. John Austin, Ph.D. Will be the keynote speaker and content will include how safety professionals can communicate with and ultimately influence members of management to help ensure safety is viewed as a priority in the workplace. Dr. John Austin is an internationally recognized expert in providing behavior-based solutions to organizational challenges.

Michigan Industrial Ventilation Conference

February 9-12, 2009

Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI

For more information, go to: www.michiganivc.org

7th Annual ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" Poster Contest

Poster contest rules can be read in detail at: www.asse.org/naosh

All entries MUST be postmarked by Saturday, February 14, 2009.

If you have any questions please contact ASSE PR's Pam Glinka; pglinka@asse.org or ASSE Customer Service at 847-699-2929; CustomerService@asse.org

Here are pictures from the January WMASSSE tour of the GVSU Laker Turf building.

