

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

## GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## START YOUR NEW YEAR RIGHT... COME TO THE JANUARY 2005 MEETING

**LEADERS ARE  
MADE; NOT  
BORN  
TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 11, 2005**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**Carla Rea**

Carla Rea has been the Manager, Chapter Services for the American Society of Safety Engineers for over three years. In her eleven years in association work, she has gained experience in the areas of chapter services, educational services, member services, international, publication development and purchasing, supervision, web site coordination and volunteer recruitment and retention, specializing specifically in generational synergy. She ob-

tained a BA degree from Columbia College in Chicago and an MBA with a concentration in International Business from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. Most recently, Ms. Rea earned recognition from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) by being designated a Certified Association Executive (CAE). Ms. Rea has presented various programs for national, regional and local meetings of ASSE, Anadarko Petroleum, the Dietary Managers Association, the American Society of Association Executives and Association Forum of Chicagoland.

Ms. Rea will provide us with an interesting view on how we can achieve leadership skills which will carry forward within our professions. She is a dynamic speaker who will defi-

nately allow you to come away with some fresh ideas.

### Meeting Information:

Registration: 11:30am  
Luncheon: 12:00pm  
Presentation: 1:00pm  
Executive Mtg: 2:00pm

(all are welcome to attend)

Cucina Biagio Restaurant, 7313 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-4641). Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South. Go approximately 3 miles to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.

RSVP by calling 773-894-7065, by January 10 and leaving a message that includes your name, company name and phone number.



## About...KIDS IN DANGER

Kids In Danger (KID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety.

KID was founded in 1998 by the parents of sixteen-month-old Danny Keysar who died in his Chicago childcare home when a portable crib collapsed around his neck.

Although the portable crib had been recalled five years earlier, word of its danger had not reached Danny's parents, caregiver, or a state

inspector who visited the home just eight days before Danny's death.

To date, 16 children have died in cribs of similar faulty design. And portable cribs are just one of the myriad children's products that may prove to be dangerous.

For more information visit the website at: [www.kidsindanger.org](http://www.kidsindanger.org). Leslie Batterson, from our Executive Committee is a current Board Member.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Al Borzych



Hello everyone and welcome to 2005. I hope everyone had a safe holiday season.

We had a great turnout for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual holiday luncheon. Thanks to all that attended. It was a pleasure to meet with all of our chapter milestone achievers. Their stories on how they started in the safety profession were enlightening. Jim, were you really only 120lbs when you started 50 years ago?

Our "Toys for Tots" drive was a success. Thank you to all that gave and to Mary and Milton for volunteering your time to drop off the gifts. "Kids in Danger" a not for profit organization that works on recalls of children's products was represented by Nancy Cowles. She was presented with a check for five hundred dollars from the Greater Chicago Chapter. Our own presenter, Leslie Batterson, is also an executive board member of "Kids in Danger".

A raffle was held. Roman Inc, a giftware distributor in Addison, IL, donated raffle prizes. Greater Chicago polo shirts and calendars were also given to members in attendance. Our calendars will be sent to all members at the end of December. Please make sure that your mailing address is correct in the National Headquarters directory.

Again, thanks to all who attended and volunteered your time. Stay warm. Stay safe.

Al Borzych, Greater Chicago Chapter, President

## SEMINAR FEST 2005

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February 13-19, 2005 in Las Vegas, NV

Seminar Fest is a week-long event that offers 46 seminars for the SH&E professional. Whether you're new to the profession or an experienced professional, Seminar Fest has something for you.

- 46 seminars to choose from with 17 new topics
- Earn up to 5.0 CEUs, 7.0 CM points or CHMM CMP points

- Learn safety management strategies that will improve your safety program
- Increase your business and communication skills
- Enhance your knowledge on a technical topic
- Build relationships with your peers at three luncheons and two receptions

Register by January 14 and save \$50 off each seminar.

For more information or to view the seminars being offered, click on [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org).

If you have already registered, we'll see you there.

ASSE NATIONAL SAFETY TRAINING SCHEDULE

## RISK MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM 2005

### **"USING RISK PRINCIPLES FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH DECISIONS"**

ASSE's latest professional development opportunity, will be held Mar. 23-24, 2005, in San Diego. Integrating risk principles can help shift a firm's focus beyond compliance to assessing and controlling risk.

Attend this symposium to learn how risk impacts the

way you manage safety and health, and creates value for your organization. Attendees will learn how to determine risk cost; apply risk assessment principles to improve SH&E program performance; examine risk assessment methods and evaluate their importance; and maximize resources.

For more information or to view the seminars being offered, click on [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org).

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## "SAFETY LEADERSHIP: BUILDING TRUST FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE"

### CONFERENCE CALL SPONSORED BY NATIONAL ASSE

#### Audio Conference Call

#### Safety Leadership: Building Trust for Safety Performance

January 19, 2005, 11:00 am 12:30 pm  
CST

We believe this event represents value to SH&E professionals since enhanced leadership through building organizational trust is a very significant issue. The data and feedback from the membership is that most people, on some level, know that trust

within organizations is eroding, and this affects SH&E performance. To address this issue, ASSE is hosting a program, featuring Robert Pater, nationally known and respected as an SH&E Professional, ASSE member, and knowledgeable authority of moving trust, leadership, and performance programs forward in business and industry.

For more information go to <http://www.asse.org/503call.htm> or call ASSE Customer Service at 847.699.2929.

Look for more Conference Calls to be happening over 2005!!! ASSE always looking to serve their clients and members.



## NATIONAL ASSE POSTER CONTEST 2005

**Young artists needed!** In an ongoing effort to educate children on the importance of workplace safety and health, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently began its third annual ASSE kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews ages 5-12.

The contest runs now through Feb. 14, 2005, Valentine's Day, and is broken down into four age categories.

The winning poster will best illustrate workplace safety and be featured on the annual North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week poster distributed worldwide. NAOSH week, a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and preventing injuries, runs this May 1-7.

There are four age categories with a winner selected from each age group which include: 1) ages 5-6; 2) ages 7-8; 3) ages 9-10; and, 4) ages 11-12. An independent panel of judges will select the four winning entries that best illustrate the theme "Safety on the Job."

Each age group winner receives a \$1,000 savings bond. The win-

ning entries will be announced in March 2005. Posters will also be displayed at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to be held in New Orleans June 12-15, 2005.

For the ASSE kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" **poster contest rules and entry form**, as well as ideas for participating in NAOSH 2005 please visit [www.asse.org/naosh05](http://www.asse.org/naosh05)

If you have any questions regarding the kids poster contest or NAOSH week contact the ASSE Public Relations Department:

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### Multiple languages in the workplace - tell us what you think

Earlier this year staff at ASSE asked for comments and views about Spanish speaking workers on construction and demolition sites. We received approximately 290 comments about the issue. This generated some additional interest on the whole comprehensive issue of multi-languages in the workplace and best practices being used to address this issue. For example, we learned that there is one plant in the Midwest where the workforce speaks eighteen languages. This is a chal-

lenging issue for SH&E professionals.

Your practice specialty leadership believes this issue is of interest and is calling on you for your assistance. If you have comments, suggestions, and best practices you would like to submit, please click on the link below and let us know your thinking at <http://www.asse.org/mlcomments.htm>.

## OTHER NEWSY INFORMATION

### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

Email: [Todd.A.Macumber@marsh.com](mailto:Todd.A.Macumber@marsh.com)



### SAVE THE DATES - UPCOMING MEETINGS

**FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

**MARCH 8, 2005**

**APRIL 12, 2005**

**MAY 10, 2005**

**JUNE 14, 2004**

**SEND NEWSLETTER STORIES, ARTICLES  
OR IDEAS TO: *Leslie Batterson, Newsletter  
Editor at [lbatterson@saralee.com](mailto:lbatterson@saralee.com)***

## GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER

### NEEDS IDEAS AND VOLUNTEERS !!!!

In order to serve the needs of our chapter, we need volunteers and ideas from everyone...

#### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Just contact our current Chapter President, via voicemail or email.

#### DOES IT TAKE A LOT OF TIME?

Volunteering can mean anything from helping on a committee to soliciting articles for the newsletter, or helping on a specific project. We take all types of volunteers, attending meetings is not mandatory for volunteer commitment.

#### WHO DO I CONTACT?

Al Borzych, ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter President or any other Executive Committee Member (see front page of newsletter)

#### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY:

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE would like to put on a One-Day PDC for our members in early 2005...We are looking for ideas, speakers and as always...volunteers to put this together...Please contact our Chapter President if you can offer any of the above.

## GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE GROWING THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS...

Congratulations to three of our Executive Committee Members who have "expanded" their families recently, coincidentally—ALL GIRLS. Dawn Boisvert, our most current Past President, recently added a daughter to her growing family—Jaimie Ann, joining her big brother Roman (photo not shown). Also, Ronica Hall, has added another Beautiful Baby Girl to her family, Ma'Liza Starlé was born on August 13, 2004 at 9:06 a.m. weighing 5 lbs 14.5 oz, 19 inches long. Her big sister Ma'Laysia Skyler is thrilled. Lastly, Adrienne Bolbot and her husband Joe, adopted Alyssa from the Republic of Belarus on August 5th, coming home to the U.S. on August 12, she turned three on November 6th....All three are very Lucky Girls....



Alyssa—Age 3



Ma'Liza Starlé—Newborn