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DECEMBER ASSE MEETING NOTICES

This month we have two opportunities to attend ASSE Meetings in December, please attend one or both, but we hope to see everyone out this month to thank each of you and to recognize members of ASSE for their long standing membership.

The **first ASSE meeting** will be the annual Chicago Area EHS Professional Associations Networking Dinner. The Dinner will be held at The Carlisle in Lombard on Thursday, December 8, 2005. Our Keynote speaker will be Tim Fisher from ASSE discussing the ANSI/AIHA Z10-2005 Occupational Health & Safety Management System. There will be a raffle for all attendees with great prizes.

The Carlisle is located at 435 E. Butterfield Road in Lombard, IL. Cocktail hour is: 5:30—6:30, with Dinner at 6:30pm. Keynote speaker and presentations to follow. Please RSVP to: JoAnne Skiginski at 815-464-6200, ext. 200 or email: aiha@raeco.com with names of attendees, contact information, group affiliation and dinner selection (beef, chicken or vegetarian) by Friday, December 2, 2005. Seating is limited.

The **second ASSE Meeting** for the month will be the Greater Chicago Chapter's Annual Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. This event is always FREE to our ASSE Members, remember to respond early to the e-vite or to this mailing to ensure your spot as space is limited.

Our presentation for the luncheon will be an Environmental Sciences Update; presented by Mr. Steven Blonz and Mr. Gary Crawford, both from Boelter and Yates, Inc. in Park Ridge, IL. The presentation will include a discussion Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) and Asbestos Management.

In addition to our featured speakers, we will be recognizing members for their long service to ASSE. They are:

- Stephen Bennett 25 years
- Frank Breitsameter 25 years
- Dennis Coil 25 years
- Edward Muncie 25 years
- John Paris 25 years
- George Phillips 25 years
- Timothy Johnson 26 years
- Jack Kester 26 years
- Dennis Puchalski 26 years
- Rich Moscato 40 years

Meeting Information:

- 11:30 am Registration
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Presentation

**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 1.5 miles to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.*

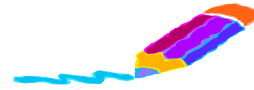
**RSVP to 773-894-7065**, by December 9th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or

TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION

We will be collecting for Toys For Tots at the December 13th meeting. If you would like to bring an UNWRAPPED child's gift (no stuffed animals) to the meeting, we will donate to the local chapter of Toys For Tots. Help make a child's holiday merry this year.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Al Borzych



Remembering someone during this holiday season is something special. It's a time for caring and sharing. This month we invite you to do something special with us. We have two great events planned for our members. Our monthly meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>, will feature a free luncheon to the first fifty members signed up. We will also be honoring all members reaching milestones within the society. Also on the program, if inclined too, bring an unwrapped gift for "Toys For Tots". Plush toys are not allowed.

December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a combined meeting with all the participants of the "Chicagoland Safety Conference". This is an evening affair held at the Carlisle in Lombard.

Come on out and say hello to old friends and network with some new. Have a great holiday season. Keep it safe for you and your families.

Al Borzych, President, Greater Chicago Chapter

### NATIONAL ASSE - DECEMBER TECHNICAL AUDIO CONFERENCE CALL

**"How to Empower and Communicate with your Spanish Speaking Workforce"** will address the challenges of working with a non-English speaking workforce. Specifically, we will cover issues associated with the Spanish speaking workforce due to member feedback on this issue. Please note that many of the issues that we will be reviewing for the Spanish-speaking workforce may also apply to other multi-lingual workforces.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**December 14, 2005**

**11:00 am - 12:30 pm CST**

#### How Would You Answer These Questions?

- **Do you find that your Spanish-speaking workforce is hard working and willing to get the job done at any expense? Sometimes a very costly expense.**
- **Are you clearly communicating with your Spanish-speaking employees, or are there some communication and cultural barriers?**
- **Are you finding that many times your Spanish-speaking employees say YES when they really mean NO?**
- **Are you finding that many times your Latino workforce takes unacceptable risks which result in serious accidents, even after being trained?**
- **Are you finding it a challenge to EFFECTIVELY train your Spanish-speaking workforce?**
- **Are finding that many times your Spanish-speaking employees hesitate to report hazards, accidents and injuries?**
- **Do you find yourself frustrated due to the communication gap and cultural barriers with this hardworking ethnic group and would you like some tips and communication strategies?**

*If You Answered **YES** to anyone or more of these questions, then you can benefit from this one-of-a-kind, technical audio conference call. This special program is only \$75 for members, and features:*

1. Several articles about the multi-language workplace.
2. A 90 minute conference call presentation being given by **Hector Escarcega** (nationally respected as an SH&E professional with significant multi-language worksite experience.) For more information about Hector and his firm, Bilingual Solutions International, you can view his bio at: [http://www.bilingualbiz.com/bsi\\_staff.htm](http://www.bilingualbiz.com/bsi_staff.htm).
3. The emphasis of the call will be on the challenges, concerns, best practices, cultural issues, and member insights about Spanish-speaking employees and multi-language worksites.
4. A PowerPoint presentation.
5. The ability to submit your questions via e-mail to the speakers and moderator.
6. Following the call you will receive a CD recording of the call.

If you would like to participate contact our Customer Service Department at 847.699.2929.

## I Will Huff and Puff and Blow Your House Down

We all remember the story of the Three Little Pigs when the wolf huffed and puffed and blew their houses down. If you remember, each time the pigs had an escape plan. Can you say the same for your company and employees? I hope so.

Due to all the weather, fire, and Homeland Security warnings, an up-to-date Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is required by OSHA under 29 CFR 1910.33. An EAP plan should include the following essentials, but is not limited to:

- ✦ Evacuation procedures and emergency escape route assignments, including a safe place to muster during the emergency where everyone can be accounted for.
- ✦ Procedures to be followed by employees who remain to operate critical plant operations before they evacuate.
- ✦ Procedures to account for all employees, after an emergency evacuation has been completed including naming the people in charge of the accounting.
- ✦ Rescue and medical duties for those employees who are trained to perform them, which may include First Aid/CPR and any other rescue responsibilities.
- ✦ Methods for reporting fires and other emergencies.

Names or job titles of persons who can be contacted for further information or explanation of duties under the plan.

The first thing I look at when I walk into a company is if their evacuation diagram is visible and in many locations. I look to see how many different diagrams they have posted in the areas I am in, and for illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting. Most companies have a procedure for visitors to follow. I visited one company that makes the visitors watch an EAP video before they can leave the lobby.

Following all the OSHA recommendations will keep you in compliance; however, without constant training and practicing of these plans, the EAP will be much less effective. Training drills may affect some productivity time, but think what might happen if there is a real situation and people get injured or die. What will cost the company more, the loss of some productivity time or injury or the loss of life?

Here are some other important questions to consider:

1. Do you know how long it takes for emergency responders to get to your location?
2. Have you contacted your local fire station and used them as part of drill?
3. What do you do if you have a hazmat incident?

OSHA provides many free links to building and emergency action plans. Clicking on the link provided will take you the one of many OSHA pages to help you build or improve your plan <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation/evac.html>. Remember Katrina huffed and puffed and blew the houses down. I hope you are prepared for the Big Bad Wolf.

This sample evacuation plan is courtesy of the Occupational Health and Fire Safety department at Hope College in Holland, MI. Thank you for your permission to use it.

Allan Kaufman

Director of The Compliance Resource Center

[www.theCRCenter.com](http://www.theCRCenter.com)



# 2005 O'HARE SAFETY EXPO



Once again the annual O'Hare Airport Safety Exposition, which was held October 5, 2005, was a great success. As usual, this event was very well attended, included many exhibits (from both vendors and safety societies) and included safety related booths pertaining to various Chicago Airport System organizations. Special events included an Aircraft Recovery Demonstration (by the Illinois National Guard), a Ramp Rodeo (airline employees compete in driving safety procedures) and an Ops Safety Challenge (friendly competition, including air traffic control communication procedures).

The event is run by the O'Hare Airport Safety Committee, which has implemented a forum to bring together safety professionals and front line airport employees to raise the level of safety awareness. The O'Hare Safety Expo is also an opportunity to recognize individuals, in regard to safety, who have gone above and beyond their job responsibilities. At the Safety Recognition

Awards ceremony, Linda Rhodes (a Chapter Past President), who was a Safety Manager for the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority), was presented with a Safety Award ("in recognition of your contributions to improve safety") for the CTA. Linda is now the CTA Assistant to the President.

Maribeth Anderson (our Chapter Vice President) is a key member of the O'Hare Safety Expo Planning Committee and played a major role in planning and coordinating this event. She also arranged for the national ASSE Promotional Booth to be part of the exposition. Al Borzych (our Chapter President) coordinated the setting up and taking down of the booth's large displays and arranging the handout materials. Two Chapter Executive Committee members, Al Borzych and Rich Moscato (a Past Chapter President), ran the booth together with Kurt Krueger, a Chapter member. Linda Rhodes staffed the CTA booth along with Jhaun Jasper, a

CTA Safety Coordinator, and Richard Lambert, a CTA Safety Analyst. Allan Kaufman, Chapter member and Newsletter columnist, staffed the Labelmaster booth. Allan left Labelmaster and is now the Director of The Compliance Resource Center. B.J. LoMastro, Manager, Business and Industry Division, National Safety Council, was also at the Expo to receive an award for them.

It was a great day and both ASSE and our Chapter received positive publicity. We thank Maribeth, and our other Chapter members who supported this event, for your efforts and congratulations Linda on receiving your well deserved award.

Submitted by:

Rich Moscato, CSP



Linda Rhodes receiving award (above left) and at the CTA Booth (above right) with fellow CTA employee. Participants could visit booths and collect information on safety and health from participating organization.

## MORE FROM THE 2005 CHICAGO O'HARE SAFETY EXPO



ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter's Booth—From left to right: Al Borzych, Kurt Krueger and Rich Moscato



Above: ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter Executive Committee Members—Maribeth Anderson and Al Borzych.

Right: National Safety Council's B.J. LoMastro talks with Allan Kaufman, Greater Chicago Chapter Member and columnist.



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## 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)

## MORE AWARDS....

Our Greater Chicago Chapter has been recognized for their successful petition for the 2004 / 05 Stars Award. The award will be presented at the June 2006 PDC in Seattle.

On top of this honor we have been nominated and represent Area 5 for the medium size ASSE Chapter of the Year Award. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

**PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER STORIES, PROMOTIONS, SAFETY PHOTO'S, TECHNICAL ARTICLES OR IDEAS TO:**

**Leslie Batterson, Newsletter Editor**

**at [leslie.batterson@saralee.com](mailto:leslie.batterson@saralee.com)**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Mitchel Krenz, Chicago Housing Authority

## MIND BENDER FOR THE DAY....

Count how many "F's" are in this passage....

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY YEARS

*(Answer: 6—Most people say 3, they miss the "F" in the words "of")*

## AGE GROUP ADDED AS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS KICK OFF FOURTH ANNUAL KIDS' 'SAFETY- ON- THE- JOB' POSTER CONTEST

In an ongoing effort to educate children on how workplace safety and health affects them and their families, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) today kicked off its fourth annual ASSE kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The contest runs today through Feb. 14, 2006, Valentine's Day, and is broken down into five age categories.

The winning poster in each age group 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 April 30 – May 1, 2006.

"Children of ASSE members are not totally aware of how critical their parents' work is when it comes to saving lives and reducing injuries worldwide," ASSE President Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP, said. "This contest helps teach ASSE members' children just how their parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, work day in and day out to help the millions of people who go to work, return home safely every day. It is also a fun contest."

In addition to the having the winning posters put on the NAOSH 2006 poster, poster contest entrants and their families will be recognized at the NAOSH 2006 national kick-off in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 1 at the U.S. Department of Labor. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a partner with ASSE on NAOSH week.

The poster contest is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews between the ages of 5 and 14. 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; 4) ages 11-12, and 5) ages 13-14. An independent panel of judges will select the five winning entries that best illustrate the theme "Safety on the Job." Each age group winner receives a \$1,000 savings bond. All entrants receive a prize.

For the ASSE kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest rules and entry form please go to the [www.asse.org/naosh](http://www.asse.org/naosh) web site or contact [customerservice@asse.org](mailto:customerservice@asse.org). The winning entries will be announced in March 2006. Posters will also be displayed at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to be held in Seattle June 11-14, 2006.