Hi all, hope you have survived the deep freeze of February...March must be better, right?

President's Letter

March edition

I don't think this winter is EVER going to end, but the calendar says spring is just around the corner in more ways than one.

To charge up our winter doldrums, Fiona Tranter, Director-EHS Technical Operations with Abbvie, presented an overview of Combustible Dust Hazards for our February meeting. She reviewed some serious incidents and shared analysis depicted by the Chemical Safety Board on how the disasters propagated. Fiona was kind enough to offer a copy of her presentation to attendees who inquired; thanks Fiona!

This month we have a familiar face as Tom Barlich returns for our annual Construction topic. Just as we know spring will eventually arrive, so will the onslaught of construction activities and exposures. Wake up your knowledge of Infrastructure and Utility Contract Safety by attending our March meeting.

Please note that some members of your Board of Directors will be available for an hour or so after our presentation on March 10th for anyone interested in learning more about Chapter volunteering and officer positions. The theme for 2015 is 'Many hands make light work'; we are looking for volunteers to take on aspects of committee chair positions to keep the chapter moving forward. Don't forget to check the website: www.assechgo.org for updates.

- March 10, 2015: Luncheon meeting at Cucina Biagio, Harwood Heights, IL. Tom Barlich will be presenting on Infrastructure and Utility Contract Safety. Tom has conducted other presentations for our Chapter in the past and has been well-received by attendees.
- April 14, 2015: Luncheon meeting at Cucina Biagio in
Harwood Heights, IL. Our Student Chapter will be presenting their projects for our review. Make it a date to learn more about trending issues through the eyes of budding safety professionals and offer them much needed professional feedback.

- May 12, 2015: Tour of NIPSTA in Grayslake, IL. Join us for an updated tour of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy. Bob Lahey will show us the facility and the most recent additions to the Academy. An informal luncheon will be served.

Thank you for your continued membership in the Greater Chicago Chapter. Consider attending a meeting and bring a friend. Better yet, volunteer to write an article, contact new members or work on next year’s program committee. And don’t forget to visit the chapter website (www.ascechgo.org) for any questions on locations or dates for future meetings.

I can be contacted at kblbaskt@comcast.net with questions or comments; have a Happy St. Patty's Day!

Upcoming Meetings

- March Meeting - Tom Barilich Infrastructure and Utility Contract Safety - officer meet and greet after the meeting

- April Meeting - Student Chapter - Current trends in safety

- May Meeting - NIPSTA tour ***Change in Location*** details to follow

All meetings - unless otherwise specified are at the following times and location.
11:30 Networking
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Presentation

Cucina Biagio
7319 W Lawrence AVe
Combustible Dust - February Meeting

Hazards and Controls from Combustible Dust - Fiona Tranter

Those who attended this session got a great education and reminder of how dangerous combustible dust is and some ideas how to control that exposure.

Fiona showed several clips from a video called - Combustible Dust: An Insidious Hazard from the Chemical Safety Board - www.csb.gov/videos/ The video recreates several explosions and shows how they happened and what is being done to prevent future explosions.

If you are interested in more information, please see the following websites:

- http://www.nfpa.org/
- http://www.csb.gov/
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAdElO1FCSM - This is the Steve Spangler video that shows a dust explosion frame by frame.

ASSE Headquarters Move

Did you know...

ASSE Headquarters moved? Early in February headquarters moved to its new location:

520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL 6068

Hope you can make it on the 10th. Have a great month. Good luck with your March Madness brackets...
Sincerely,

Tim Murphy - Newsletter Editor
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