

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, December 14th, 2004

Holiday Meeting

**Sticky Fingers Restaurant
7690 Northwood Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Back Meeting Room**

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Dinner – Speaker – Chinese Gift Exchange

Motivational Speaker:

Chaplain Rob Dewey

We would love to see you and your guest(s) there, so please let us know if you would like to join us – It's not too late. The Chinese Gift Exchange is fun and \$15.00 maximum is not that much – you be the judge of how much and wrap it up! Surprises are always fun. What's also fun about this is you can take a gift that you like from somebody else! Come on now, the more the merrier!

Treasurer's Corner

As of November 30th, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$7,482.64. There were 25 members and guests present at the November 16th, 2004 meeting.

Michele

January Meeting & Speaker

January 18th, 2005

**Place: North Towne Seafood and Grill
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 863-1001**

Time: 11:30 am

**Guest Speaker: Jim Ingle
Executive Director
National Safety Council
South Carolina Chapter**

“Network” with your fellow members! Lunch is promptly at Noon. Please bring a guest. A potential new member, your boss, co-worker, etc.

Welcome New Member:

**Joy Fender
Trident Health Systems**

The 2004-2005 Member-Get-A-Member Challenge

It's ASSE's 2004-2005 member-get-a-member campaign. Cash prizes are being awarded to those who recruit the most new, full ASSE members. In addition, the ASSE Region and Chapter with the largest percentage increase of new members will also win cash prizes.

Prizes

*** Individual Prizes**

1st Place: \$1,000

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$250

*** Region Prize: \$1,000**

*** Chapter Prize: \$500**

*** Plasma Television – everyone that recruits at least one new member will be entered into a drawing to win a plasma television**

(ASSE reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal value)

The Challenge runs from

April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

**The winners will be announced in
May 2005**

To get started:

**Call ASSE Customer Service at
847-699-2929 for a supply of
applications; or**

**Download an Application from
our website; or**

**Email your colleagues directly
through our refer a friend email
tool**

**YOUR NAME MUST BE ON EACH
APPLICATION AS THE "SPONSOR"
OR YOU WILL NOT GET CREDIT.**

**Also, Sponsors will only receive credit
for those who paid for a full
membership. Free memberships do
not apply.**

FUTURE ASSE ROC MEETINGS

**March 16-18, 2005
Greater Tidewater Chapter
Virginia Beach, VA**

**July 26-28, 2005
Tarheel Chapter (Officer Training)
Charlotte, NC**

**November 16-18, 2005
SC Low Country Chapter
Charleston, SC**

Safety Conferences

**January 5, 2005
ASSE Executive Program in Safety
Management
Nashville, TN
www.asse.org**

**February 8, 2005
OSHA Compliance 2005
Charleston, SC
enroll@skillpath.net**

**February 13-19, 2005
SeminarFest 2005
Las Vegas, NV
www.asse.org**

According to an OSHA Trade Release of December 9, 2004, The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) joined with OSHA in a formal Alliance to reduce and prevent exposure to underground utility construction hazards associated with trenching and excavation, tunneling, and confined space entry. This Alliance will exchange and share information so together they can provide training and education in both English and Spanish to make underground utility jobsites safer and healthier.

It's that time of year to take the necessary precautions to prevent and treat cold-related health problems. Trench foot, frostbite and hypothermia - workers in construction, commercial fishing, maritime and agriculture should especially heed these precautions.

Learn the signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses and injuries.

Encourage workers to wear proper clothing for cold, wet and windy conditions, including layers that can be adjusted to changing conditions;

Be sure workers in extreme conditions take a frequent short break in warm dry shelters to allow their bodies to warm up;

Try to schedule work for the warmest part of the day;

Avoid exhaustion or fatigue because energy is needed to keep muscles warm;

Use the buddy system – work in pairs so that one worker can recognize danger signs;

Drink warm, sweet beverages (sugar water, sports-type drinks) and avoid drinks with caffeine (coffee, tea, sodas or hot chocolate) or alcohol;

Eat warm, high calorie foods such as hot pasta dishes;

Also remember, workers face increased risks when they take medications, are in poor physical condition or suffer from illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension or cardiovascular disease.

For free copies of OSHA's Cold Stress Card in English or Spanish, go to OSHA's website, www.osha.gov, or call 1-800-321-OSHA.

"Leadership behavior is one of the most critical factors in the success of any safety initiative." Sites with identical safety initiatives can have vastly different results. How true that is.

Respect, comprehension, communication, teamwork, structure and discipline.

The initial set up & structure of any job or jobsite requires the proper implementation of safety first. Each task has its own safety concerns. If it is structured correctly from the beginning and reviewed daily or repeatedly then logically we should be safe.

Safety practices are 24/7 – no matter where we are. When we are in a group, look around, know your environment, see if everyone's on the same page with safety.

Whatever age we are, there's always room for conditioning and regrouping of structure.

We have families at home, we have co-workers at work, teams of people working and living together. Let us all be Leaders of Safety. No matter where we are, we need to help ensure safety practices. We need to know and we need to protect and teach ourselves and each other.

Let us all have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and welcome the new year with safe and happy hearts.

*Maureen Troescher
Newsletter Editor*

Hurricane Windows

Hurricane windows are now required by every state along the Eastern Seaboard from Florida to New York with new Connecticut and Massachusetts building codes taking effect in 2005. Hurricane windows protect structures in a storm but hamper firefighters in a fire situation. If you know that hurricane windows have been or are being installed in your multi-environment, make sure this information is communicated to the Fire Department in your area as the firefighter will require different tools for quick exit or entry. This information will be a life saver.

Member Directory & Job Line

Jane Lyons will continue to update the member directory as needed. If you have not sent her your updated information, please email her at:

Jane.Lyons@us.bosch.com

Jane also maintains a Job Line by email notification. Please email her if you would like to be on the distribution.

If you are a member of ASSE, you may want to update your information at:

www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm

Always Looking for a Meeting Host

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? Perhaps you know someone who would enjoy our company and great lunch – what better way to present what they represent. When one hosts a meeting, we request that you provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with your logo.

In exchange for hosting a meeting, there will be a space for free advertisement provided to you at no charge in that month's newsletter. Just let us know when you would like to host a meeting.

There is so much that we need to pay attention to in order to protect ourselves and each other. Because of that fact, we must group our thoughts, ideas and knowledge concerning safety and safety improvements so that we can foresee and prevent. Each and every one of us is a member of this organization and therefore have that responsibility. If you have any ideas you would like to share with the other members or just with me or perhaps you'd like for me to research a topic or situation please contact me via email at mTROESCHER@tidewaterskanska.com or phone me at 843-514-2684. I welcome your thoughts so please don't hold back.

***Sincerely,
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