

# S.C. Low Country Chapter



## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS *November 2009 Newsletter*

*"Your Safety.....Our Profession"*

<http://www.lowcountryasse.org/>

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well, do I have some news for you!!!!

**The Low Country Chapter of the ASSE has been selected as the Region VI Small Chapter of the Year (2008-2009)!!!**

The Region leadership reviewed the accomplishments and commitments of all the small chapters in Region VI and determined that our Chapter stood out above the rest. We met our obligations; provided timely and pertinent topics at our meetings; provided local industry with a Professional Development Conference (PDC) featuring the Administrator for OSHA as our keynote speaker, vendors of all types, and lots of opportunity for networking; gave back to our community by collecting bicycle helmets for Toys for Tots and making a donation to the ASSE Student Poster contest to enable aspiring safety professionals to grow in their skill and knowledge base. This focus on serving our profession and community will continue throughout the coming year as we support the local Habitat for Humanity, participate in career day events for the younger generation, provide our members with the opportunity to learn about and tour other industries and provide a venue to receive updates from our SC OSHA representatives.

***I am very proud to have the opportunity to lead such a dedicated group of individuals without whom none of this would be possible.***

Please take a moment and give yourselves a pat on the back and know that our common commitment to safety binds us together in a special way.

*Jayne M. Carswell, CSP*

Sr. ESH Specialist



# *Next Chapter Meeting*

November 17, 2009  
11:30am

**Arc Flash and Electrical presentation conducted by Salisbury  
by Honeywell**

Mr. Donovan Baker

*North Towne Grill & Seafood Restaurant  
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
([Google Maps](#))*

**Meeting Fee:**  
\$11.50 for members  
\$13.50 for guests

**NOTE: December Meeting at normal time**

**different location:**



***Fire Museum***



***Tanger Mall***

## Spring 2010 ASSE

## Lowcountry PDC

Planning for the Chapter's Spring PDC has begun and we are **recruiting** volunteers for the PDC Committee.

Please contact Terri Sherrill PDC Chair: **Ph: 843-884-0005; Fax: 843-881-6149;**  
**Mobile: 843-991-8220; [tsherrill@smeinc.com](mailto:tsherrill@smeinc.com)**



**Sherry Dixon, formerly Sherry Bath, joined ASSE 25 years ago. Since that time, she has served as Vice President – Programs from 1991 to 1993, President from 1993 to 1994, Regulatory Affairs/Foundation Chair in 1998, Region VIII (as our region was formerly known) PDC Chairman around 1995 or 1996.**

**Twenty-five years ago, the ASSE Low Country Chapter used to have dinner meetings. Sherry recalls that typically there were 3-5 members present at the dinner meetings. Then someone had an idea to try lunch meetings and member attendance tripled at the first meeting.**

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**\$\$\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report \$\$\$\$\$  
(As of November 1, 2009)**

**\$ 9,307.06**



## **Please Support the Habitat for Humanity PPE Drive!**

The Low Country Chapter has initiated a PPE drive to benefit our local Habitat for Humanity. If you have PPE (or a monetary donation to be used towards the drive), please contact Pat Rhea, CSP at 843-744-4261 (office) or 843-209-4934 (cell).

You can bring your donation to any Chapter meeting through February 2010. Pat is willing to make a pick-up at your site as needed.

Habitat for Humanity PPE needs, in order of preference are:

- 1. Safety Glasses**
- 2. Gloves**
- 3. Ear plugs**
- 4. Tyveks.**

## **October Meeting Follow-up**

**Jeff Walters presented about “Effectively Engaging Blue Collar Workers in the Safety Process.” He said he would be glad to email his presentation with anyone who requests it. Email him at [jeff@jeffwalterssafety.com](mailto:jeff@jeffwalterssafety.com).**

## **As Good as a Standard....and Effective Immediately**

### ***OSHA's new letter of interpretation requires that construction workers wear high-visibility warning garments***

**WASHINGTON** - High-visibility warning garments are required safety attire for highway and road construction workers according to a new letter of interpretation recently released by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"Highway construction workers should not suffer serious or fatal injuries simply because they could not be seen," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "Requiring the use of reflective vests is essential to help prevent workers from being injured or killed."

In 2004, OSHA issued a letter of interpretation about the use of high-visibility apparel in highway construction. The letter emphasized that section 5(a)(1) of the OSH Act requires workers in highway work zones to wear high-visibility apparel.

However, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission ruled that OSHA's letter indicated a more limited position: high-visibility garments are only required where the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) mandates their use.

Therefore, OSHA is issuing a new letter stating that all highway and road construction workers must wear high-visibility apparel regardless of whether the MUTCD requires them. OSHA considers road and construction traffic a well-recognized hazard to highway/road construction workers. Bureau of Labor Statistics reinforced the need for using safety apparel when data from 2003 to 2007 showed there were 425 road construction work zone fatalities.

Go To:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p\\_id=27155](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=27155)

**We are always looking for news and information for and about Safety Professionals to be used in our LowCountry Newsletter.**



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# Occupational Safety & Health Services

SC NSC is proud to offer consulting services with discounts for members. We offer a broad range of services to meet all your safety and health needs and our consultants are Certified Safety Professionals and Certified Industrial Hygienists. Some of these services include:

- ✓ Mock OSHA Audits
- ✓ Industrial Hygiene Sampling
- ✓ Indoor Air Quality and Mold Testing
- ✓ Safety Program Review and Preparation
- ✓ Onsite Training
- ✓ Ergonomics Assessments
- ✓ Monthly Safety Training
- ✓ Off-Site Safety Director for Small Businesses:
  - Choose one service quarterly such as training, mock OSHA audit, IH monitoring, or safety program review

For questions on these services please contact Colleen Eubanks, OSH Program Director at [ceubanks@scnsc.org](mailto:ceubanks@scnsc.org) or (803) 260-3202.

NEW: Check us out on Facebook where you can network and share ideas with your colleagues! Go to

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home-group.php?gid=44107117121> to join our group.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2009: DDC4  
INSTRUCTOR 9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 1-3, 2009: EMERGENCY CARE  
INSTRUCTOR 9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

JANUARY 25-28, 2010: OSHA 510 (OSHA  
500 PRE-REQUISITE) 8:30 AM– 4:30 PM

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2010: OSHA 10 HOUR  
CONSTRUCTION 8:30 AM– 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 1-4, 2010: OSHA 30 HOUR  
CONSTRUCTION 8:30 AM– 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 9, 2010: OSHA RECORDKEEPING  
8:30 AM– 12:00 PM

FEBRUARY 9, 2010: INTRODUCTION TO  
OSHA 1:00 PM– 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 11, 2010: FORKLIFT INSTRUCTOR  
9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 22-25, 2010: OSHA 500  
CONSTRUCTION 8:30 AM– 5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2010: OSHA 502  
CONSTRUCTION (REFRESHER) 8:30 AM– 5:00  
PM

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website [www.scnsc.org](http://www.scnsc.org). ASSE  
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