

# S.C. Low Country Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

## June 2010 Newsletter

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

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

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As our ASSE Chapter year comes to a close on June 30, I've been reflecting on what we have accomplished during 2009-2010. We kicked off last year supporting the Regional PDC in Myrtle Beach, preparing for pandemics, followed by carrying out a PPE drive for Habitat for Humanity and a Toys for Tots drive for bicycle safety gear, learning how to engage our workers, receiving an OSHA Update, participating in a career fair at a local school, presenting a local PDC here in Charleston, touring a local industrial facility, preparing for hurricanes, and the list goes on. It's been a very busy year, but just like in the safety and environmental field, the work continues and doesn't take a vacation. A great way to "recharge your battery" and stay motivated for the daily work of protecting our employees and the environment is to attend ASSE meetings and network with your fellow ESH professionals. You will receive much needed encouragement as well as knowledge from each other's experiences. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the final monthly meeting of this Chapter year on Tuesday, June 15 at the Northtowne Grill. We will be installing our new officers and our training topic will be Risk Management. See you there!

*Jayne M. Carswell, CSP*

# **Next Chapter Meetings**

## **Future Meetings....MARK your Calendar**

### **Next Chapter Meeting**

June 15, 2010

**11:30am**

## **Risk Management Safety Services of Americas**

(from webpage)

"We offer comprehensive and cost-effective **SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT** consultation for:

- 1) Construction (commercial and residential)
- 2) Healthcare (including hospitals and long term care)
- 3) Industry and distribution
- 4) Fleet operations"

### **North Towne Grill & Seafood Restaurant**

2093 Eagle Landing Blvd  
North Charleston, SC 29406

## **LowCountry ASSE Treasurer's Report for**

**June 7, 2010**

**\$ 5,943.01 in Checking and  
\$ 3,714.95 in Savings Account**

## **Your Feedback is Needed!**

The ASSE Low Country Chapter is always looking to improve and identify ways to better serve our members. Click on the link below to completed a brief survey and let's continue to work together to make the ASSE Low Country Chapter the best ever! The survey will remain open until Monday, May 31, 2010

**[Go to The Chapter Webpage to Participate!!](#)**

## **ASSE Low Country Chapter Membership – [Help Recruit New Members !!](#)**

**ASSE Low Country Chapter Membership continues to decline. We have fallen from our all time high membership of 124 in 2007 to 113 members as of June 7, 2010. New members and ideas are essential to continuously improving the Low Country Chapter of ASSE.**

**If you know of anyone who is employed in a health, safety or environmental field, invite them to come to a meeting to find out about the Low Country Chapter. There is also a lot of information on the ASSE Website <http://www.asse.org/membership/index.php> through the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign.**

**Or, if you know of someone who might be interested, please let Jane Lyons know – she will do the work for you – 843-760-7497 or [jane.lyons@us.bosch.com](mailto:jane.lyons@us.bosch.com)**

**Or, refer a friend and get a reward!!!  
<http://www.asse.org/membership/refer.php>**



Serving Safety Professionals in Delaware, Kuwait, Maryland,  
N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Virginia, and Washington DC

## ***Region VI Professional Development Conference***

September 22-24, 2010 - Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites - Myrtle Beach, SC

A Professional Development Conference on the Grand Strand at the Kingston Plantation Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year's [schedule](#) has just been posted. Sessions include:

- **Construction Safety**
- **Ergonomics**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **Electrical Safety**
- **OSHA Compliance**
- **Current Research**
- **Coming Regulatory Trends**
- **Behavior-Based Safety**
- **Sustainability**
- **and much, much more!**

Mark your calendars, talk to your boss, get it in the budget, because the 25th Annual Region VI PDC will be here before you know it!

**Check out:** <http://region6.asse.org/pdc.php>

### **ASSE 2010-2011 Low Country Chapter Slate of Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Pat Rhea, Sanders Brothers Construction</b>
<b>First Vice President:</b>	<b>Justin Reese, HITT Construction</b>
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	<b>Kathy Harbeson, Robert Bosch</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Sue Ivey, Kestrel Horizons</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dana Fisher, DAK Americas</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	<b>Yvonne Noisette, Trident Technical College</b>
<b>Jobline/Membership:</b>	<b>Jane Lyons, Robert Bosch</b>
<b>Website Coordinator:</b>	<b>Jayne Carswell, ITT</b>

# Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)



Sherry Dixon accepts award for Low Country SPY Award Winner!!

## **Chapter Activity**

Sherry is a former President of the ASSE Low Country Chapter, has been an active member of the chapter, and has encouraged her staff to be involved with the chapter.

As part of her activity, Sherry has been a presenter at several Chapter professional Development Conferences and has hosted multiple tours of her facility to share her best practices with others.

## **Professional Responsibilities**

Sherry currently is responsible for the overall safety, health and wellness of the employees at the KapStone North Charleston paper mill.

## **Outstanding Achievement**

Sherry has presented *The ART (Assessing Risks Tool) of Injury Reduction* to the Low Country and South Carolina Chapters of the ASSE, and to the OSHA Region IV VPPPA Chapter Conference in 2007. ART is a Hazard Recognition and Analysis tool developed by Sherry and her staff at MeadWestvaco to help the worker in the field make informed decisions about the risk of a job they may begin. Once the worker knows the risk, he can then take the required steps to reduce the risk or severity of any potential injuries and hopefully eliminate them entirely.

## **Professional Responsibilities**

Sherry's safety focus at KapStone has always been on initiating safe behavior before the job ever begins rather than measuring safety performance by the number of recordable injuries often used as a benchmark in the safety industry. Sherry believes that all accidents can be prevented and works tirelessly to instill that same philosophy from mill management to the entry level worker. Under Sherry's leadership a true shift in the safety culture at the KapStone North Charleston mill has taken place. Safety is the first step in every job rather than an afterthought.