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Safety Emphasis Going Electronic

The Safety Emphasis will be going electronic as of January 1, 2003. If you receive your Safety Emphasis electronically, you do not need to do anything. If you are receiving a hard copy but have email capability, please send your email address to Char Dolan at c.dolan@attbi.com. If you do not have email capability, please complete the enclosed flyer. The newsletter is the Chapter's largest expense and in an effort to reduce costs the Chapter has chosen to take advantage of electronic correspondence.

NEW MEETING LOCATION & TIME:

Sweetbrier Inn 11:30am - 1:30pm

7125 SW Nyberg Rd, Tualatin

Next Meeting: November 11, 2002

Richard Stack, Dale Carnegie Program

Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

The CWC Executive Committee met on September 24, 2002. The following is a brief summary of the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Char Dolan reported no significant changes in Chapter finances.

Santiam Section Report

The Santiam Section held it's bi-annual Professional Development Conference on September 20, 2002. There were 34 paid attendees. The topic was "Accident Analysis: A Systems Approach." Highlights

included an opening presentation by **Tim McDonald**, SAIF Corporation and Section Vice-Chair. The lunch time Murder Mystery/Accident Scenario, performed by the eight member Eddie May Interactive Mystery Performers, was a funny interactive murder mystery blended with a very creative industrial accident scenario.

Hands on skill stations, interactive accident witness interview stations and a summary by **Steve Geigle**, OR-OSHA Senior Safety Education Specialist made for a most enjoyable and information packed day.

Mt. St. Helens Section

Joe Teeples from the Puget Sound Chapter conducted a four-hour industrial workshop on homeland security and bio-terrorism.

The trend is that OSHA is getting involved and will use the "General Duty Clause" to enforce action. The "General Duty Clause" requires employers to provide a workplace that is free from recognized hazards. The government's role is to provide security up to the border, then it expects business to protect themselves.

An overview of what was covered is an assessment of vulnerability, the impact of an attack and the consequences. The goal is to manage the risk. Chinese war historian Sun Tzu stated in the "Art of War" to kill one and frighten 10,000. Terrorism can be defined as: Illegal and an action to intimidate or coerce while committed to a political or social objective.

We learned that in 1993 during the first bombing in the World Trade Center basement, it took nearly 6 hours to evacuate the building. In the meantime, they instituted a great number of drills combined with emergency response planning. At the time of the attack on 9/11/01, except for the persons above the damaged 96th floor of the north tower, (no one above this level escaped) the evacuation

took only two hours, and many more lives were saved because of the planning and drills.

We went through an assessment of threats. Think **B-NICE!** **B**iological agents - **N**uclear agents - **I**ncendiary agents - **C**hemical agents - **E**xplosive agents

Look at your facility for some obvious threat weakness. Such as a local food processing facility with a huge propane tank on their front lawn. The usual terrorist suspects use equipment and agents that are obtained locally.

Safety Emphasis Report

The Safety Emphasis is targeting electronic distribution by January 2003 with a limited number of hard copies. Currently overhead is higher because the publisher is doing the editing. **Dave Parsons, Jill Jones, Bruce Conrad** and **Karen Blythe** volunteered to serve as an editorial team. A timeline for articles to be submitted will be developed.

A flyer will be developed that will be included with the next few issues of the Safety Emphasis to generate email addresses for those members not currently receiving electronic copies and to secure addresses for those without email capabilities.

Professional Development Report

Mike Benjimen reported that he has speakers lined up through March for the membership and brown bag meetings.

Mike reported that he will look into the feasibility of putting on an ASP/CSP workshop through SRS in the future.

Construction Safety Summit Report

Chair **Kimberly Gamble** is stepping down and no replacement has been named yet. The Safety Summit Chair is a voting member of the E-Committee. Topics and speakers scheduled through January 2003.

Job Placement Report

Mike Benjamin reported that more jobs are coming in for the membership, with a few in Portland area. Mike is working on strategies to get job announcements, descriptions, and instructions routed to the Job Placement Coordinator. Mike asked that job announcements be sent to him. He can be reached at **503/628-2846, or benji473@aol.com.**

New Member Orientation

Dave Parsons is preparing to hold a New Membership Orientation in the next month or two. He also would like to hold a new member orientation at the GOSH Conference in March 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Jones

Secretary

Chapter and Section News

Mt. Hood Community College Offers Options for AA Degree

Dr. Javid Mohtasham, Ph.D. Coordinator of the Environmental Science and Safety Program at Mt. Hood Community College has offered to review transcripts and offer credit for work experience for those working in the environmental and/or safety fields who wish to pursue their AA degree. In addition, Dr. Mohtasham can offer distance learning options for a variety of courses required in the program. An AA degree in the Environmental Science and Safety Program will count for 18 credits for those interested in sitting for the ASP or CSP test. For further information call Dr. Mohtasham at 503.491.7440.

2003 GOSH Awards Nomination Due Oct. 18

By: Karen Blythe & Lee Briney Awards Committee Co-Chairs

Honor your company or employees who make an extraordinary contribution to workplace safety and health. The Awards committee for the 2003 GOSH conference is accepting nominations for awards in five categories: Employer Awards, Safety Committee Awards, Individual Awards, Association Awards and

Lifesaving Awards. These prestigious awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the 2003 GOSH conference March 5. Nomination forms are available at www.orosha.org or www.cwc.org or by calling 888.292.5247, option 1 or Karen Blythe 503.665.1149. Nominations must be received by October 18, 2002.

In Memory

By Dave Parsons

On September 27th **Judy Reschke**, a great friend of ours, passed away after a hard struggle with cancer. Those who attended our membership meetings in the past five years should remember Judy. She greeted everyone at the registration table. Her husband Roger often accompanied her. One thing everyone will remember about Judy is her ready smile. Judy touched many people within our chapter and in our industry. She was the mother hen of our chapter and kept us on the straight and narrow. Judy was involved with the Safety Emphasis, and with help from other members, made it a first class newsletter. It is recognized throughout ASSE nationally. Judy we will miss you.

What is ROC?

ROC stands for Region 1 Operating Committee. Region 1 consists of ASSE Chapters in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii. The Regional Vice President is Brian

Clarke, from the Columbia Willamette Chapter.

Twice a year the ROC has a two-day meeting in different parts of the region. The last meeting, in September 2002, was held and sponsored by the Anchorage Chapter. Each chapter in Region 1 sends a representative (usually the chapter president) to the meeting to vote on ROC issues. This insures that every chapters voice in the region is heard, and that the national organization hears the voice of our region. At ROC meetings the chapter presidents network and share ideas on different issues from raising funds to how to enhance our membership and get more members involved.

Mt. St. Helens Section Sets Professional Development Goals

At a recent planning meeting, the E-Board of the Mt. St. Helens Section of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of ASSE made the decision to go above and beyond the call of duty. The E-Board decided that, in addition to professional speakers on hot topics at their monthly meetings, they would offer expanded workshops at least four times per year. The catch for these expanded meetings: They will be offered free or at minimal cost to those attending.

Key Dates to Remember
October

17	Thu	Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting Red Lion at Kelso @ 7:30AM
22	Tues	CWC Exec Committee 7:30 AM
22	Tues	Construction Safety Summit Board Meeting at Quizno's
22	Tues	Silica in Construction @ JJ North's 11:30 AM
November		
1	Fri	CWC Brown Bag
5	Tues	Santiam Section at Change of Seasons 7:15 AM
6	Wed	Mt St. Helens E Board Meeting Red Lion Kelso 7 AM
11	Mon	Chapter Lunch Meeting 11:30 AM Sweetbrier
21	Thu	Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting 7:30 AM
26	Tues	CWC Exec Committee Meeting 7:30 AM
26	Tues	CSS Board Meeting 11:30 AM Quizno's
26	Tues	Stress:Cocaine of Corporate America - JJ North's 11:30AM

It is with a great sense of loss that I inform you, the membership of the ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter, of the passing of my dear friend and colleague, Judy Reschke.

Judy's impact on this chapter is visible in every facet of our growth, credibility, and success. The Safety Emphasis, speakers gifts and certificates, volunteer activities, and an active member of the Executive Committee are but a few of her credits, not to diminish her role as a Safety Professional in our community. For those that had the privilege of knowing and working with Judy, I extend my sincerest sympathy. She will be missed.



Of the many things I learned from working with Judy was her sincere interest in the success of ASSE and those she worked with. She was a true mentor to the value of selflessness and took great pleasure in seeing others grow and succeed. By her passing maybe we all can learn this valuable gift.

Thanks to all for attending and supporting our transition to the lunch meeting format. Our first meeting was a graphic answer to our question of how we could increase attendance and participation in Chapter Meetings. Just make it convenient!

Congratulations to Jill Jones in being elected to fill the Secretary position.

Quote for the Safety Professional..."A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." *Father James Keller (1900-1977)*



Sincerely

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