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Success

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.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2002

**Sweetbriar Inn 11:30am - 1:00pm
7125 SW Nyberg Rd., Tualatin**

Oregon's Workers Compensation System

*John Booten, Oregon Small Business Ombudsmen
Jan Miller, Communications and Training Coordinator*

The Columbia-Willamette Chapter membership meeting, December 9, 2002 will feature John Booten, Oregon Small Business Ombudsmen and Jan Miller, Communications and Training Coordinator for the Oregon Compensation Department. John and Jan will bring us up to date on the latest changes in the Oregon Workers Compensation system.

Those who would like to donate toys or \$\$\$ to needy children in the Portland area, please bring either or both to the December membership meeting and "Elf" Bruce will transport all toys and proceeds to the Portland area "Toy and Joy Makers" in the name of ASSE/CWC.

ASSE Executive Committee

Meeting Summary

OCTOBER 22, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. with **Dan Sabatino** presiding. Self-introductions around the table with a guest in attendance; Dr. Anthony Veltri, Academic Advisor for OSU Section and Professor at Oregon State University Safety Program.

Financial/Budget Report: Char Dolan stated there was no significant changes in the GOSH bank account. She did transfer the \$25,000 for operating funds from the investment account into the General Chapter account.

Section Reports:

Santiam: Charlie Crawford reported that the December meeting will be on the 6th as a planning meeting and an annual gift exchange. The PDC held in September went well and some comments afterwards were that it had been the best PDC individuals attended.

Mt. St. Helens': Dick Fabbro reported that the workshop on Homeland Security, held last month went well, with approximately 40 in attendance and the Section picked up the cost. In January, a half/whole day workshop is planned on the 16th, although the topic has not been determined as of yet.

Student Sections:

OSU: Dr. Veltri gave us an overview, of the OSU EHS programs, graduate, PhD and where they were headed. Additionally, he asked for our continued support and will be submitting a proposal for some financial support as well.

Mt Hood: Karen Blythe reported that the student section is planning to do a Homeland Security seminar, copying the St Helens' Section; **Dr. Mohtasham** agreed to evaluate transcripts of those working in the field to help with

independent study/ weekend classes to obtain AA degree. Eight new applications for the student section have been submitted.

Safety Emphasis: Targeting a January electronic date, cutting down on hard copies. Chapter purchased Adobe Page Maker. The editorial committee will do all the editing via e-mail.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Mike Benjamin stated speakers were lined up through March 03, for the lunch meeting however a topic is needed for the brown bag in February 03. December brown bag will be "Gun Safety Around Children" put on by the Fish and Game Department.

Construction Summit: Kimberly Gamble is passing the torch to **Michele Potter**. Michele is anxious to get involved in the CSS at an officer level.

Membership Update: Dave Parsons and Dan Sabatino are working on a new membership orientation prior to a lunch meeting in the near future.

Job Placement: After much discussion a motion was passed by the e-committee to begin posting job opportunities to the Chapter web site.

Communications/PR: Mike Benjamin, asked again to be removed from this position.

Chapter Bylaws Update: Dan Sabatino and Ken Greenhill are drafting proposed revisions to the bylaws.

Student Section Bylaws: Mark Hopkins, the section (OSU) bylaws will be updated by the end of the year.

GOSH Update: Char Dolan reports the on-line registration is going well. **Dan Sabatino** said that there are 44 vendors signed up and asked for help from the membership.

Sponsorship: Dave Parsons has had to find more help on this committee due to life changes with the original members.

Scholarships: Mark Hopkins stated that there is a conversation with the OSU Foundation to add Judy Reschke's name as an "Honor Person" on the ASSE Scholarship.

Char Dolan stated that someone has the Chapter's manual credit card machine and we've lost touch with it. If anyone remembers or know where it might be PLEASE let Char know.

The full text of the minutes from the Chapter Executive Committee meeting and the section meeting can be viewed on the Chapter website: www.assecwc.org.

Volunteers Needed for OPB Television Pledge Drive

ASSE members and OR-OSHA have teamed up again for an OPB pledge drive scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2002, 7:15pm-11:15pm. This event provides an opportunity for us to show our support of OPB's quality programming and promote the 2003 Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) Conference.

The scheduled T.V. programming is John Denver and we anticipate a large viewing audience. This is the second time ASSE has participated in this event and it promises to be as fun an event as the one we participated in during the year 2000. To volunteer please register through our event liaison, Tony Howard (503) 799-3916, or at Tony-Howard@hoffmancorp.com. Please provide your shirt size when registering as we intend for all to wear "GOSH 2003" apparel during the programming.

Because there is limited availability, registrants should register early and will be confirmed on a first-come/first-serve basis! Don't miss this fun chapter activity!



Michael Schwartzkoph and Dan Sabatino

Schwartzkoph Honored

The CWC honored Michael Schwartzkoph at the November membership meeting for 25 years of continued service and membership in ASSE.

Michael is a Loss Control Account Specialist for St. Paul Insurance Company and holds the CSP and ARM certifications. Congratulations, Michael, and thank you for your ongoing commitment to safety!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVING

The Chapter holiday giving fund now stands at \$159.50. This money comes from the sale of tickets from the 50/50 raffle held during the membership meeting. Bruce Conrad sells the tickets and delivers the chapter donations. Those who would like to donate toys or \$\$\$ to needy children in the Portland area, please bring either or both to the December membership meeting and "Elf" Bruce will transport all toys and proceeds to the Portland area "Toy and Joy Makers" in the name of ASSE/CWC.

HELP PROMOTE OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

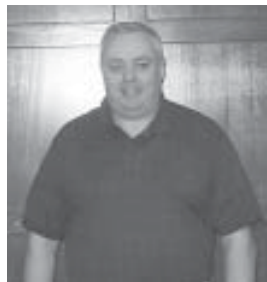
The Columbia-Willamette Chapter offers two scholarships to college students pursuing careers in the Safety, Health and Environmental professions. Both scholarships are funded through endowments established by the chapter to honor past chapter members. The Oregon State University Foundation invests and manages the accounts; the interest earned

provides the funds needed for each scholarship award. The chapter's Scholarship Committee promotes both scholarships, selects recipients and administers the scholarships.

The Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship honors Jack Durkin, Tom McMahon and Walter Thorsell. It is awarded annually to Oregon and Washington students seeking a B.S. degree. Up to \$1,500 may be awarded.

The ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter Leadership Scholarship honors Ray Beeler, Jack Durkin, Burton Harris, Thomas McMahon, Walter Thorsell and George Wolnez. It is awarded annually to Oregon and Washington students seeking a B.S. or A.S. degree. Up to \$750 may be awarded.

Applications are due April 30th. Selection criteria, blank applications and submittal information may be obtained by clicking on the Scholarship tab at the chapter website, www.assecwc.org, or contact Mark Hopkins at markh@e-c-co.com.



Gary McQuown

Chapter Member Receives Safety Award

Columbia-Willamette member **Gary McQuown** has received the **2002 SMOHIT Safety Matters Award** for outstanding contributions in expanding health and safety for his employer, Arctic Sheet Metal, Portland, Oregon. Gary works hard to ensure that health and safety practices are being met on the job every day. He puts out a weekly toolbox talk newsletter to all crew, delivers quality on-site safety training (Gary is a qualified OSHA 10 instructor), regularly visits and inspects jobs, thoroughly investigates all incidents and injuries. Gary also chairs the Columbia Chapter SMACNA Safety Committee, actively promoting industry safety and health training. Congratulations, Gary!

Mt. St. Helens Section Holiday Activities

The section will hold their annual Holiday Party, Wednesday, December 13, 2002 at the Oak Tree restaurant in Woodland, Washington. The Holiday Party will begin at 6:00 pm with a no-host social and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Contact Chris Carlson (chris.carlson@clark.wa.gov) if you are interested in attending.

Santiam Section Plans Gift Exchange

The Santiam Section plans a white elephant gift exchange at their breakfast meeting, December 3, 2002 at the Change of Seasons Restaurant. The meeting begins at 7:10 AM and this month, the section will provide a continental breakfast for all those attending. The speaker will be Michelle Devereaus, from Business Masters and she will discuss Effective Meeting Planning.

Kimberly Gamble Chapter SPY Winner

Past President Barbara Aguon awarded Kimberly Gamble the chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award at the November membership meeting. Kimberly is the Health and Safety Director at Andersen Construction and is an active member of the safety community. Kimberly is the past chair of the Construction Safety Summit, and Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the GOSH. She was elected last year to represent the Columbia Willamette Chapter at the House of Delegates. In addition, Kimberly serves on the PCC Advisory Board.



Barbara Aguon and Kimberly Gamble

Key Dates to Remember December

3	Tue	Santiam Section Meeting; Change of Season 7:15am
4	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting; Red Lion, Kelso-Noon
6	Fri	CWC Brown Bag Lunch
9	Mon	Chapter Meeting, Sweetbriar Inn 11:30
13	Fri	Mt. St. Helens Holiday Party; Oak Tree Restaurant 6:00
24	Tue	CWC E-Committee - Elmer's 7:30am

January

10	Fri	CWC Brown Bag Lunch
7	Tue	Santiam Section Meeting; Change of Season 7:15am
8	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting; Red Lion, Kelso - Noon
13	Mon	Chapter Meeting, Sweetbriar Inn 11:30
16	Thu	Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting; Red Lion Kelso 7:30am
16	Thu	Cost of Accidents and Controlling Worker Comp Cost Work Shop 8:00am - Noon Red Lion Kelso
28	Tue	CWC E-Committee - Elmer's 7:30am
28	Tue	CSS Board Meeting Quizmo's 10:30am
28	Tue	CSS Meeting JJ North's 11:30

February

4	Tue	Santiam Section Meeting; Change of Season 7:15am
5	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting; Red Lion, Kelso - Noon
7	Fri	CWC Brown Bag Lunch
10	Mon	Central Oregon safety Conference - Bend
10	Mon	Chapter Meeting, Sweetbriar Inn 11:30
20	Fri	Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting; Red Lion Kelso 7:30am
25	Tue	CWC E-Committee - Elmer's 7:30am
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A Word from Our President...

The Art of Effective Bargaining

Whoever penned the phrase, "We the willing, lead by the unknowing, are doing the impossible, for the ungrateful. We have done so much, for so long, with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing", must have been a safety professional. All levity aside, the job of a safety professional often takes on the role of negotiator or bargaining agent. Here are a few steps that have proven successful:

1. Be clear, in your own mind, of exactly what you're after.
2. Do your homework. Be fully prepared to discuss every aspect and respond to every question and comment.
3. Be persistent. Don't expect to win the first time. Your first job is to start the other person thinking.
4. Make friends with the person with whom you are bargaining. Put your bargaining in terms of his or her needs, advantages, and benefits.
5. Keep your sense of humor.

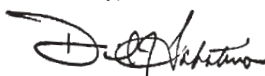
We often get exasperated because we can't fix it all at once. This only causes frustration and stress, which make us less effective in the ongoing task of safety improvement. It all boils down to knowing: 1) What you want, 2) What it will look like when you get it, and 3) What you are willing to do, say, or act like to make it happen.

The safety of others is worth investing time in learning how to deal with those obstacles along the way.

Welcome to all the new faces we are seeing at the chapter lunch meetings. It is very encouraging to see so many of our members networking and enjoying/rekindling professional relationships. Spread the word... and join your peers for a great lunch!

Quote for the Safety Professional: "The true test of a first-rate mind is the ability to hold two contradictory ideas at the same time." *F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)*

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Sabatino



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Welcome to the Eighth Annual

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Our Next Brown-Bag Lunch Meeting will be held at:

at **Buster's Barb B Que**, 11419 SW Pacific Hwy. in Tigard.

On:

December 6, 2002, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The subject will be:

Causes and Prevention of Firearm Related Incidents

Our Speaker will be Tony Burt from the Oregon Department of Fish and Game. This is an important subject because it impacts so many of us. Some of us have seen near misses or suffered from the tragic results of firearms accidents. Come listen and learn how to prevent such tragedies.

Questions?

Contact Mike Benjamin by e-mail at benji473@aol.com



**Welcome to the
Eighth Annual
Brown Bag Lunch Series**

January 10, 2003

at

Buster's BBQ

**11419 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigard, OR**

**How Safety Professionals Can Successfully Deal With
Different Personality Types**

Speaker: David Polland, Polland Seminars.

It is increasingly important to make that personal contact to conduct business. We sell ourselves in the safety and health profession. It is imperative to understand our customer. Successful meetings and negotiations are based on quality communications. Come and hear David explain how successful communications can make a difference.

Questions?

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