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Volunteers are the Key to our
Success

Members Honor Laveryne Gray

At our April chapter meeting, members of the Columbia Willamette Chapter honored Laveryne Gray for her 13 years of work with Oregon OSHA. Laveryne was the conference coordinator. She coordinated the GOSH Conference, the Southern Oregon Conference, the Cascade Conference and health and safety conferences for various trade groups.

Under Laveryne's tenure, the GOSH Conference grew to be one of the premier safety conferences in the nation. We wish Laveryne the best in her retirement.

NEXT CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, May 12, 2003

Sweetbriar Inn 11:30am - 1:30pm

7125 SW Nyberg Rd. Tualatin

Speaker: Scott Moss, Risk Manager, Metro

Overview of the principles of risk management techniques and profession.

With CPCU, ARM, and ALCM designations, Scott works as risk manager for Metro, a regional government in Portland. At metro, he handles risk management, benefits, contracts, purchasing, facilities, and special projects, including a \$116 million dollar addition to the Oregon Convention Center. He has taught ARM 56 for the past 11 years. Scott has served as president of Oregon Chapters of PRIMA and RIMS. He was honored by national RIMS in 1992 for advancing the risk management profession and by Oregon PRIMA in 2000 for outstanding risk manager.

Santiam Section

By Charlie Crawford

Beginning May 6, 2003 the Santiam Section will be changing the location of our meetings to:

Chalet Restaurant
3875 Market Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

This location is one block east of I-5 on Market.

Our speaker at the May meeting will be Paul Spindel and his topic will be communications. We will also hold our section officer elections at the meeting and discuss possible PDC topics.

Region Elects Vice President

ASSE members in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii elected Jack Iriart, from Bakersfield, California as the new Region 1 Vice President. Mr. Iriart will take office July 1 when the second term of Region 1 Vice President Brian Clarke expires.

Congratulations to our St. Helens' Section!

The latest issue of ASSE Society Update is out, and on page 16 it lists the St. Helens Section Chairman and Chairman-Elect on the Presidents Club Honor Roll, for having sponsored 2-3 new members since April 1, 2002. Congratulations to Dick Fabbro and Chris Carlson for helping to make our Columbia-Willamette Chapter a stronger organization each year.



Laird Blanchard presenting Dennis Murphey, DEQ Administrator of the Umatilla Depot a Certificate of Appreciation after his interesting presentation at the April Membership Meeting.

Officer Installation Activities Scheduled

By David Parsons

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14th. This is the date we have set for the installation banquet for new officers. The banquet and special evening festivities will begin at 5:30pm with a no host social at Mt. View Golf Course in Boring, OR. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00pm. We plan on having a lot of fun this year starting with a 9-hole golf tournament the afternoon before evening activities. Trophies will be given for the best teams. We would like to have a golf contest between the Santiam Section, the Mt. St. Helens Section, the Construction Safety Summit, and the Chapter. I think it will be a good time for all. Please watch for the separate flyer coming out with more details. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Dan Sabatino presents Laveryne Gray, GOSH Conference Coordinator a retirement gift.

Improving Member Services

Starting with this issue of Safety Emphasis, flyers for the brown bag lunch, CSS and other attachments will be emailed individually. This should make downloading easier. If your Safety Emphasis arrives by regular mail the flyers will be included.

Update on Chapter Elections

The ballots are counted and results are below. The nominations committee and incoming President, Dave Parsons would like to extend our appreciation for the effort of all candidates who volunteered to serve the Chapter. Incoming Officers for 2003-04 are:

President, *Dave Parsons*
President-Elect, *Laird Blanchard*
Vice President, (see note below)
Treasurer, *Jill Ross*
Secretary, *Jamal AbuSneineh*
Delegates at Large, *Michelle Potter, Char Dolan*
House Delegates, *Tony Howard, John Remmers*

We are seeking nominations for Chapter Vice President. One of the candidates listed on the ballot withdrew from the election for business reasons, after ballots were mailed. This invalidated the election for this office.

Please send or call your nomination, of self or another, to the nominations committee chair, Barbara Augon, as soon as possible. barbaraa@ci.portland.or.us 503-823-5478.

Voting for this important position will take place at the May 12 membership meeting. Plan to attend to cast your important vote!

April Brown Bag A Success

Our April brown bag presentation was both fun and rewarding. We learned about the many types of driver training services Pro Drive Driving School offers at Portland International Raceway. Courses include the Driver Safety Course utilizing the Pro Drive SkidCars, and its benefits to businesses and organizations in helping prevent employee automobile accidents. Plus, a few driving tips for handling winter/wet road conditions and an opportunity to take a ride in a Pro Drive SkidCar!

The presenter was Todd Harris, a professional racecar driver and President of Pro Drive Driving School. Pro Drive was founded in 1987 to provide advanced driver training using modern teaching methods and technology.



Oregon OSHA, along with occupational safety and health partners throughout the state, would like businesses in every industry to take part in the first "Safety Break for Oregon" on Wednesday May 14. Businesses can mark the event in a number of ways aimed at educating community members that safety and health in the workplace can keep your business strong during a changing economy.

The idea for the event comes from industry members that advise Oregon OSHA. "Several industry partners suggested a great way to raise awareness about workplace safety in Oregon would be having businesses in the state take a fifteen minute break to talk about safety," says Kevin Weeks, public information officer for Oregon OSHA. "What emerged from this idea of taking a 'Break for Safety' is to choose a day where the entire state can recognize how important it is to work safely, and make the investment in workplace safety and health management. It is what keeps people coming home safely at the end of the day."

Oregon OSHA is providing assistance to help employers create an event in their workplace, but how the event is observed is up to partners. "This campaign is driven by the employers across the state who agree to take part in the event," says Weeks. An "Event Outreach Kit" is available on the Oregon OSHA Web site, www.orosha.org, to help employers and workers think

about ways they can host an event. The kit is also full of great ideas to help answer the question "what should I do and where do I start?" and provides talking points to help launch a conversation about safety in your workplace.

For questions about the Safety Break for Oregon call (503) 947-7428.

North American Safety and Health Week

DES PLAINES, IL (March 5, 2003) – "Got Safety?" writes nine-year-old Noah Bagget of Corona, CA on his American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week poster entry. That's what ASSE members along with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) and their partners will be promoting, safety, during the annual NAOSH week this May 4-10. Arming young workers with workplace safety knowledge and information to use as they enter the workplace will also be a focus of NAOSH.

"Nearly 200,000 young workers in the U.S. are injured each year in occupational settings and approximately 70 teens under the age of 18 years are fatally injured while at work," ASSE President Mark D. Hansen, P.E., CSP, said today in announcing these new efforts. "Educating young workers and children as well as adults on the ins and outs of workplace safety and health and arming them with the knowledge they need to be able to discern between a safe and unsafe workplace will help in preventing future fatalities and injuries in the workplace."

For NAOSH week ASSE will have available a free "New Workers' Guide to Workplace Safety" brochure, posters, and fact sheets providing valuable information for new workers and employers on workplace safety, health and the environment.

As part of the NAOSH celebration and in an effort to educate young children on just what workplace safety means, ASSE held its first-ever "Safety on the Job" poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews for those aged five through 12. Winners selected from four age groups will receive a \$1,000 savings bond and the runners-up will receive gift certificates. The winners, those who best illustrate safety on the job, will be announced in March.

"We believe this poster contest helps ASSE members educate their children on how valuable their work is to the general public and to their own safety," Hansen continued. "Today, millions of people go to and return home from work safely every day due, in part, to the efforts of many unsung heroes – the occupational safety, health and environmental professionals who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety advances in all industries and at all workplaces, thereby reducing workplace fatalities and injuries."

NAOSH week is another tool ASSE, CSSE and its members use to increase the understanding of the positive benefits of investing in occupational safety, health and environmental programs among employers, employees and the public. ASSE and CSSE encourage all companies and organizations to tap into federal, state, local and non-profit resources, such as www.asse.org, and expertise available to learn about occupational safety, health and environmental programs and best practices.

Key Dates to Remember May

2	Fri	Brown Bag Lunch
6	Tue	Santiam Section Meeting Chalet Rest. 7:15 am
12	Mon	CWC Chapter Meeting: Sweetbriar Inn - 11:30
15	Thur	Robert Pater Seminar 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Water Resource Center Vancouver
27	Tue	CWC E-Committee Elmer's 7:30 a.m.
27	Tue	CSS Board Meeting: JJ North's 10:30 a.m.
27	Tue	CSS Seminar: Job Search Resources JJ North's 11:30 a.m.
June		
14	Sat	Installation Banquet and Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendar!

June 14th

Golf and Installation Banquet

Don't forget to check the chapter website

www.assecwc.org

to find meeting minutes, job information
and other valuable information...



LESSONS LEARNED

It is always important to periodically reflect upon what you have learned and give credit to those that have been instrumental in your continual development as a safety professional.

With this in mind, I feel it is important to say thank you to those that have helped me grow this year as President of the Chapter and share what they have taught me.

- Commitment – Dave Parsons – Dave never ceases to amaze me in his ability to complete assignments and take a leadership role in many areas of Chapter activities. His untiring commitment is an inspiration to us all.

- Accepting a Challenge – Laird Blanchard – Laird took a big step filling in after the vacancy in the VP position knowing full well he would be playing catch for the remainder of the term.

- Overcoming Obstacles – Char Dolan – We all have crisis in our lives and I wouldn't dare to compare one with another, but Char has met hers head on and maintained her compassion and commitment through times many of us hope to never face.

- Common Sense – Karen Blythe – Karen is one of my favorite sounding boards within our Chapter. I may not like her answer every time but I can always count on her giving me her honest opinion. I respect that.

- Looking at all sides of the issue – Brian Clarke – Many times I get caught up in the heat of the moment and have to reflect on Brian's style of problem solving. He has taught me to always try to walk in the others shoes before I make a decision.

- Patience – Jill Jones – Jill is one of the few in recent years that has started at the bottom of the chairs and is working her way up to learn all she could about the ASSE. With this kind of patience, I feel she will make an excellent President for the Chapter when she gets there.

These are but a few that have impacted my life this year and I want to thank them and all the others I do not have space to list.

Quote for the Safety Professional..."If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there." *Will Rogers*

Sincerely,

Daniel Sabatino



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