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October Meeting Presentation

Joint Meeting with AIHA

Speaker: Kathy Lavaty, CSP, CIH, Clayton Group Services

Topic: AIHA Safety Committee Update and Role Discussion

****Note: There will not be a Brown Bag Lunch in October.
The Brown Bag will return in November****

Next Meeting

October 13, 2003

Sweetbrier Inn 11:30am - 1:30pm

7125 SW Nyberg Rd, Tualatin

ASSE National Speaker at Columbia Willamette PDC

Don't miss this chance to hear Carla Rea, Manager of Chapter Services October 3, 2003. Ms. Rea will present "Closing the Gap: Generational Aptitude Progressive Training" in a half day seminar from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. Attendees can earn .3 CEU's. The seminar will be held at the NECA Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way. For more information call Karen Blythe (503)665-1149.

Following the seminar Ms. Rea will be presenting a Leadership Training for members interested in learning more about being a leader in the safety profession. If you are currently an officer or are considering running for an chapter or section office this training will be very valuable. And of course if you would just like information about being a successful leader you are welcome to attend.

The Leadership Training will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 at the NECA Training Center. Contact David Parsons if you would like to attend.

***Volunteers are the Key to our
Success***



Past President Dan Sabatino presenting Bruce Poinsette the 2003 Safety Professional of the Year Award

**COLUMBIA WILLAMETTE CHAPTER
- ASSE
2003 Chapter Safety Professional
of the Year
Bruce R. Poinsette**

The Columbia Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers takes great pleasure in presenting its 2003 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award to Bruce R. Poinsette.

Bruce has been a Safety Professional since 1973, when he began working for the Oregon Accident Prevention Division (APD). He served as a safety compliance officer until 1982 in construction, public agencies and general industry where he gained a wide and diverse knowledge and experience in occupational safety and health. In 1982 he transferred into the consultative section of APD/OR-OSHA, where he served Oregon business and labor until 1986.

Moving to Liberty Northwest in 1986, Bruce continued working as a safety consultant until 1989 when he took a position with Associated General Contractors (AGC). Currently employed in this capacity, he continues to provide safety and health consultative services to numerous contractors in the Portland metropolitan area.

Bruce has been an active member of ASSE since 1982. In his 21 years with the Columbia Willamette Chapter he has consistently stepped forward to participate and serve the chapter. Among many of his contributions, Bruce has served as Delegate-at-Large, Vice President, President Elect, and most notably, as the Chapter President for two consecutive terms from 1995-1997. In addition, he has been active in the Governmental Affairs Committee, Capitol Coffee

Break, I-5 Rest-stop Safe Driver Campaign and the VICA Student Competition. In conjunction with chapter activities, he has been a frequent contributor to the Oregon GOSH Conference and continues to serve on the executive committee. The Construction Safety Summit also benefits from Bruce's participation and involvement.

An active member of his community, Bruce is active in the Rotary International and is a past president of the Southeast Portland Rotary. He has presented safety topics to the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs. A member of the Ainsworth United Church of Christ, he serves on the church council. Bruce is married to Willie, a busy person in her own right as the principal of Robert Gray Middle School. They are the proud parents of Bruce Jr., who is 14 years old.

Bruce's commitment, dedication, professionalism and contribution bring great credit to the safety profession, the Columbia Willamette Chapter and the Portland community. His selection as the 2003 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year is well deserved. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to Bruce and his family.

Article submitted by Al Arguedas

Air Museum Provides Unique Backdrop for Meeting

On May 15, The **Mt. St. Helens Section** conducted their 2003 Professional Development Conference and enlisted the help of one of our Chapter's most famous safety consultants. **Robert Pater** nationally known author and safety professional gave a full days presentation on techniques he has developed to help corporations deal with accident repetition and directing attention for injury prevention and safety culture.

On breaks, the forty attendees were treated to inspecting historical aircraft from the pre-30's and 40's. This fortunate turn of events happened when the Vancouver Water Resource Center had inadvertently double booked their plush meeting facility. As an alternative location they offered the meeting room at the Air Museum. It was just the right size and acoustics, except for the few times there was a whistle on the speaker system when a plane was landing. By the way, the planes are restored to immaculate condition. The placards with each exhibit explain the history of that particular plane or use of WWI observation balloons. The exhibit even has the world's smallest piloted plane. Eat your heart out Smithsonian.

This author will not try to detail all of the significant safety information we learned at the conference, only to say that when you get a chance to attend one of Mr. Pater's seminars, you will come away with an appreciation of a proven safety program with statistics to back it up.

The PDC was coordinated by Vice Chairman James Bobst, with generous help from Delegate John Remmers and Chairman Elect Chris Carlson with an excellent ASSE introduction by Section Chairman Richard F. Fabbro, CSP.

Article submitted by: Fred R. Caron, CSP, former Chapter President and current Section Secretary.



Dr. Javid Mohtasham, and students Bruce Stanton, and John Brandsberg being recognized by the Gresham City Council.

On September 2, 2003 two student members from Mt. Hood Community College and Dr. Javid Mohtasham, Coordinator of Mt Hood Community College's Environment Health and Safety program were recognized and presented certificates from the City of Gresham for an outstanding job and school project (a Phase I Assessment) they completed for the City of Gresham.

2003 Recipients of Chapter Scholarships

By Mark Hopkins

The chapter awarded its scholarships for the upcoming school year to two outstanding students. The Walter G. Thorsell Scholarship was awarded to Shannon Wong of Oregon State University. Shannon, a senior, will receive \$1,500 toward her pursuit of a B.S. degree in Safety Studies. The ASSE Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Marie A. Allen of Mt. Hood Community College. Marie, a sophomore, will receive \$750 toward her pursuit of an A.S. degree in safety management.

Congratulations to both.



Pete DeLuca and David Parsons

Pete DeLuca, Administrator of Oregon OSHA and David Parsons, President of the Columbia Willamette Chapter shake hands following the signing of the GOSH 2005 Partnership Agreement. And now the work begins in preparation of the largest safety educational event in Oregon for 2005. The conference takes a year and one half to plan and requires the work of hundreds of volunteers from the Columbia Willamette Chapter. Members of the Cascade Chapter and Southern Oregon Chapter also volunteer. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact David Parsons at (503) 789-4736.

Winter Safety Tips if Electricity is Out

CPSC Warns of Dangers from Generators and Candles
WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission warns of dangers from generators, candles, and other products that might be used if Hurricane Isabel knocks out electricity. The commission offers these safety tips:

- * Never use a generator indoors or in a garage.. Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide which can be deadly if inhaled. Use a portable generator outdoors in a dry, ventilated area away from attached garages or air intakes to the house. Do not store gasoline in the basement or in an attached garage where gasoline fumes could be ignited. CPSC has more details about safe use of generators at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/>

[portgend.html](#)

- * Plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy-duty outdoor-rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load.

- * Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet. Do not turn on damaged electrical appliances because of the hazards of electric shock or fire.

- * Never use charcoal indoors because burning charcoal gives off carbon monoxide.

- * Make sure the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm are fresh. Test these alarms to make sure they are working.

- * Exercise caution in the use of candles. Use flashlights instead. If you use candles, do not put them on or near anything that will burn. Never leave burning candles unattended. Douse candles when you leave the room.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

News From National

Submitted by Dan Sabatino

ASSE Career Center:

When searching for highly-skilled safety, health and environmental

candidates, top companies turn to the American Society of Safety Engineers' Online Career Center. ASSE's career site is updated regularly so active job seekers look at it frequently when searching for a job. Details at <http://members.asse.org/careercenter-intro.asp>

NEW - ASSE now offers the ability to pay your dues ONLINE.

Keep up to date, and current with your Profession. Visit <http://members.asse.org> and login today for details.

Member-get-a-member campaign:

Recruit a new ASSE member by March 31 and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a big screen television, home entertainment system, \$1,000 shopping spree on Amazon.com, digital camera or palm pilot. Each time you recruit a member you earn a chance to win. For more details go to <http://www.asse.org/makeaconnection.htm>

Construction Symposium:

Horrific construction tragedies happen every day, costing billions in lost productivity, higher workers' compensation, and insurance costs. Reduce these losses and improve safety performance in your organization by attending The Construction Safety Leadership Symposium find out what works, October 16-17, 2003 in New Orleans. Register online at <http://www.asse.org/frcon03.htm>

Applied Ergo Conference:

ASSE is pleased to announce that we are an official co-sponsor of the 7th Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference to be held in Orlando, FL, March 8-11, 2004. ASSE members receive a discounted registration fee for this conference. For more information on the conference visit <http://www.appliedergo.org>

Mold Remediation:

ACGIH will be hosting an upcoming symposium on mold remediation, November 3-5 in Orlando, FL. To learn more visit <http://www.acgih.org>

Key Dates to Remember October

7	Tue	Santiam membership meeting - 7:10am Chalet Restaurant
1	Wed	Mt. St. Helen E-Board - 12:00pm Oak Tree Restaurant
13	Mon	CWC Chapter Meeting Sweetbriar Inn 11:30am -1:00pm
16	Thur	Santiam E-Board Meeting - 4:00pm Marion Polk Building Industry Bldg
16	Thur	Mt St Helens Memberhsip Mtg - 7:30 Oak Tree Restaurant
28	Tue	CWC E Committee 7:30am Elmers Sandy Blvd.

November

4	Tue	Santiam membership meeting - 7:10am Chalet Restaurant
5	Wed	Mt. St Helen's E Board 12:00 Oak Tree Restuarant
10	Mon	Membership Meeting Columbia Willamette Chapter - Sweetbriar 11:30
20	Thur	Mt St Helens membership Mtg - 7:30 Oack Tree Restuarant
20	Thur	Santiam E Board Meeting - 4:00 Marion Polk Building Industry Bldg
25	Tue	CWC E Committee Meeting Elmers 7:30am

Be sure to check out the webpage
<http://www.assecwc.org> for Chapter
and Section bylaws, minutes, an-
nouncements, and job listings, etc.



A Word from Our President...

Welcome to another exciting month with
the greatest chapter in the Pacific North-
west.

First of all, I would like to thank the
following members for stepping up and
volunteering to run for the vacant offices
we had in our Chapter. President Elect:
Kimberly Gamble and Mike Benjamin.
Delegate at Large: Lee Briney, Jolene
Rondeau and Bruce Conrad. Even though
only two were elected they're all winners
in my book. Join me in welcoming Kim-
berly Gamble as our new President-Elect
and Bruce Conrad as our new Delegate at Large.



We're hard at work planning of the 2005 GOSH Conference
which will be held February 28- March 3, 2005. One item of
discussion at our E-Committee Meetings is selecting a theme
and color scheme. Starting now to October 31, 2003 the E-
Committee will be sponsoring a contest. The person or persons
who select the winning theme and color scheme will be
awarded free admission into the 2005 GOSH Conference. Their
names will also be publicized in conference materials and also
recognized at the opening of the conference. Please forward all
entrees to: Dave Parsons, Columbia-Willamette Chapter, PO
Box 6556, Portland, OR 97228.

Be sure to register for the October 3 PDC entitled; "Close the
Gap, Generational Aptitude Progressive Training". Ms. Carla
Rea, Manager of Chapter Services is our presenter. Later that
afternoon on a Leadership Presentation is being offered by Ms.
Rea. This presentation is also open to all members. Look on
the front page for more information.

Sincerely

David R. Parsons, President
ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter

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