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

Dr. Veltri Slated as Meeting Speaker

Dr. Anthony Veltri is an associate professor at Oregon State University Department of Health. He is the program director for the University's Environmental Health and Safety Program curriculum. In addition to his university duties Dr. Veltri has consulted for many of the leading companies in the aerospace and semiconductor industries. He holds a Doctorate of Science in Occupational Safety and Health from the University of West Virginia. His latest research and publications center on the principle cost drivers associated with safety, health and environment within the workplace.

**Next Membership Meeting
December 8, 2003**

Sweetbrier Inn • 11:30am - 1:00pm

7125 SW Nyberg Rd, Tualatin

Meeting Topic: OSU's New Curriculum

The New ESH Graduate Level Curriculum: Creating a Compelling Learning Experience. This presentation will focus on the new Ph.D., M.S., and Graduate Certificate Programs in Environmental Health and Safety at Oregon State University. Special attention will be placed on the rationale for the change, the curriculum strategy and structure and sample of the course titles, descriptions, and instructional content areas. In addition, a model depicting a unique tools set for making the business case for ESH will be presented.

Brown Bag Lunch: December 5, 2003

Pendelton Woolen Mill

Washougal, Washington

(see flyer for details)

ASSE Foundation

**by Karl A. Jacobson
CSP Chair**

ASSE Foundation

Each year the ASSE Foundation supports the advancement of the safety, health and environmental professions through grants for scholarships, research, fellowships and professional development.

This year the Foundation will award nearly \$120,000 thanks to the support of generous ASSE members, chapters, regions and corporations.

Specifically, programs include:

- More than \$70,000 in scholarships
- More than \$2,500 in professional development grants for ASSE members;
- Two research fellowships; candidates will study at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety during summer 2004;
- Research grants - recently funded studies include research aimed at fall prevention and safety communication in non-English speaking equipment operators;
- Funding for the ASSE Student Leadership Conference;
- Funding for the Career Guide to the Safety Profession; Second Edition Programs like these need your help. Show your commitment to the SH&E professions. Invest \$50, or any amount that you would like to give. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to receiving your response soon.

For more information on ASSE Foundation programs, visit our website at www.asse.org/foundat.htm

2003 ASSE Leadership Conference

by Kimberly Gamble

Recently I had the privilege of attending the 2003 ASSE Leadership Conference in Rosemont, IL as the President-Elect of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter. The leadership conference opened with a welcome from Skipper Kendrick, ASSE President and a mini-leadership session led by Carl Koetter of Koetter Training Resources. Mr. Koetter provided a brief, yet informative presentation on leadership secrets for volunteer staff including some insightful thoughts as to why people join volunteer organizations. During Skipper Kendrick's overview of society structure I found his definition of who we are as an organization quite interesting. Skipper described ASSE members as the owners, customers, and workforce. I thought this to be a terrific starting point for ASSE's leadership conference. This cemented, for me anyway, that ASSE is and always will be what, we the members, make it.

The remainder of the conference was split into different breakout sessions to allow attendees to focus on their own chapter interests. One of the most interesting, and helpful sessions I attended was "Building the Local Team" for large chapters. The purpose of this session was to facilitate an idea exchange regarding member development, retention and recognition and other best practices, but it also brought out the positive things associated with being a member of ASSE. Other helpful sessions included the President/President-Elect Track, Strategic Planning, and the Roundtables.

Why attend a meeting?

During the "Building the Local Team", session at the Leadership Conference it became clear to me why I remain active in our local

ASSE chapter. There are many different reasons why people join a volunteer organization such as ASSE. Personal reasons may include peer group understanding, networking, feedback, and communication with other safety professionals. The professional reasons for becoming active in ASSE include the opportunity to expand your knowledge, obtain CEUs/COCs/CM points, find a job or find a colleague looking for a job, remain current with technology, governmental affairs and best practices in safety or perhaps meet potential clients. There are moral reasons for ASSE membership as safety professionals have a code of ethics, which, unfortunately may be challenged from time to time and there are definitely morale reasons for becoming active in ASSE. As a member of ASSE, you are not alone, you have approximately 29,999 other colleagues who at one time or another in their career may have experienced just what you are going through at whatever your moment of need is. So if you haven't attended an ASSE meeting or function in awhile, come on out and join your colleagues. As Skipper Kendrick pointed out during the leadership conference, you are ASSE's customers, workforce and owners.



Buck Cameron, Center for Workers Rights, Speaker at the November Membership Meeting

GOSH EXECUTIVE MEETING

by Kimberly Gamble

The GOSH 2005 Executive Committee held a recent meeting at the Oregon Convention Center. The focus this month was to meet with all of the committee chairpersons and co-chairpersons. The meeting began with a tour that even included a preview of the wonderful artwork in the upstairs ladies restrooms and the meeting room with a bird's eye view of the exhibit hall and truly, comfortable ergonomic chairs. The purpose of the tour was to provide the committee leaders a preview of the new portion of the convention center, which is where the next GOSH conference will be held. Following the tour the committee met to discuss set up options such as where the registration booth(s) and award and sponsorship banners could be placed. The OR-OSHA - ASSE CWC GOSH partnership agreement and conference guides were reviewed with all committee chairs/co-chairs. Dave Parsons provided a power point presentation emphasizing committee roles and responsibilities. Our local ASSE Chapter members play a vital role in the planning of the GOSH conference. We are always in need of volunteers to assist with the successful planning and implementation of the GOSH conference. The following is a list of the GOSH committee leaders. If you have a lead for an exhibitor, sponsor, speaker, or program topic or would like to volunteer please contact the appropriate committee leader.

Thank you.

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ASSE Invited to Joint Meeting

by Chris Navotny

RIMS is scheduling a joint meeting of their association, ASSE and CPCU Society. The meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2004 at 11:30. The meeting will be a discussion of the Interstate MAX light rail project, including a discussion of Owner Controlled Insurance programs and creating a safety culture on a large project. We will take a private tour of the new alignment in one of the new light rail vehicles. This tour is prior to revenue start up for the line, which is scheduled for May 2. The lunch will be served at the Rose Garden. The RIMS board is very interested in fostering a closer relationship with ASSE. We hope you are able to join us at this first joint meeting. Mark your

calendar and watch for more information about this exciting joint meeting!

Santiam Section News

by Alan Samarin

The Santiam Section November meeting included a presentation by Cheryl Arpan, Risk Manager for Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. Her topic was "Laser Safety." For those of you who might not be aware of this, the word LASER is an acronym for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation". The presentation provided some insight on this interesting topic as well as provided good information regarding laser safety.

A joint meeting was held with the OSU Student ASSE Section on November 6th in Corvallis. Although the undergraduate program in Occupational Health and Safety will be discontinued at the end of the Spring '04 term, this Section is very active on the campus. They asked the Santiam Section to host a meeting in Corvallis after the first of the year.

The December meeting of the Section will be on December 2 at the Chalet Restaurant in Salem at 7:10 AM. We will have the annual gift exchange and breakfast hosted by the Section

Mt. St. Helens Activities

Executive Board Mtg; 12/3/03 (12:00 pm -1:00 pm) Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland Washington
Holiday Party - 12/6/03 (6:00 pm - ??) Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland Washington. Invitations will be coming out soon.

**Key Dates to Remember
December**

2	Tue	Santiam membersip meeting - 7:10am Chalet Restaurant
3	Wed	Mt. St. Helen E-Board - 12:00pm Oak Tree Restaurant
8	Mon	CWC Chapter Meeting Sweetbriar Inn 11:30am -1:00pm
18	Thur	Santiam E-Board Meeting - 4:00pm Marion Polk Building Industry Bldg
18	Thur	Mt St Helens Memberhsip Mtg - 7:30 Charlie's, Longview
25	Thur	Happy Holiday
January		
6	Tue	Santiam membership meeting - 7:10am Chalet Restaurant
7	Wed	Mt. St Helen's E Board 12:00 Oak Tree Restuarant
12	Mon	Membership Meeting Columbia Willamette Chapter - Sweetbriar 11:30
15	Thur	Mt St Helens membership Mtg - 7:30 Charlies
15	Thur	Santiam E Board Meeting - 4:00 Marion Polk Building Industry Bldg
27	Tue	CWC Executive Committee Mtg 7:30 am Elmers

Be sure to check out the webpage www.assecwc.org for Chapter and Section bylaws, minutes, announcements, and job listings, etc.

Congratulations

Gordon Kroemer
for recently
passing his CSP exam.

A Word from Our President...

President's Message – December 2003



Over the past month I have heard of many accidents including two that resulted in fatalities. It seems that some companies have cut back on safety and loss control. Investigating any type of accident is always challenging, especially when a fatality is involved. When I'm on the job, I still hear things like; "The cost of safety is too high." " We have to get the job done." and "We are behind schedule so let's hurry and get it done."

An effective loss control program has a positive effect on the company's bottom line. When loss exposures are minimized, operating efficiency is improved and costs are reduced. This is the best way to increase your company's profits. The cost of workplace accidents is high because there are costs associated with every workplace accident. Insured costs include time loss and medical benefits. Uninsured costs are somewhat hidden but typically have a major impact on profits. They include: Direct loss of time, Indirect loss of time, Damaged tools and equipment, Contingent costs.

The most important element of a successful program is management commitment. When management demonstrates genuine interest in accident prevention and a safe and healthy workplace, supervisors and employees are likely to follow suit.

The emphasis is always on workplace safety, but how does home safety affect the company bottom line? What happens to the employer when someone is injured at home? They need to replace the employee since he/she is out of commission. What about all the down time in training the new employee? Employers need to educate employees on safety matters that affect them both on-the-job and at home. It could make the difference to a profitable company. Remember, "It Only Takes a Second." A second to cause an injury no matter the severity.

I hope to see you at one of our Brown Bag Training Series or at one of our monthly membership meetings. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Sincerely

David R. Parsons, President
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