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# Safety Emphasis

A Monthly Newsletter of the Columbia - Willamette Chapter of  
**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS**

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## Membership Meeting Monday, April 11, 2005

The next CWC membership meeting will be held on Monday, 4/11/05 at the Days Inn City Center. The gathering will start at 4:00pm, dinner at 4:15pm, Business meeting at 4:30, and the presentation from 5-6:00pm. This meeting is focused on honoring our Chapter and Section's Past President's. The topic "A Comparison of Safety & Health in Costa Rica and Nicaragua" will be presented by Mr. Rick Gleason of the University of Washington. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to [Tony-Howard@earthlink.net](mailto:Tony-Howard@earthlink.net) by Thursday, 4/07/05.

# THANK YOU

The GOSH Volunteer Committee chaired by Santiam Section Chair Tim McDonald and Chair-Elect Kimberly Hendricks would like to express their gratitude to all the volunteers at the GOSH conference. We had over 70 volunteers acting as introducers, room monitors, lighting experts, gophers, ushers, water cooler monitors, friendly faces and fine examples of Oregon hospitality. We salute you all and look forward to working together in 2007!

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## News from the Construction Safety Summit

By John Cox

**G**reetings from the Construction Safety Summit which met on March 22, 2005 at JJ North's Grand Buffet at 11:30 am. We had a round table discussion on several topics which included: The GOSH Conference, theft of copper wire from sub power stations, theft of steel from construction job sites for scrap dollars, and a general discussion on how the construction industry is doing today.

Next month we have Demetrios Kosmos a private investigator whose job is to catch people, on film, trying to scam the insurance industry by filing false workers compensation claims. Demetrios filmed one man whose claim was for a severe right shoulder injury. But on an undercover video, Kosmos catches the man running a river guide business and appearing not to be in any pain at all. Kosmos should have a very eye opening presentation on what con artists do to defraud insurance companies. These fraudulent activities cost tens of billions of dollars every year.

Just a reminder, CSS meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

### SAFETY TRIVIA

Colorimetric tubes, sometimes referred to as Draeger Tubes, are often used in routine measurements in the EH&S Field. Which of the following explanations best describes the wide use of these tubes?

- A. One tube can be used for a large number of samples.
- B. One tube can be used for a large number of contaminants.
- C. Tubes are cheap and easy to read.
- D. Tubes are expensive but provide very precise results.

We selected answer "C" because:

Colorimetric tubes are relatively cheap, have a fairly long shelf life and are easy to read. Colorimetric, or Draeger Tubes, are the most often used measuring device when taking Industrial Hygiene measurements



### Mt. St. Helens

The Mt. St. Helens section met on March 17. Mary DeVany *MS, CSP, CHMM* of DeVany Industrial Consultants was the presenter and the topic was **Compressed Gas Safety**.

#### Other topics covered during the meeting were:

- Section members will be asked to vote at the meeting on making a \$500 donation to the Northwest Medical Response Team for tsunami relief.
- Discussion on candidates for section board members for the upcoming 2005/2006 year (*the official vote will take place at April's section meeting*). If anyone is interested in running for one of the listed positions below, please let me know.
  - Chair ..... Marty Rouse
  - Co-Chair ..... John Remmers
  - Vice Chair ..... Norman Brenesten
  - Secretary ..... Debbie Mattinen
  - Treasurer ..... Sandy Pointer
  - Delegate at Large ..... Fred Caron

## President Kim Gamble's Son is a WINNER for the 'Safety- on- the- Job' Poster Contest

DES PLAINES, IL (March 8, 2005) — Be safe at work was the resounding message of the winners of the American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) third annual kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest. The winners are **six-year-old Kai Gamble, Vancouver, WA**; eight-year-old Cailey Lord, Ashland, KY; 10-year-old Allegra Trites, Omaha, NE; and 11-year-old Lia Yateman of Henderson, NV. They are the first prize winners in their age groups each winning a savings bond, a spot on the North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week 2005 poster as well as having their poster displayed at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. in May, officials announced today.

The poster contest that runs from October through Valentine's Day is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and has four age categories for entrants: ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and, 11-12. The contest is part of NAOSH Week activities, a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and preventing injuries. NAOSH Week runs May 1-7 of this year.

**The winning posters best illustrate workplace safety. Kai's winning entry is titled "Safe Cranes Are Steady and Stable." This six-year-old enjoys tae kwon do, playing with dragons and dinosaurs and 'other kid stuff.'** Kai's mother is ASSE member Kimberly Gamble, the safety and health director at Andersen Construction Company in Portland OR.



Cailey's winning poster is titled "Safety Comes in Cans." She enjoys violin, church and basketball. Cailey's father is ASSE member George Lord, the safety specialist for Findlay, OH-based Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC.



Allegra's winning poster focuses on several safety measures and states "Your brain is your best PPE (personal protection equipment). Use it first." She enjoys reading and swimming. Allegra's step-dad is ASSE member Steve Finkey, CSP, the manager of safety and wellness for the Omaha Public Power District.

Lia's winning poster is titled "Wear Your Safety Stuff, It Doesn't Mean Your (sic) Not Tuff!" She enjoys soccer and rocks. Lia's dad is ASSE member Mark Yateman, the health and safety coordinator for Levi Strauss & Co.

Runners-up in the poster contest are: age 5-6 – first runner-up Alexa Harris, 6, of Morgantown, WV for her poster "Be Safe on a Farm, Use a Roll bar" and second runner-up Siena Mayer-Costa, 6, Oakland, NJ, for her poster "Drive Safely"; age 7-8 – first runner-up Daniel Hales, 7, Louisburg, NC for his poster "Mom & Dad – Wear Your Safety Glasses So You Can Watch Me Grow Up" and second runner-up Nick Woltersdorf, 8, Hansville, WA for his poster titled "Tie or Die", age 9-10 – first runner-up James Kriner, 10, Anderson, IN, for his poster titled "Always Wear Fall Protection" and second runner-up Jalexys Smith, 9, Washington, NC for her poster "Medical Laboratory Safety – Stick It, Click It, Flip It" and special mention for the first-ever bilingual poster entry Allie Zoia, 10, Arlington Heights, IL, for her poster "Chemicals Can Be Dangerous/Quimicas Pueden Ser Peligrosas"; age 11-12 – first runner-up Aaron Trites, 12, Omaha, NE, for his poster "Cutting Corners Can Save a Minute, But Your Life is On the Line" and second runner-up Taylor NyBlom, 12, Plano, TX for her poster "Save Lives!".

The runners up, along with all entries, receive a gift certificate and will have their posters displayed at the DOL. The posters are judged by a three-member independent panel.

For a copy of the NAOSH 05 poster contact [customerservice@asse.org](mailto:customerservice@asse.org) or call 847-699-2929. To view all the winning posters go to <http://www.asse.org/naosh05>.

## WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL EXTENDS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY THROUGH NEW ASSE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

### DES PLAINES, IL (February 15, 2005)–

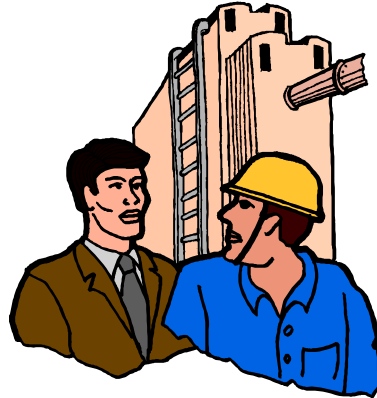
Providing funds to benefit construction safety and health students, the American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation (ASSEF) today established the new Washington Group International Safety Scholarship program, thanks to the \$5,500 contribution from Washington Group International, Inc.

ASSE Foundation Chair Kenneth D. Brock, CSP, said, "We are proud of Washington Group International's commitment to safety education and for creating this new scholarship to benefit future safety and health professionals in the construction industry."

The Washington Group International Safety Scholarship program will annually award a \$3,500 scholarship to an undergraduate pursuing a safety and health degree, with an emphasis in construction. Applicants must be an ASSE student member, have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 out of 4.0, are currently enrolled in 12 or more semester hours, and have completed at least 60 semester hours.

Special consideration will be given to students attending Central Missouri State University, Central Washington University, Colorado State University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Marshall University, Millersville University, Montana Tech of the University of Montana, Murray State University, Oakland University, Pennsylvania State University, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, University of Alabama-Birmingham and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Students can submit their applications for scholarships to the ASSE Foundation from September through December each year.



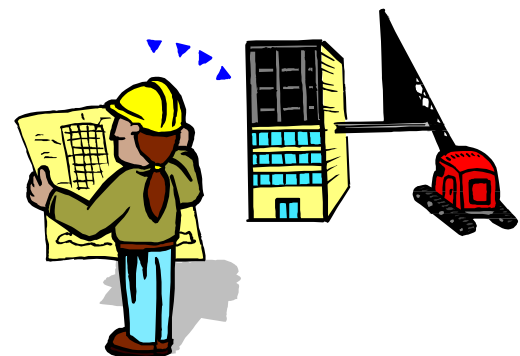
Washington Group vice president of environmental safety and health Brad Giles, P.E., CSP, of Boise, ID, and ASSE professional member, said, "We are pleased to aid the ASSE

Foundation in providing funds to students pursuing a degree in construction safety and health, and we look forward to awarding the first scholarship this June at ASSE's annual conference in New Orleans."

Washington Group International, Inc. provides the talent, innovation, and proven performance to deliver integrated engineering, construction, and management solutions for businesses and governments worldwide. With approximately 27,000 employees at work in over 40 states and more than 30 countries, the company provides professional, scientific, management, and development services in more than two dozen major markets.

Chartered in 1990, the ASSE Foundation is committed to ensuring the future of the occupational safety and health profession by providing financial resources to individuals and organizations. Funding for the Foundation comes from corporations and voluntary donations from ASSE members - individual and through chapters countrywide for applied safety research, scholarships, fellowships, internships and professional development.

For more information on the Foundation and its programs visit [www.asse.org/foundat.htm](http://www.asse.org/foundat.htm).

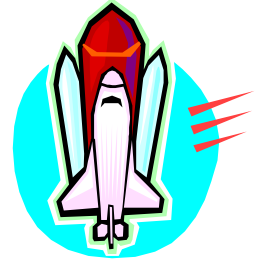


## THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE SPEAKS AT ASSE'S CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**WHAT:** The American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) Central Ohio Chapter will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special guest speaker Dr. Kathy Sullivan. The first American woman to walk in space, Dr. Sullivan will speak on her lifelong commitment to education, science and technology. Members will be intrigued by Dr. Sullivan's experiences and success as one of America's leaders in science and education.



**WHEN:** Dr. Sullivan's presentation will be on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 9 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:15 a.m.



**WHERE:**

Burton Morgan Lecture Hall, Room 115  
Denison University  
Granville, OH 43023

For directions, please visit ASSE's Central Ohio Chapter website, [www.centralohioasse.org](http://www.centralohioasse.org)

**WHO:** Currently, Dr. Sullivan is the president and CEO of Center of Science and Industry (COSI) Columbus. A former NASA astronaut, Dr. Sullivan served on three shuttle missions and

was a 2004 inductee to the Astronaut Hall of Fame. After leaving NASA, Dr. Sullivan served as a presidential appointment to the post of Chief Scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She is a recipient of the Public Service Award

from the National Science Board and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.



**CONTACT:** Please contact John Principe, III, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, 740-587-5646. To RSVP, please visit ASSE's Central Ohio Chapter website, [www.centralohioasse.org](http://www.centralohioasse.org). Media are invited.



The American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) Central Ohio Chapter is one of over 150 local chapters and student sections organized to offer localized membership services, networking and professional development opportunities through seminars, conferences, meetings and monthly newsletters to ASSE members throughout the world. Founded in 1911, ASSE is the oldest and largest professional safety society and is dedicated to protecting people, property and the environment. Its more than 30,000 members manage, supervise, and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor and education. For more information, please visit ASSE's website at [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org).

## ARM 56 Begins May 4

Mt. Hood Community College and the Columbia Willamette Chapter are partnering to present ARM 56, Risk Financing. The class begins May 4 and runs thirteen weeks. Class starts at 4:30pm and is held at the Maywood Campus of Mt. Hood Community College. Please use the attached flyer to sign up for the class. Call Karen Blythe 503.618.8841 for more information.

## Wanted: Scholarship Applicants

The Columbia-Willamette Chapter awards the Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship and the ASSE Columbia-Willamette Leadership Scholarship to college students studying occupational safety, health and environmental science related fields each academic year.

The Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship with up to \$1,500 in award money and the ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter Leadership Scholarship with up to \$750 in award money will be issued by June 30th.

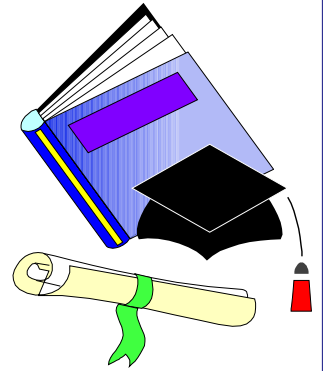
**Applications for both must be submitted to Melissa Diede, Scholarship Committee Chair by April 30th.**

Bill Wood and Lonnie Turner have graciously volunteered to serve on the application review committee.

To learn more about the application qualifications and process check out the Chapter's website at <http://www.assecwc.org/scholarships.html>

Last years Walter G. Thorsell recipient was Abby Burnett who attended Oregon State University.

For additional information email [Melissa Diede, CSP, ALCM.](mailto:Melissa.Diede@asse.org), Scholarship Committee Chair, or call 503.598.5808.



## Presidents Message

Spring is here and another successful GOSH conference is behind us. I heard many GOSH attendees comment on how much they enjoyed the conference. Even though I have said it before, I'd like to send a special thank you to the GOSH volunteers and Oregon OSHA conference staff. It is these people who volunteer their time who make this conference successful. I had no idea just how much planning goes into the conference. If you would like to get involved in the planning for the 2007 GOSH conference, please send me an email. The GOSH committees that will be seeking volunteers include; program, marketing, sponsorship, exhibits and awards.

Have you made your plan for NAOSH week or Safety Break for Oregon? For ideas and tips go to [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) or [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org) webpages. This is a great time to bring labor and management together and focus on a safety challenge, renew the safety spirit or celebrate safety successes.

The next general membership meeting is Monday, April 11 and we will be announcing the officers for the 2005-2006 activity year. Please plan on attending and welcoming the in-coming officers, offer them your support and bring your ideas for future planning. Remember, dinner is served at 4:15. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Kimberly Dambler, CHST*



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# Associate in Risk Management

## Mt. Hood Community College Professional Development

Will offer an ARM 56 for those interested in  
obtaining their Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation.

12 classes plus 1 review session May 4 through July 27, 2005.

\$200.00      Wednesdays      4:30 - 6:30 pm

Mt. Hood Community College  
Maywood Campus Room 220  
10100 N.E. Prescott  
Portland, Oregon

Books must be purchased on line through the American Institute for CPCU @ [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org). Please read the first chapter prior to the first class and be prepared for discussion. Please complete the registration form and mail to the address listed below.

Providing your social security number is voluntary. If you provide it, the college will use your social security number for keeping records, doing research, aggregate reporting, extending credit and collecting debts. Your social security number will not be given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your social security number, you will not be denied any rights as a student. Please read the statement on page 8 in the MHCC class schedule which describes how your number will be used. Providing your social security number means that you consent to use of the number in the manner described.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE	ZIP	
PHONE	SEX	BIRTHDATE	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
COUNTY OF LOCAL RESIDENCE	HIGH SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED	STATE	DATE OF HS

Will you have lived in Oregon for 90 days before classes begin? YES  NO

RESIDENCY STATUS - check one  
 US Citizen/Permanent Resident of OR, CA, ID, NV, or WA  
 US Citizen/Permanent Resident NOT RESIDING in OR, CA, ID, NV, or WA  
 International Student (Visa Type)

*Please mail registration form and payment to:  
Professional Development*

**YOUR FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**

Do not send cash or stamps. Method of payment (check one):

- Check payable to MHCC
- Money order payable to MHCC
- VISA or MASTERCARD

*Attn: Barbara Hoffstetter  
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COURSE#	SEC.	COURSE NAME	DATE	ROOM	COST
ARMX56	71	Essentials of Risk Management	5/4-7/27	Maywood 220	\$200

**Please circle your responses:**

**ETHNIC DATA:**

- AM American Indian/Native Alaskan
- AS Asian/Pacific Islander
- BL Black, Non-Hispanic
- HI Hispanic
- UN Unknown
- WH White, non-Hispanic

**HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION:**

- D. Adult High School Diploma
- G. GED
- H. High School graduate
- N. Did not complete
- S. Still in high school
- U. Unknown

**HIGHEST DEGREE LEVEL:**

- 0. None
- 1. Other (short term training)
- 2. 1-year certificate
- 3. 2-year degree
- 4. Bachelor's Degree
- 5. Master's Degree
- 6. Ph.D or Professional Degree

**MHCC EDUCATIONAL GOAL:**

- A. 1-year certificate or 2-year degree
- B. High School Diploma or GED
- C. None
- D. Undecided
- E. No response

**MAIN REASON FOR ATTENDING**

- A. Take classes/transfer to 4-yr college
- B. Learn skills to get a job
- C. Improve job skills
- D. Explore career/educational options
- E. Take classes to finish High School/ GED
- F. Improve writing/reading/math skills
- G. Learn English
- H. Personal interest/enrichment
- I. Other
- J. No response

**EMPLOYED - While in attendance**

- F. Full-time (35+ hrs/week)
- P. Part-time (5-34 hrs/week)
- N. Not employed

**If you need assistance due to a disability, please contact the Disability Services Office at 503-491-6923 or 503-491-7670 (TDD).**