Hi there friend,

We hope you have taken the time to enjoy the last bit of summer before school season starts! Take a look at what happened this month in the Northwest Chapter:

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President's Message

Hello, John Urban here and happy to begin the year as President of ASSE NW Chapter. Please be advised that many of our meetings may be at different locations this year. Our first meeting in September will be at Grumpy’s. Keep an eye on the website for time and location of all meetings/events.

Upcoming Events:

- September 13: our kick-off meeting at Grumpy’s. We will have Jim Krueger from MN OSHA providing us an OSHA update. Sign up via our “new” webpage prior
registration is September 9 at noon. We understand that sometimes you just miss the time or opportunity to pre-register, so we do offer registration prior to the meeting start (expect a bit of a wait in line though…).

- **September 14**: 3M is hosting a free “Hearing Loss Prevention Seminar” at their campus. For registration and further information, please visit: [www.3m.com/hearingseminars](http://www.3m.com/hearingseminars) (note; lunch is included).

- **October 11**: Another 3M topic at 3M Center. We will have more information of the exact topic in the coming weeks.

**Live Streaming and Recordings:**
The Northwest Chapter is a “Large Chapter” based on categories established by ASSE with an average of over 800 members. The chapter is also large geographically, covering the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Because we are such a large chapter we recognize that not everyone can enjoy the benefits of the monthly Chapter meetings. A number of years ago, the NW Chapter board thought it would be beneficial to live stream the monthly presentations as well as record and save presentations on our website. In the last five years or so we have “live streamed” the majority of our technical presentation and recorded over 50 of them for playback at any time. You can take a look at the collection of video and presentation resources at: [https://www.performtrax.com/cgi-bin/performtrax?tpid:loginResourceNow+clientId:ASSENWCHAPTER](https://www.performtrax.com/cgi-bin/performtrax?tpid:loginResourceNow+clientId:ASSENWCHAPTER). The username and password are listed on the page.

We do have a way to determine how often people have accessed a live stream and recordings on our webpage and results show “not often”. With that being true, we plan to discontinue the live stream and recording of meetings for 2016/17 chapter year, but want to first hear from you as a member if there is any concern about doing this. Let us know what you think by contacting Chris Flegel at: President-elect@northwest.asse.org

**Publicizing Training Events:**
Twice last year ASSE NW Chapter was approached to help advertise training events taking place in our region. These events were posted on our webpage for members and non-members to consider. As an example, currently we have a “Hearing Conservation” training event hosted by 3M on September 14. After much discussion, the NW Chapter Board decided to continue this type of advertising so that Safety and Industrial Hygiene Professionals or others who view our webpage can be informed about upcoming training. As a parameter to advertising on our webpage, we will charge $150/event to the requesting organization and the NW Chapter will donate those funds to the ASSE Foundation ([http://foundation.asse.org/](http://foundation.asse.org/)). ASSE Northwest Chapter President or President-Elect will maintain the right to reject any request to advertise should the training not represent our professional interests. All
Thanks,
John Urban

Want Impact? Become a Sponsor!
Is your organization interested in getting “the most bang for their buck?” If so, then I have the answer- become a sponsor of one of our monthly Chapter meetings! Sponsors enjoy the following benefits:

- Booth exhibit space to showcase your products and services
- 15 minutes of presentation time to advertise and promote your products and services
- Company logo on our Chapter website

Lastly, probably the greatest benefit in becoming a sponsor is that you have a captive audience of 60+ members who are safety and health professionals that are seeking new information and solutions to be even more successful in their roles by adding additional value to their company and organization!

For more information, please contact Leslie Cloonan at 952-240-5023 or leslie.cloonan@ieasafety.com. We have sponsorship availability for our January 10, 2017 meeting, so contact me today!

Charitable Donation Drive for Hospitalized Children

Our chapter was approached by Society to provide charitable donations to the families of children who have been hospitalized. Everyone knows a hospital stay can become costly very quickly (and stressful). Household items (see below) that we regularly have on hand are what is needed and can help a family in need. Please help.

At the September 13 meeting we will have a box to place your donation. If you forget, we will have the box there again on October 11. This give you two opportunities to donate. The Winfield Ronald McDonald House provides hospitality and support to families of hospitalized children. They have requested specific items to help make families more comfortable during their stay (see list below). From now until the event we will be collecting supplies with a goal of creating 200 care packages. ASSE staff is actively participating in this drive and we are hoping our member Communities will contribute, too.
Toiletries (travel size):

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (standard size is fine)

Snack Sized Items:

- Small bottles of water
- Energy Bars
- Cookies
- Crackers/Goldfish
- Pretzels
- Chips
- Granola Bars (standard size is fine)

Gift Cards (will be used to purchase additional items):

- Walgreens
- CVS
- Target
- Kmart
- Or similar

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Safety 2016 - It was the "Real Thing"

They say that “Coca-Cola is the Real Thing” and so was Safety 2016 in Atlanta. This event was held on June 26-29th in the same town as Coca-Cola’s headquarters and was another successful Professional Development Conference,
Safety 2016 display of Coca-Cola products.

About 30 representatives from Minnesota made the journey to “Hotlanta” including several NW Chapter members who presented at breakout sessions and round tables at this conference including:

- Session 508 Kurt VonRueden: Safety’s “Missing Link”- The Human Element
- Session 534 Don Garvey: Fire & Ice- Heat Strain & Cold Stress in the Work Environment
- Session 548 Richard Pollock- Human Error: There is NO Root Cause
- Session 574 Katie Schofield: Preventing Opioid Overuse in Workers Compensation
- Session 583 Carol Keyes: Key Issue Round table Discussion: Consultants Skills and Marketing
- Session 619 Terry Keenan: Understanding Electricity, Power Tools, and Prevention of Electrocrution at Work
- Session 666 Maria Sall: Staying Healthy When Life is Fast

On Monday night (6/27/16) a group of NW Chapter members attended the Airgas Customer Appreciation event held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Atlanta which turned out be a fun event.
NW Chapter member Kurt VonRueden before presenting Session 508 at Safety 2016 in Atlanta.

Other activities at Safety 2016 included technical tours, keynote speakers, and award presentations including two from our Chapter. Jeff Jarvela received the Mining Practice Specialty SPY Award and Chris Flegel received the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty SPY Award. Congratulations Chris and Jeff!

Safety 2017 Professional Development Conference will be held next June in Denver, CO. Hope to see everyone there!

Save the Date for the NW Chapter ASSE PDC; You’re Sure to Love it!

Save the date of February 14th and plan to attend the 2017 NW Chapter ASSE Professional Development Conference. Spend the day learning, networking, and reigniting your passion for safety. Attend enticing educational sessions of your choice and let our knowledgeable speakers remind you what originally attracted you to the field of safety. Leave feeling better equipped to tackle your daily challenges, better connected to your peers, and reinvigorated about your career.
newsletter and website for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!