



NEWSLINE: Northern Ohio Chapter of ASSE

February 2009

2008/2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Greetings from the Chapter President

I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for the New Year ahead!

Welcome new members!

**Keith Kapusta
Revoe Robinson
Michael Christoforetti
Brooke Thompson**

We would like to recognize accomplishments of our membership. If you or someone you know has earned a safety award/certification or made an extraordinary contribution to the safety of employees, public or the environment let us know. Please contact me (Andrew Johnson at awj@sotaris.com) and we will include it in our newsletter and perhaps nominate that person for an award at the national level. Some of the awards available are:

- SPY – Safety Professional of the Year
- The Dr. William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator Award
- The Society Fellow: highest honor granted by ASSE, recognizing Professional Members who have displayed life-long excellence in safety and service

We recently held our Executive Board Meeting on Jan. 8 at the Flat Iron Café. We have some positions that will be opening in July, so if interested in getting involved please contact myself or Michael Dyke at michael.d.dyke@saic.com

2008 - 2009 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign

Go to <http://www.asse.org/membership/mgam-intro.php> for more information

For each new member you sponsor you increase your chance of winning!

- Recruit 1 new member by January 31, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 ASSE gift certificate

- Recruit 3 new members by February 28, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$1000 American Express gift card, a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.
- Recruit 4 or more new members by March 31, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$1500 American Express gift card, a \$100 ASSE gift certificate!

The person who recruits the most new members by March 31, 2009 will receive a free registration to ASSE's 2009 Safety Conference in San Antonio, Texas!

Scholarship Drive Extended to April 3rd: Our Scholarship drive for students pursuing degrees and careers in Safety and Health that live or are attending a College/University in our area has been extended to **April 3rd**. Please contact Herb Mausser at 216-987-2236 or herbert.mausser@tri-c.edu if interested.



Upcoming Events and News

Chapter Meetings (go to www.clevelandsafety.net to register)

- **Tuesday, February 10th, Luncheon Meeting – 11:20 a.m. until 1 p.m.**
Topic: OSHA - Not Just an Acronym by Cynthia Evans, OSHA
Location: Brookridge Party Center, 7460 Brookpark Road, Brooklyn
- **Thursday, March 12th, Luncheon Meeting – 11:20 a.m. until 1 p.m.**
Topic: How To Get The Most Out of Your Industrial Commission Hearing - With or Without An Attorney by Michael Bertsch, Moscarino & Treu, LLP
Location: Mediterranean Party Center, 25021 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights

Don't Forget - ASSE Chapter Events

- **6th Annual Environmental, Health & Safety Networking Social**

Thursday, February 26, 2009 - 5:00pm – 8:00pm

SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR:

Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery in The Powerhouse 2000 Sycamore Street on the West Bank of the Flats

Sponsored by:

Northeast Ohio Chapter of Hazardous Materials Managers
 Northern Ohio Chapter – Air & Waste Management Association
 Northern Ohio Chapter – American Society of Safety Engineers
 Northeast Ohio Chapter – American Industrial Hygiene Association
 Building Environment Council of Ohio (*tentative*)
 The Auditing Roundtable – Ohio River Valley Region (*tentative*)

Come socialize with your fellow EH&S peers. Re-establish old professional acquaintances and make new ones! This will be a great opportunity to see who's doing what in the field. Bring plenty of business cards! Enjoy the complimentary pizza, snacks, pool tables & **Wii** during the entire evening.

NOTE: because we wish to maintain the social nature of this event, the registration list will only be available to the sponsoring organizations (so please don't ask!).

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER! Perqs provided by the sponsoring organizations and Rock Bottom will only be available to those who pre-register!

Registration deadline is Monday, February 23.

Pre-register at www.neochmm.org or by contacting Herb Mausser at (216) 987-2236 or herbert.mausser@tri-c.edu

Please indicate your organization affiliation (if any) & how you can be contacted.

Map/directions to Rock Bottom available at www.neochmm.org.

- **ASSE Chapter Dinner Meeting**
 - Date: March 19th at 5:15pm
 - Location: Sterles Country House 1401 East 55th St Cleveland, Ohio.
 - Presenter: Mike Walters of AmeriGas Propane LP. - Safety Manager for AmeriGas Cylinder Exchange, 30 years tenure in the propane industry, Chairman of the Safety and Training Advisory Committee to PERC
 - Topic: Propane safety and protection methodologies including resources on the national level and hazards of static discharge.

- **Associate Safety Professional Course (ASP) and the Certified Safety Professional Course (CSP)**, to be held in Cleveland April 20-25, 2009.
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- **ADVANCE NOTICE – SAVE THE DATE – May 18, 2009:** *The Scholarship Fund GOLF OUTING for the Northern Ohio Chapter, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS is scheduled for MONDAY, MAY 18th at BLUE HERON GOLF CLUB in Medina, OH.*

This event provides scholarships for Environmental Health and Safety students at Cuyahoga Community College and other institutions.

Make this your first outing of the year! More info to follow. Save the date!

ASSE National Upcoming Events and News

- **February 8-14, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV: “SeminarFest 2009”**
SeminarFest is an excellent opportunity to earn up to 5.1 CEUs/COCs or 7.0 CM points in one week. With 50 seminars ranging from one to three days in length, SeminarFest offers essential technical, management, and skill development topics for the Safety, Health, and Environmental professional. Whether you attend for one day or the full week, this event will satisfy your continuing education needs in safety and health.

- **June 28 – July 1, 2009 “SAFETY 2009” in San Antonio, Texas**

Thousands of Safety, Health and Environmental professionals will choose SAFETY 2009 as their primary source for professional development this year.

- Learn from the successes of other organizations
- Take away examples and strategies
- Network with your peers and earn CEUs
- Visit our own Brian Hitt!
- www.safety2009.org



Positions Available

For a complete listing of available positions please visit our website.

<http://nohio.asse.org/jobs.php>

SAFETY STUFF

Chemical Reference Database for Free!

Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER®)



[WISER](http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov) (<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>) (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) is a mobile application currently available on the Palm, Pocket PC, and Microsoft Windows™ platforms (now including Windows Mobile Smartphone) designed to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. A web-based WISER (WebWISER) is now available, supporting web browsers for both PCs and PDAs, including BlackBerry.

Developed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), WISER provides a wide range of information on hazardous substances, including chemical identification support, physical characteristics, and human health, containment and suppression information.

When handling hazardous material incidents, first responders in general, and Hazmat (hazardous materials) units in particular, must make many decisions quickly. They need accurate information about the hazardous substances, the emergency resources available, and the surrounding environmental conditions. WISER can assist in identification of an unknown substance and, once the substance is identified, provide guidance on immediate actions necessary to save lives and protect the environment.

WISER is available for download at <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>.

Member Stuffs

Member e-mails needed

The following members do not have an e-mail listed on our chapter membership database:

Katery Alfaro	Michael Cunningham	Randal Miller
Stephen Allenson	George Davis	Sandra Monday
Heather Avery	Michael De Burger	Richard Olinek
Dennis Barto	Jeane Furber	Nicholas Pacalo
Albert Bednar	Richard Hickman	Alfred Rehker
Kevin Beil	Allan Jarr	Thomas Riley
John Budinscak	Roy Jones	Michael Ruland
Stanley Callahan	Michael Loan	Paul Saternow
Karen Chapple	Louis Martin	Maurice Valentine

If you e-mail with any of these members, could you check to see if they would like to receive our newsletters? Thanks!

And, the following members had their newsletter e-mails returned as ‘undeliverable’. Again, if you could help with possible correct e-mails, it too, would be appreciated!

Timothy Adkins	Karl Daukss	Randy Triplett
Jason Baker	Stephen Duffy	Herman Waltemate
David Barrett	Scott Fleming	William Wernex
Regis Collins	Robert Tatgenhorst	

Newsletter edited by Andy Laituri. For questions or if you would like something mentioned in the newsletter he can be contacted at laituria@ferro.com