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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – MARCH MEETING DETAILS: TOUR OF GENERAL MOTORS' KC ASSEMBLY PLANT

Join us for a tour of General Motors' Kansas City Assembly Plant.



We will be touring Fairfax #2, which replaced the original plant in 1986. It is 2.5 million square feet, located next to the original Fairfax Assembly Plant. The new plant began production in 1987 with the 1987 model of the Pontiac Grand Prix. The assembly plant built its 10 millionth car on August 23, 2005. Currently, about 2,400 employees produce the Chevrolet Malibu and the Saturn Aura.

We will have a quick and simple dinner available at 5:00, with the tour starting at 5:30.

When: Wednesday, April 23rd
Dinner at 5pm; Tour at 5:30pm

Where: GM Fairfax Plant
3120 Fairfax Trafficway
Kansas City, KS 66115

Cost: Tour: Members – Free; Non-Members - \$5
Dinner - \$5 (all attendees)

RSVP: By April 21st to Jay Christensen (kjchrist@jcpenny.com)

3 – MAY MEETING PREVIEW

Our May meeting will continue our work with the Union Hill Cemetery with a workday. The workday will be in mid-May, with more details to follow in the next newsletter.

3 – PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is in the air, and it is my favorite time of the year. The weather is warming up, flowers are blooming, and baseball season is now in full swing! I had the opportunity to attend a few Cardinals spring training games and nothing beats cracking open a frosty beverage while sitting in the warm sunshine at a baseball game. Lots of folks might be getting started on their spring cleaning plans – I've even received a few requests for helping friends 5S their garages. A co-worker of mine wrote a song about 5S

following the music of Olivia Newton John's "Let's Get Physical." Her version starts out "Let's get visual, visual. I wanna get visual. Let me see you sort and set." Keep it in mind whether you are 5S-ing at home or at work!

Looking back on March, I extend my thanks to Rachel Olson and Stan Chandler for organizing a behind-the-scenes tour of the Nelson-Atkins Museum operations areas, including the utility tunnels and the central plant. I'd also like to congratulate Kyle Grabill, our new Assistant Regional Vice President. This month, we have a tour of General Motors scheduled Wednesday, April 23rd. In addition, the IIE Annual Conference is being held at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver May 17th-21st. Hope to see you at these events!

Liz Meyer
Chapter President

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Welcome New Members: Justin Anderson and Madison Smart!

Madison Smart – Madison is employed at the DEMDACO Distribution Center in North Kansas City. At DEMDACO, Madison oversees the scheduling and releasing of customer orders for fulfillment and assists the leadership of the DC with analysis and development of processes. Madison is originally from Kansas City, MO where he attended Center High School before attending Bradley University to obtain his B.S. in Industrial Engineering. Eventually, Madison would like to pursue a career overseas. His wife, Lane, is an artist and they are celebrating their one-year anniversary this month!

Justin Anderson – Justin is an Industrial Engineer for Garmin International. In this position, Justin focuses on the improvement of the shipping processes and plans to accommodate growth projections. Previously, Justin worked for UPS as an Industrial Engineer after graduating from the University of Iowa. His hobbies outside of work include swimming and playing water polo. Justin and his fiancée, Catherine, will be marrying in June.

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

The Chapter Activity Report (CAR) is a tool utilized by IIE to provide meaningful feedback measurement in regards to individual chapters' activities and improvement trends.

During the previous Newsletters, we've discussed the meaning of the CAR and the overall scored of 75 points that our chapter received based on overall 2007 activities. This month I would like to concentrate on Section 3 of the CAR:

3: Membership Communications, Growth & Retention: Available Points: 25/ Scored Points: 18 (2007 Attained Score).

Our monthly newsletter is the main vehicle of communication to the membership at large of the Greater Kansas City Senior Chapter. The Officer Body and the Newsletter Editor input a lot of effort and dedication in order to develop a quality product representing the views and activities of our chapter. Our objective follows hand-in-hand with the chapter's vision "to promote the IE Profession and provide "value-added" service to our members, educational community, and businesses."

Are you aware that our chapter also has its own website? You can reach our site at the following web address:

www.iienet.org/kansascity

Along with communication, membership retention and recruitment (growth) are also part of Section 3 of the CAR form. Our chapter is committed to continue to provide value to its members via shared knowledge and activities oriented towards IE development. We are providing incentives to non-IIE members, who participate on our tours and events, to join IIE at a reduced cost. The goal is to continue to promote and grow our chapter.

How can you help our chapter? Reach out to your colleagues and tell them about IIE. Participate in our events and provide us with feedback as to how our chapter can further improve and provide greater value to its members. Bring a friend and show them what IE is all about and the great things that IIE has to offer.

Remember... Engineers make things. Industrial Engineers make things better.

Jairo de Jesus
President-Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Are you taking advantage of IIE affinity programs? <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=274>
IIE service partners provide a variety of useful products and services exclusively for IIE members.

New Board of Trustees members elected! <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=11398>

IIE Spotlight - James S. Noble, associate professor, director of undergraduate studies in the industrial and manufacturing systems engineering department, and director of the Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution at the University of Missouri, has completed a study on improving passenger rail service. The study was presented to the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri House Transportation and Economic Development Committee and will be presented at the IIE Annual Conference.

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