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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – AUGUST MEETING – BOULEVARD BREWERY TOUR

Boulevard Brewing Company was founded by John McDonald in 1989. Over the past eighteen years, Boulevard has rapidly become one of the “largest specialty brewers” in the Midwest, offering four beers year round. To keep up with the growing demand of their product, Boulevard has recently opened an expansion to their facility.



Join your fellow IIE members for a tour evaluating this rising manufacturing facility of Kansas City. The tour will be followed by a product tasting on August 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM along with a BBQ dinner of pork, brisket, beans, and potatoes. Please RSVP to Sara Hausback by Wednesday, August 22nd. Space for the tour is limited. For a map and directions, please view the following Boulevard web link:

<http://www.boulevard.com/directions.htm>.

Meeting Details:

When: Thursday, August 30th

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Where: Boulevard Brewing Company, 2501 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108

Cost: \$8.00 per person

RSVP: By Wednesday, August 22nd to Sara Hausback @ sara.hausback@garmin.com

For more information about Boulevard (including the information above) visit their website at www.blvdbeer.com.

2 – SEPTEMBER MEETING – JC PENNEY DISTRIBUTION CENTER TOUR



JCPenney is one of America's leading retailers, operating over 1000 stores, a \$1 billion website, and the nation's largest general merchandise catalog business. The 2 million square foot JCPenney facility in Lenexa houses both a Direct Logistics Center and Store Support Center. The DLC, which just celebrated its 30th anniversary, fulfills catalog and internet orders for customers in 18 states and ships them either directly to the customer or to a Catalog Desk at a store of their choice. The Store Support Center, also celebrating with its 5th anniversary, is primarily a cross dock facility designed to be the back storeroom for nearly 100 Midwest stores.

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Join us for a tour of this versatile facility!

Meeting Details:

When: Tuesday, September 11th

Time: 8:30 AM

Where: 10500 Lackman Road, Lenexa KS 66219 (I-435 & Lackman Rd)

RSVP: To Jay Christensen at kjchrist@jcpennv.com.

Tour is limited in attendees.

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greeting members! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, grilling the old standard hamburgers & hot dogs and getting that prerequisite sunburn (I got mine on Table Rock Lake this year). Hopefully you’ll be joining us for our “Summer Social” where we’ll make the move into fall with two more summer favorites, barbeque and Boulevard beer.

I had originally hoped to turn the summer event into a “Refer-A-Friend” style membership drive. But unfortunately we were limited on the number of participants for the tour. So we’ll put that idea on hold, and I’ll try to come up with another idea to reel in our friends and co-workers.

I make light of the situation, but I honestly believe that our fellow IE’s that aren’t IIE members are missing out on several opportunities. I’ve mentioned a few times about networking with fellow chapter members, and the IIE webpage and IE magazine are often promoting the Ask the Expert program. You’ve probably seen the specialized Societies and Divisions on your membership renewal form. But did you know that IIE is also a key sponsor of ABET accreditation, as well as promoting industrial engineering education and career options. Any hardcore supporter of their alma mater can get behind that. And lest I forget, the third party perks (like auto & home insurance or an IIE Mastercard).



On a parting note, we are looking to take advantage of some not-so-new technology to promote KCIIE events and news. We are one of few chapters who update our webpage regularly and have 100% of our members on email distribution. This fall we are hoping to take advantage of the invitation and planning site eVite and the social networking site Facebook. If you’ve got any other suggestions, please let me know.

Jay Christensen

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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CHAPTER AND MEMBER NEWS:

FALL CONFERENCE

Continuing with our tradition of hosting a full day conference for our members and friends, the KC IIE chapter is bringing you “**Performance Management**” from **Dr. Marc Resnick**.

The conference will be held on Thursday, **November 15th** at Cabela’s in Kansas City, KS. Proceeds from the conference go towards scholarship funds for IE students at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri.

Conference Abstract: Globalization, lean enterprises, and new insights into workforce motivation have changed the way that successful companies manage their employees. An integrated performance management system that starts out with a clear strategy, supports workers with performance enhancing processes and technology, and creates an incentive plan that aligns worker and organizational goals can vastly improve the performance of small teams and large corporations alike. This workshop will present the basic components of modern performance management systems and effective strategies for maximizing productivity in their workplace.

About the Speaker: Marc Resnick is an Associate Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Florida International University where he is the Director of the Usability Laboratory. He has published over ninety papers in peer reviewed journals and conference proceedings including *The International Journal of Human Computer Interaction*, *The Journal of Ebusiness*, and *Human Factors*. He has been supervising and conducting research in search user interface design for several years leading to eleven publications since 2000. He has organized four pre-conference workshops in various areas of Human Factors and participated in three others. Dr. Resnick received his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Industrial and Operations Engineering in 1990 and 1993 respectively. He received his B.S. in Engineering Psychology from Tufts University in 1989.

Interested in being a sponsor of the conference or know someone who might be? For sponsorship details, please contact Beth Kelley at bkelle1@hallmark.com.

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

The Chapter Activity Report (CAR) is an electronic form that all IIE chapters are required to submit to National Headquarters each February. The intent of the CAR is to provide a simple measurement system for chapters to see improvement trends and to track their progress. It is also the basis for awards in the Chapter Recognition Program, providing visibility so that chapters' accomplishments can be recognized and rewarded.

For 2006, the Greater Kansas City Chapter received the Gold Award, the highest level.

Why is the CAR important?

Headquarters has identified that a monthly CAR article is one of the components of a good newsletter. This makes sense – all chapter members should be aware of how the chapter is doing. In the upcoming months, this article will highlight different sections of the CAR and provide information on how we are scoring in 2007.

Liz Meyer
President Elect



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6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Curious what Industrial Engineers do at Walt Disney World? Take a peak at the IE Disney video at <http://www.iienet2.org/media/video.aspx?id=9232&Video=Disney&AppURL=IIE>.

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

IIE offers an “ask the expert section” on the website to help answer some of your questions relating to the Industrial Engineering field. Check out the current discussions for up-and-coming engineers at <http://www.iienet2.org/details.aspx?id=389>.

For more information on IIE, check out headquarter and local chapter websites:

<http://www.iienet.org>
www.iienet.org/kansascity

8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?

DO YOU KNOW THE NEXT IIE FELLOW?

Fellow is the highest classification of IIE membership. It recognizes outstanding leaders of the profession who have made significant, nationally recognized contributions to industrial engineering. To be eligible, a nominee must have been a senior member of IIE for at least 10 consecutive years and be at least 40 years of age.



2007 is the first year that nominations may be made by any current member of IIE. In the past, only existing Fellows could submit a nomination. If you would like to nominate someone or learn more about the process, please contact Jennifer Albers (jennifer.albers@yrcw.com) by no later than August 31st. Information on the award and nomination process may also be found at <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=597>.

IIE ANNUAL AWARDS

IIE presents several prestigious awards every May at the National Conference, and the December 1 deadline for nominations seems to creep up on us every year! If you know of someone deserving of one of these awards, now is the time to become familiar with the nominations process. Please contact Jennifer Albers (jennifer.albers@yrcw.com) if you would like more information.

There are several award categories: Educator, Leadership, Research, Service to Profession, Specialty, and Student. A full list of awards and criteria may be found online, but a sampling is provided below:

- **For Educators:** The Albert G. Holzman Distinguished Educator Award – *focuses on teaching excellence, research accomplishments, continuing education, innovations in teaching or learning, administration (if applicable)*. <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=593>
- **For Successful Young IEs in Education:** Dr. Hamed K. Eldin Outstanding Young IE in Education Award – *must be 35 or younger as of 12/1/07, must be a member for the past 5 years, must have shown technical professional accomplishment and service to the profession*. <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=594>

- **For Successful Young IEs in Business/Industry:** Outstanding Young IE Award – Business/Industry – *must be 35 or younger as of 12/1/07, must be a member for the past 3 years, must have shown professional accomplishment and service to the profession.* <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=600>
- **For Someone Who Has Made Distinguished Contributions to Mankind through IE:** Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Industrial Engineering Award. <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=598>
- **For Leaders In Business, Industry, or the Government:** The Captains of Industry Award – *someone who has used IE to generate significant success in their company or someone with an IE degree who demonstrates leadership nationally or internationally and identifies the IE profession as a key reason for their success.* <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=595>
- **There are many more at the Website!** <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=592>

9 – OFFICER LISTING



Kansas City Chapter Vision Statement

To promote the IE profession and provide “value added” services to our members, educational community, and businesses.

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