



# CONNECTION

*Greater Kansas City Chapter #92*

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## 1 – FEBRUARY MEETING – HALLMARK TOUR

Hallmark's Liberty Distribution Center was built in 1972 and has over 1.75 million square feet of warehouse, shipping and order processing space. The center is filled with many different kinds of distribution technologies.

In addition, Hallmark uses a state of the art high speed automation system to pick and sort over 1.5 million greeting cards per week. Please join us for a lunch and tour of this outstanding facility.

When: Thursday, February 22nd @ 11:30 AM  
 Where: 2101 N. Lightburne St., Liberty MO 64068  
 Cost: \$5 for IIE Members and \$7 for non-IIE Members



Tour is limited in attendees. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hedberg at [jhedbe2@hallmark.com](mailto:jhedbe2@hallmark.com).

## 2 – MARCH MEETING REVIEW: IE CAREERS ROUNDTABLE

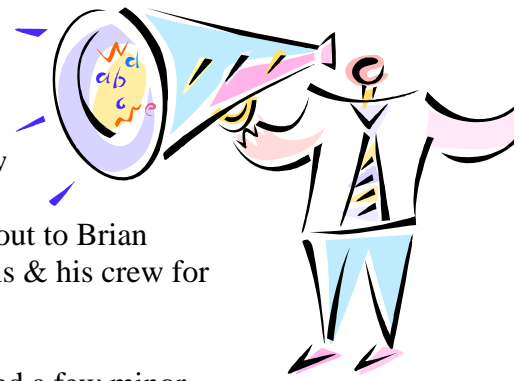
Curious about what other Industrial Engineers are doing with their careers and how they got there? Join the Kansas City IIE Chapter for an informal roundtable discussion and dinner with a panel of local IE’s at different points and paths in their careers. Our panel will represent a range of industries and experiences and should prove to be an interesting discussion.

When: March 27, 2007  
 Where: Godfather’s Pizza (103rd & 69 Highway, Overland Park)  
 Time: 6:30 PM  
 Cost: \$10 per person for dinner

More information to come in the March newsletter. Contact Rachel Dubbert at [rdubbe2@hallmark.com](mailto:rdubbe2@hallmark.com) with any questions on this event.

### 3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to all! We had a great turnout at our meeting last month at American Airlines' Maintenance Base. It was very interesting to see what they are doing with Continuous Improvement to improve their new cabin overhaul program. It was a great tour, even with my co-workers and me accidentally crossing paths with the Secret Service. Thanks go out to Brian McCarthy and Heather McCain for planning the event and Scott Nuckols & his crew for hosting.



If you've been to our chapter's webpage recently, you might have noticed a few minor differences. There were some licensing issues with the new software that we use on the new national webpage, and basically it is cost-prohibitive for each chapter to have a license and update their webpages through the national template. After a self-taught crash course in the main page style and design, I was able to recreate most of the page elements. Hopefully you'll find most of the bugs worked out, but if you find something that doesn't work please let me know. Also, if there's something else you'd like to see on our webpage, don't hesitate to ask.

Finally, I mentioned last month that I set some aggressive goals for myself as Chapter President. The first I'd like to discuss is increasing membership by 15%. Last year we unfortunately saw our overall membership decline by 13 members. However, with the addition of 15 new members in 2006, that means we lost 28 people from the 2005 roster. When I joined the chapter in early 2004 our membership was over 120, and I'd like for us to get back to that level. Eventually I'd love to see our chapter become an A-level chapter (150 members). A larger membership base has many advantages: better networking to solve problems, wider range of facilities to tour and getting more people involved with leading the chapter, to name a few. To achieve this ambitious goal, the officers and I are working on improving our recruiting methods among two groups, new college graduates in the KC area and companies where only a small portion of the IE workforce are IIE members. If you would like to share any ideas and suggestions to help us in this task, please contact myself or Membership Chair Anita Ranhotra.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

*Jay Christensen*

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### 4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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*Member Profile – Jay Christensen, Chapter 92 IIE President*

Jay is an Industrial Engineer for JCPenney Logistics (catalog and internet). He describes his main responsibilities as "problem solving and project management," but also wears "poster printing service," "A/V and tech guru," "webmaster" and "newsletter editor" hats. Jay received a BSIE from Kansas State in December 2003 but had a well-rounded, 13 semester education. His well-rounded education also included pretty good skills on the trombone, playing in the marching and jazz bands, and speaking Japanese. Jay hopes to achieve Gold status for the chapter in 2007 and move membership in a positive direction. He also hopes to not take himself too seriously and be funny at some point this year.

## 5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

CAR stands for the IIE Chapter Activity Report. It is a program that IIE uses to track the progress and trends of all the individual local chapters across the US. Each month, we will continue to take a look into what the CAR program means to our local chapter.



### Section Four: Student Outreach and Community Affairs

- 1) **Community Affairs Participation** – To be counted, a community affairs event must be Chapter-endorsed and have at least 2 members present. We have the annual event at Union Cemetery. *(1 out of 3 points.)*

#### 2) Student Outreach Support

- i. **Student Regional Conference Support** – We did not participate in the 2006 conference. *(0 out of 5 points)*
- ii. **Other Student Outreach** – We mentor students, participate in National Engineers Week, and work with student chapters to either provide speakers or conduct joint meetings. *(3 out of 5 points)*
- iii. **Other Student Financial Support:** We contribute over \$500 annually to student chapters through our scholarships to KSU and MU students – *(5 out of 5 points)*

### Section Five: Member/Chapter/Institute Service and Support

- 1) **Member/Chapter Support** – Two points are given for each of the activities below we undertake *(9 out of 10 points):*

- Publish chapter activities in local newspapers or periodicals. *(2 points)*
- Fund members to attend leadership training (regional or national site). *(1 point)*
- Subsidize expense for member involvement in RLT, NLC, or BOT. *(1 point)*
- Member participation in VoLT session at annual conference. *(3 points)*
- Member participation in regional leadership training (regional or national site)
- Host a workshop/seminar of at least a ½ day in duration. *(2 points)*
- Other

- 2) **Institute Support** – *(8 out of 10 points):*

- Member participation in IIE-sponsored events. *(2 points)*
- Partner with institute to hold seminars and workshops.
- ABET participation/member involvement in accreditation. *(1 point)*
- Assist another Chapter to reactivate, revitalize, or improve their processes.
- Chapter member publishes an article in Solutions or an IIE publication.
- Member attendance at the IIE annual Conference or topical seminar. *(2 points)*
- Attendance at national leadership training or participation in national sponsored webinars. *(2 points)*
- Chapter member(s) involved in RLT, NLC, or BOT. *(1 point)*
- Other



## **6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS:**

Did you know that your iPod is not just for listening to music anymore? Students and teachers at the New Jersey Institute of Technology are among many universities trying out Apple Inc.'s iTunes U service. This service allows professors to upload material to the system allowing students to download classes and material to their personal computer or iPod. More information can be found on the IIE website at <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=7298>.

IIE continuously posts advancements in engineering and technology on their website. A few of the current articles include "Marine Engines Go Green," "Engineering the Magic at Disney" and "Sea-Tac Unveils Plans for Airport of the Future." View these articles and more at <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=7298>.

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## **7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT: CEU OPPORTUNITY WITH SFPE**

The Mo-Kan Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is sponsoring its third annual Vendor's Night and Educational Forum. It will be on March 6th, 2007 at Finnigan's Hall, 505 E. 18th Avenue, North Kansas City, MO.

The Vendor's Night will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and include an appetizer buffet and draft beer. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Admission is free. See the website below for more details.

There will be an additional seminar hosted by SFPE this year entitled "NFPA 13 Versus NFPA 13R - A Comparison of Fire Sprinkler Systems for Large Residential Occupancies". The seminar will be hosted from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The cost of the seminar will be \$30.00 (\$20.00 for paid SFPE members). Attendees will receive two hours of CEUs.

All the information about the Vendor's Night and educational Forum is on the SFPE National website at: <http://www.sfpe.org/Chapters/Mo-Kan%20Chapter.aspx>

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

<http://www.iienet.org>

<http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=3802>

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## **8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?**

Every year IIE evaluates all of the chapters' newsletters. The Greater Kansas City Chapter has won the IIE Platinum Award for 2006, the highest honor presented through IIE. Although we received a great mark for last year's newsletter, we would like to hear from you. What information would you like to see in our local newsletters? If you would like to share your opinions or have a few suggestions for us, please contact the Newsletter Editor at [sara.hausback@garmin.com](mailto:sara.hausback@garmin.com).

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## 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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