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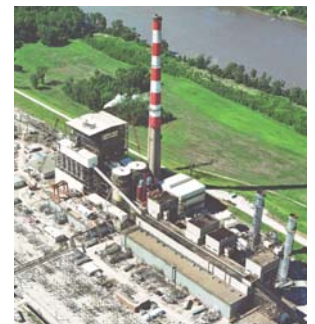
1 - FEBRUARY MEETING

KCP&L Hawthorn Power Plant Tour

Dedicated in 1956 on 550-acre site on Missouri River, nine miles northeast of downtown Kansas City, Missouri, the Hawthorn 5 Power Plant represents 26 percent of Kansas City Power & Light total production capacity. The Hawthorn plant burns more than 2 million tons of coal annually with an average of 7,000 tons daily at full load. The installation of an unit train coal dumper with laser positioning allowed the facility to reduce coal transfer time from 2 ½ days to 6 hours.

This state-of-the-art coal-fired plant uses best-available control technology (BACT) to dramatically lower air emissions yielding 88% lower NOx, 99% lower particulate matter, and 92% lower SO2 emissions than an uncontrolled facility.

Join us for a tour of one of the marquee in Kansas City, the KPL&L – Hawthorn Plant. The proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) will be required. KCP&L will provide hard hats and safety glasses to the group. Tour attendees will be required to wear substantial footwear. No open-toe shoes, high heels, sandals, or cloth footwear will be allowed. Tour attendees should dress casual as well.



When: Tuesday, February 24th ; 11:30am
 Where: 8700 E. Front Street
 Kansas City, MO (off of I-435 and Front St)
 (816) 242-3574
 Cost: Free for IIE members, \$5 for nonmembers
 RSVP: To Jairo deJesus (jadejesus@farmland.com; 816-243-2840) by Friday, February 20th

2 – MARCH MEETING PREVIEW

Join us for a tour of FritoLay in Topeka, KS on March 24th at 3:30pm. Tour size is limited to 20 people, so mark this date on your calendar!



3 – PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE! 2009 has already proven to be a very exciting and busy year for our chapter! Our chapter continues to show its leadership and flagship within IIE as we continue to fulfill all our administrative commitments to our International Headquarters in an efficiently and timely manner.

We could not have had a better beginning of year in 2009. Our chapter activities were kicked off with a joint ASQ/IIE event and a new member celebration at the Boulevard Brewery.

To top the beginning of an exciting year, we have just received confirmation that our chapter received the Gold Award for the IIE Newsletter competition based on our 2008 efforts! Kudos and congratulations are well suited for our Newsletter Editor, Anita Ranhotra.



Once an IE always an IE...I was at the Amsterdam International Airport (Netherlands) this past Fall and I was very impressed with the passenger check-in process of KLM Airlines. This company did an outstanding job setting up the fast self-checking PC terminals that were able to handle hundreds of passengers in a fast and proficient manner. OK... so you may be asking, where does the IE comes out in me? Well, KLM was able to reduce the initial queue time at the check-in point but they created a huge bottleneck in the luggage dispatch portion. Each passenger after checked-in had to go to one of three stations, which had three to four customer service reps dispatching the luggage. Such process was long and manual... all of the customer satisfaction that one was feeling from moving quickly at the checking portion was soon lost to frustration of this inefficient process.

KLM would increase the overall process efficiency and effectiveness by increasing the number of customer reps (reducing the process time), automating the luggage dispatch process, and better synchronizing the location where passengers should dispatch their luggage, rather than at random or at will.

In the spirit of continuous improvement and innovation, our chapter has set-up an “electrifying” tour to the Hawthorn facility of Kansas City Power & Light. KCPL has used engineering and technology to elevate this power plant into one of the most recognized power plants in the nation based on its electrical output and environment friendliness.

Please join us and participate in this exciting tour at the KCP&L Hawthorn facility.

Sincerely,
Jairo deJesus
President



Chapter President, Jairo deJesus (left), speaks at the joint ASQ/IIE meeting. ASQ Program Chair, Gene Kelly (above) talks with the attendees

4 - MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region: South Central; Chapter: 92; Membership: 100

Welcome New Members – Jonathan Gertner, Doug Gill, and Matt Wrye

Member Profiles:

Doug Gill - Doug's last job was with Heatron in Leavenworth. Previous companies he has worked for include Ingersol-Rand - The Broadway Collection (Olathe), Marley Cooling (Olathe), Stanley Tools-Goldblatt (KC, KS), and Allied Signal (now Honeywell - 95th Street). Doug spent 3 years doing lean consulting for companies including Standard Motor Products (Edwardsville), Knappco-Civacon (Riverside) and Heating and Cooling Products (Ohio). Some of his experience is with smaller manufacturing companies, providing a variety of opportunities, such as maintenance manager, plant engineer, EH&S coordinator, capital project implementation and setting production standards. Doug's recent background is in implementing lean principles following the Toyota Production System model. He says, "It seems that lean is an art form because one must have the vision and then craft the same in the hearts and minds of others so that a lean culture emerges. It is an exciting discipline." Doug grew up in Mission, KS and attended Kansas State, majoring in Industrial Engineering. He spent 3 years in Los Angeles completing a non-engineering masters degree. He misses the weather in LA remembering taking a final in mid December. It was sunny and warm! Doug and his wife Margaret have a son, Jonas. He's 16 months and is more and more fun as the days go by. He has 8 siblings and 28 nieces and nephews. The oldest is 29, the youngest is one.

Matt Wrye - is a Lean Strategy and Implementation Manager at Hallmark Cards, Inc. Currently, he is assigned to the Lawrence facility for 2009. Matt graduated from Purdue University in 1999. He and his family moved to Kansas City from Tyler, TX where they lived for 2 yrs while he worked for Trane. Before that the Wrye's lived in Indiana for several years while Matt worked for an automotive supplier and RCA. Matt has been married for 7 years. He and his wife have two kids, a daughter 6 and a son 4.

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in your local IIE chapter? Do you want to give back to the community and to the profession? If you answered "YES" to either question, we have an opportunity for you! The KCIIE chapter has initiated committees for various projects and is currently looking for volunteers to help with Community Service and the Fall Conference.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Beth Kelley (bkelle1@hallmark.com) for Community Service and Kyle Grabill (kyle.grabill@garmin.com) for the Fall Conference!

Some upcoming events that we are considering for support include: Friends of Scouting, Math Relays, KC Science and Engineering Fair, E-Week, and First Robotics.

5 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Regional Website

Have you visited our IIE South Central Regional website lately? Be sure to check it out at <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=11798>

2009 Operational Excellence Conference

The Operational Excellence Conference and Expo 2009 has been announced for October 26-29 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront in St. Louis, MO

2009 Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni Award



The College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas has selected IIE member Jairo de Jesus, director of industrial engineering at Farmland Foods Inc., to receive a 2009 Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni Award. The award recognizes exceptional professional and personal achievements of U of A engineering graduates under the age of 40.

Members vote to retain current name of Institute

IIE election results are in, and IIE members have voted not to change the name of the association from the Institute of Industrial Engineers to the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.



"The Board of Trustees and members of the Institute are to be commended for resolving this issue that has been debated for many years," said IIE Executive Director Don Greene. "With this vote, the members have affirmed the breadth of industrial engineering. Although our profession undoubtedly encompasses a systems approach, it isn't necessary to communicate the broad reach that IE has through our name alone. Instead, industrial engineers around the world express who we are and what we do through our accomplishments. Particularly in our current economy, organizations are looking to industrial engineers to positively impact productivity and efficiency. Now is the time for IEs to step forward and make a difference."

Results of the votes for individual positions will be made public on the IIE Web site and in *Industrial Engineer* after all candidates have been contacted.

6 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Is looking for a Safety, Health and Environmental Manager

Milbank is a family owned manufacturing company that was started in 1927. We manufacture electrical metering and sheet metal products in our plants located in: Kansas City, MO; Concordia, MO; El Dorado, AR; and Kokomo, IN.

This corporate position reports to the COO in the Kansas City office.

Qualified candidates will have a Bachelor's degree in Safety or Technical field such as Manufacturing/Industrial Technician/Engineer or related field and a minimum of 5 years experience in a manufacturing environment.

Duties include: developing, implementing and assuring adherence to company wide SH&E policies and programs within a lean operating environment. Staying current on federal and state law changes, designing and presenting required training, designing forms and directing maintenance of SH&E records for all locations. Travel to each location takes place on a quarterly basis.

Qualified candidates should email resume and salary requirements to :
lensor@milbankmfg.com

7 - CHAPTER UPDATE

As discussed in last month's newsletter, our chapter will be submitting the Chapter Activity Report (CAR) to IIE headquarters this month. Headquarters will grade our chapter based on performance over the past year, which will provide information to our chapter on areas for improvement. Our chapter has achieved a Gold status the past two years, and we are hopeful that this year is no different.

We will highlight the results in next month's newsletter as they are broken out in the following areas:

- 1: Chapter Strategic Plans & Operations
- 2: Chapter Programs
- 3: Membership Communications, Growth & Retention
- 4: Student Outreach & Community Affairs
- 5: Member/Chapter/Institute Support

Each month we will review a section of the CAR and breakdown the scoring. In addition, we will discuss the chapter's efforts in the upcoming year to target improvement or continue to excel in these key areas. So stay posted as there is much more to come!

Sincerely,
Kyle Grabill
President – Elect

8 – STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

K-State - IE for a Day

The Kansas State IIE Student Chapter welcomed high school Juniors and Seniors to Manhattan on February 9th for the first ever “IE for a Day” event. This event provided an opportunity for prospective students to experience a typical day in the life of an Industrial Engineering student at Kansas State. The students shadowed K-State IEs as they attended classes and went about their daily activities. The event also included a panel discussion of industry representatives that shared their experience in the discipline and provided insight into the opportunities available to IEs. Two of the panel members, Kyle Grabill (Garmin) and Anita Ranhotra (Hallmark), are officers in our Kansas City Senior Chapter. The K-State IIE Student Chapter should be commended for their planning and execution of this successful event!

Student Chapter Hardcharger Awards

The KCIIE Chapter is pleased to announce that we will be increasing our funding for the Hardcharger Awards for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years. The Hardcharger awards are presented on an annual basis to three eligible students who participated most actively in IIE related activities during the preceding school year. The funds for this award are donated by the Greater Kansas City IIE Senior Chapter to IIE Student Chapters at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

For the 2008-09 academic year, we will be providing \$750 to each school to be awarded as follows: Alpha Award - \$350; Beta Award - \$250; Gamma Award - \$150

For the 2009-10 academic year, we will be increasing the funding to \$1000 for each school to be awarded as follows: Alpha Award - \$500; Beta Award - \$300; Gamma Award - \$200

Thereafter, we will continue to reassess the funding of the Hardcharger Awards as it relates to the financial status of the KCIIE chapter with a minimum funding of \$500 per school. We will keep you posted as this year’s Hardcharger Awards are announced!

9 – OFFICER LISTING

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