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1 – MARCH MEETING: 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 represents a range of industries and experiences such as continuous improvement with a major airline, an IE with her Professional Engineering license, and IE consulting. If you are just starting your career as an IE, thinking about a career change, or wondering what other IE’s have done, you’ll want to attend this meeting!



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

Please RSVP for this event by March 23, 2007. Contact Rachel Dubbert or Robert Stillwell with questions or to RSVP at:

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2 – APRIL MEETING REVIEW: LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Join us for a tour and overview of process improvements at Lawrence Memorial Hospital! Take a peak out how the hospital has taken initiatives to streamline processes in the health field. The tour will include a brief synopsis of processes at the hospital followed by a demonstration of the process improvements undertaken at the Nursing Stations. One of the highlights is a state-of-the-art barcode system implemented last summer for ensuring that precise dosages of the correct medications are provided to the correct patients at the exact time prescribed.



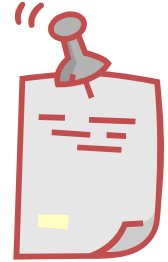
- Date: April 12th
 When: 5:00PM
 Where: Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

More details to come!

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It’s that time of year again...spring is around the corner, everyone is practicing their Irish (Beannachtai na Feile Padraig – Happy St. Patrick’s Day), and it’s time to register for the IIE National Conference! This year’s conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee, the week of May 19-23. Early Bird registration goes until April 6th, and I highly recommend it as you’ll save \$250 on the conference fee. You can also save \$50-\$100 by signing up a team from your company. All the information you need is on the [IIE home page](#), under Conferences.

This March is also the end of the two-year terms of the Board of Trustees and Regional Vice Presidents. I want to extend an enormous thank you to Anita Ranhotra, who has served as our Membership Chair while serving as the Senior Vice President of Networking for the national organization. She has done great work on both the chapter and national level, and I’m sure she’s looking forward to an easier schedule (especially with a recent promotion at Hallmark). I would also like to thank Terry Collins at Texas Tech University for his work as the Region 5 RVP. Our new RVP will be Joan Wagner, who lives in Wichita and has served as President of that Chapter twice (if I remember correctly). I will try to request a bio from her for next month’s newsletter so we can all get to know her.



Thanks to Jennifer Hedberg and the Hallmark Liberty team for a great tour of their operation. Their new card sortation system is top of the line, and it was very interesting to see the new technology running in the same building as some 35 year-old equipment. We’ve got a couple of interesting events planned ahead, so I hope to see you there!

Jay Christensen

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 Chapter 92 Membership 104

Welcome new member – Randi Miller

Randi Miller – Randi just started working for Accenture as an analyst and will soon be moving to Chicago for her job. Randi went to MU and has been living in Kansas City since September.

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.



Gold Award for 2006

We submitted our 2006 Chapter Activity Report by the February 15th deadline and expect to receive the Gold Award this year, with 75 points. The Gold Award is the highest honor, and in recent submissions we have been short of it by just a few points. Thank you for your

contributions in earning this outstanding achievement!

The officer team will be reviewing our CAR submission and looking for opportunities to strengthen our Chapter and potentially score more points in 2007, and will keep you posted of our progress in the upcoming months. Your feedback on surveys (both those e-mailed and those distributed after meetings) helps guide decisions and ultimately leads to making our Chapter stronger.

Liz Meyer
President Elect



6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Toyota donates \$1 Million to University of Kentucky

“Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America Inc. has given \$1 million to the University of Kentucky College of Engineering to establish the Institute of Research for Technology Development.

According to a recent news release, the institute will develop new technology aimed at increasing productivity, performance, and profitability in a variety of manufacturing industries.” ---www.iienet2.org

For more information, check out <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=7870>.

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

Need a little brush up on your email etiquette? Perhaps you know a few co-workers that could use a little reminder? Check out IIE’s article “Netiquette: Key Factors in Writing Effective Emails” at <http://www.iienet2.org/Details.aspx?id=7642>.

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

<http://www.iienet.org>

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

8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?

Many Industrial Engineers (regardless of current job scope or position) improve upon their skills by benchmarking with others.

IIE pulls current news information and posts articles interesting to many sections of industrial engineers at: <http://www.iienet2.org/Landing.aspx?id=1158> in the “Across the Web” section. A few current articles include:

“Boeing Reinvents the Factory”

“Naked X-Ray Machine Tried at Delhi Airport”

“Skyscraper as Role Model”

“Blood Tests for Repetitive Stress”



You may find a few of these articles may hit home!

9 – OFFICER LISTING



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

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