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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – MARCH MEETING DETAILS: TOUR OF NELSON ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART, BLOCH BUILDING



Join us for a tour of the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art including the new Bloch Building.

We will be touring the mechanical operations of the Nelson Atkins Museum including their central utility plant, newly renovated for the Bloch Building addition, and utility tunnels, expanded for the addition. The Museum's Operations department manages all facility related operations including monitoring the environment of the buildings to keep the Art collections at a constant temperature of 70-degrees and 50% humidity.

In addition, we will have a short tour of the new Bloch Building. This expansion of the Nelson Atkins was open to the public on July 9, 2007 and houses the Museum's collections of African and contemporary art in addition to rotating exhibitions and a new Museum Store. The 165,000 square foot expansion spans 840 feet along the Museum's Sculpture Park and enlarged the Museum's space by 70%.

After the tour, join us for networking, socializing, and dinner in the Museum Café. You will also have time to visit the Museum Store if you wish.

When: March 27th, 2008

Tour - 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM

Please arrive by 5:45 PM

Dinner and Networking – 7:15 PM

Where: Main Nelson Atkins Building – Security Command Center
Northwest area of the Nelson Atkins Museum
4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO

Cost: Members - \$1

NonMembers - \$5

Dinner on your own if you wish.

RSVP: By March 21st to Rachel Olson (rolson2@hallmark.com
or 816-645-5269).



2 – APRIL NETWORKING/SOCIAL EVENT

When: April 8th, 2008
5:30pm
Where: The Yard House at the Legends at Village West
RSVP: To Liz Meyer (lmeyer3@hallmark.com or 816-545-6064)

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Who doesn't like to watch the History Channel, right? In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, I'm providing a brief history lesson to explain the connection between St. Patrick and Engineering. The students of the College of Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia were the first to "discover" that St. Patrick was an engineer. Since 1903, UMC engineering students have celebrated St. Patrick's Day (March 17) as a holiday set aside for engineers. This celebration has developed into a week of festivities, including lab exhibits, a canned food drive, a knighting ceremony, St. Pat.'s Ball, and the coronation of the King and

Queen of the engineers.

According to engineering tradition, the discovery that St. Patrick was an engineer began with the excavations for the Engineering Annex Building. During the excavation, a stone was unearthed with a message in an ancient language. This message was translated into "Erin Go Bragh." Although those of Irish descent may recognize "Erin Go Bragh" as "Ireland Forever," the engineers loosely translated this phrase as, "St. Patrick was an engineer." The stone, now known as the Blarney Stone, is an integral part of the St. Pat festivities. The engineers looked to the legend that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland as proof of his engineering skills. They further credit St. Patrick with the invention of calculus.

And you thought this newsletter was purely about engineering! To recap the month of February, thank you to Anita Ranhotra and the USPS team for an educational tour of their mail processing and sortation operation. In addition, thank you to Brian McCarthy for attending the E-Week Luncheon. Looking ahead, we have a dinner meeting scheduled Thursday March 27th at the Nelson-Atkins museum. In addition, our next Happy Hour will be at the Yard House located in the Legends at Village West on Tuesday, April 8th. Hope to see you there!

P.S. You can purchase St. Patrick's Day cards and Easter cards for your friends and family at your nearest Hallmark Gold Crown store!

Liz Meyer
Chapter President

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 Chapter 92 Membership 88
Welcome new member – Trevor Keegan!

Trevor Keegan – Trevor is a technology consultant for Deloitte Consulting, implementing Oracle ERP systems. Trevor is a 2006 graduate from Kansas State University and is originally from Baileyville, Kansas. In his spare time, Trevor enjoys playing and watching sports, especially baseball (“even though the Royals make it difficult sometimes”)

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 in an effort to identify improvement trends as well as, their respective progress and endeavors.

For the next couple of months, I'll recap some of the main activities that our chapter initiated/participated in during Calendar Year 2007, as well as our overall score received from IIE Headquarters. Our CAR submission was done on time (deadline by February 15th) and we attained an overall score of 75 points. Based on such performance, our chapter is expected to receive the Gold Award!

The CAR form contains five main sections, which are further divided into 18 sub-sections. The Main Sections are as follows:

- 1: Chapter Strategic Plans & Operations: Available Points: 15/ Scored Points: 15
 - 2: Chapter Programs: Available Points: 20/ Scored Points: 10
 - 3: Membership Communications, Growth & Retention: Available Points: 25/ Scored Points: 18
 - 4: Students Outreach & Community Affairs: Available Points: 20/ Scored Points: 12
 - 5: Member/Chapter/Institute Support: Available Points: 20/ Scored Points: 20
- Total score: 75 points

I would like to touch on a couple of sections (sections 2 and 4) of the CAR form and our chapter performance in 2007.

- For many years, the active membership roster for the KC Senior Chapter had been in the 3-digit level. Although we experienced the addition of 8 new members into our chapter in 2007, the overall membership number dropped to 90 members or a -14.29% change from the prior year. Such decline in membership follows a national trend in regards to active membership participation by professionals. Lack of sponsorships can be directly related to the economy, cease of reimbursement by employers, and others. One of the objectives of our chapter is to continue to foster a local society that goes above and beyond the networking opportunity for its members, but also provide them with meaningful and informative events that foster the opportunity for further leaning and career and personal growth.

- Another area that you can impact/support our chapter to improve our CAR scoring is the participation of chapter sponsored activities. The average number of member attendance for 2007 events was 7.8 or a decline of 39.5% from the prior year.

We are in the process of enhancing our survey mechanism to be able to have a more practical mean of communication for all of our members in regards to providing the chapter with feedback information about the quality of our events and most importantly items/events that more interest our membership.

- Community Affair Participation: Our chapter faithfully continues to support the Union Cemetery yearly clean up event. However, we have not expanded much of our community involvement in Kansas City. As we continue our endeavors in 2008, we will explore other programs such as 1st Robotics, after school tutoring programs, and others.

Jairo de Jesus
President-Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

IIE Annual Conference & Expo | Travel

“How Business Take Flight”

May 17-21, 2008

*Westin Bayshore,
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

All persons will be required to present a **valid passport** to enter and exit Canada. Processing time for passport applications in the United States is at least three months. Visit the U.S. State Department Web site for an application.

Before you go, visit www.iienet.org to:

Determine if you will be required to have a special visa to enter and exit Canada.

See helpful information on crossing the border between the United States and Canada.

Visit Travel Canada for information on travel requirements based on your country of origin.

What it's like being an industrial engineer for Disney?

Have you been looking for a fun way to explain to your friends what industrial engineers do? Check out this video from Disney!

<http://www.iienet2.org/media/video.aspx?id=9232&Video=Disney&AppURL=IIE>

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Byrnes & Rupkey, Inc., (www.byrnesandrupkey.com) is an Executive Search Firm dedicated to the recruitment and placement of Engineering, Manufacturing, Quality, Safety, Financial, Supply Chain, Human Resource, Food Industry Professionals and IT personnel. As the #1 Agency for 2006 & 2007 in one of the leading National Network of Executive Search Firms, Byrnes & Rupkey can open doors to a wide range of companies and positions.

We currently have several clients who have asked for help in filling Engineering positions. These positions are generally located in the Midwest, but we also work Nationwide. Below are a few of our current openings:

- Kansas City, MO - Maintenance Manager – Semiconductor, STEPPER, Program Management
- Kansas City, MO – Equipment Engineer – Semiconductor, equipment maintenance
- Kansas City, MO – QC Engineer – Silicon industry, SPC, Continuous Improvement
- Atlanta, GA – Industrial Engineer – analyze root cause of equipment/process problems
- Cleveland, OH – Group Engineering Manager – strong maintenance experience, plant management, 50% travel
- Des Moines, IA – TST Engineer – pumps, motors – design, product engineering
- Des Moines, IA – Sr. Process Engineer – mfg process exp, lead teams in equipment & cost reduction
- Cedar Rapids, IA – Process Engineer – weld background, laser/plasma
- Minneapolis, MN – Project Manager – architectural woodworking, CAD

- Rochester, MN – Manufacturing Engineer – Wood/Forestry exp, Lean, TS, Kaizen, CNC
- Moline, IL – Industrial Engineer – design/market industrial facilities, HVAC

If you are passively or actively thinking about making a change in your career, we would enjoy speaking to you. Feel free to contact us by email, weplace@byrnesandrupkey.com, or toll free at 800-783-2756.

8 – OFFICER LISTING

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