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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS: TOUR OF COOK’S HAMS



Cook's is the nation's leading brand of traditional and spiral sliced smoked bone-in ham, corned beef and other smoked meat items. Since its' introduction by Cook Family Foods in 1983, Cook's branded products have been packaged and sold to leading supermarket chains and independent grocers throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, Cook's Ham, Inc. joined Smithfield Foods in April 2006. Manufacturing facilities are currently located in Lincoln, NE, and Martin City/Kansas City, MO

Please join your Greater Kansas City IIE Chapter tour the 125,000 ft² state-of-the-art Spiral Ham (whole, half, quartered, and boneless) facility.

Each tour attendee will receive a special prize at the end of the tour (courtesy of Cook’s Hams)!!!

When: September 18th, 2008; 5:30 PM

Where: 13825 Wyandotte
Kansas City, MO 64145
(816) 943-6173

Cost: Members: - Free
Non-Members: \$5



RSVP: By Tuesday 9/16/08 to Jairo de Jesus (jadejesus@farmland.com)

2 – OCTOBER MEETING PREVIEW

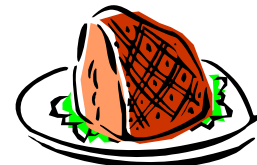
Our October meeting will feature our annual Mentor Day with Kansas State and Missouri IE students. We are still in the process of planning the logistics of this year's event, so stay tuned for more details to come. In the meantime, please consider serving as a mentor for this year's event. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the greater IE community and its future leaders.

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings members! I hope this newsletter finds you well. Even in the summer months, our officer board is hard at work conjuring up fun activities for our members.

In August, we toured the nation’s oldest and second largest retailer owned grocery wholesaler, the Associated Wholesale Grocers (AWG). The distribution center serves over 2,300 stores in a 23 state area. It is an 852,948 square-foot facility, allowing an excess of over 18,000 SKUs to be stored. We toured the dairy and produce areas, and my personal favorite – the freezer section, which was about 15 degrees below zero. I nearly swiped a worker’s mask and uniform to stay warm! Also of note was their voice activated order selection system in addition to the procedures that are in place to quarantine recalled products. I’d like to give a special thanks to Jairo De Jesus, President Elect, for organizing the tour.

Mark your calendars for our next tour on September 18th at Cook’s Hams! I hope you are able to join us.



Looking for a great conference to attend? Look no further than the Operational Excellence Conference and Expo, taking place in Minneapolis September 29th through October 2nd. Formerly the Lean and Quality/Lean Management Solutions Conference, it encompasses:

- More than 50 educational sessions that will spark solid ideas
- Pre-conference workshops to build skills through hands-on exercises
- World-class keynote speakers will stimulate your discussions
- Ample networking time for you to connect with vendors and colleagues
- Special events such as tours, poster sessions and the John S.W. Fargher Scholarship

For more information on this conference, check the conference home page at <http://www.iienet2.org/OperationalExcellence/default.aspx>

Thank you,

Liz Fine

Chapter President

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 (South Central) Chapter 92 Membership 98

*Welcome New Member – R. Wayne Moorhead
And Transfer Member – David Dalton*

R. Wayne Moorhead owns his own brokerage business in Leawood. Much like real estate, he lists & sells businesses. Wayne has a BS from Oklahoma State University & a Masters from USC. He has lived in Raymore, MO for many years after retiring from the USAF after 20 years of flying jets. He worked as an IE at the Kenworth Motor Truck Mfg. here in KC. When the plant closed, he went to TWA as a staff IE. During that time, he taught at CMSU in their IE Department here in KC. Wayne belonged to the AIIE during that time and since then has taught for many years in grad programs around the metro. Wayne evaluates businesses to

determine the market sale price. He realized that he viewed the business operation from IE's prospective. Therefore, Wayne decided to rejoin IIE to update his knowledge. Wayne's son Derek, is an Attorney. He is an adjunct professor at UMKC & coaches the mock trial team.

David Dalton works for General Mills Inc., as the Facility Project Engineer (capital manager). He went to school at North Carolina A&T State University. David just moved to the Kansas City area from Canton, Ohio and is a native of North Carolina. He has lived and worked in six states over his career.

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.

Why is the CAR important to our Chapter?

IIE Headquarters has identified that a monthly CAR article is one of the components of a good newsletter. Furthermore, the various IIE Chapters are measured each year via the CAR submission. Our Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE has received the Gold Award for the past two years based on all of our efforts and activities highlighted in the CAR.

We really appreciate all of the support and efforts from all of our members mainly due to the fact that our chapter functions on a volunteer basis. It's very important to all of us that we foster a fun, communicative, helpful, exciting, and worth while network of people and events that will allow us to continue to grow our great chapter.

How can you help the Greater Kansas City Chapter improve its CAR score?

You can help The Greater Kansas City IIE Chapter improve its CAR score via your continued participation in all of our events and making sure that you submit a survey response upon completion of the event/tour. Such survey results not only assist the chapter to continue to improve on the quality of the events but to properly document the events results in the CAR form as well.

Furthermore, you can assist our chapter by helping us recruit, retain, and reclaim new and/or existing members. The Membership Growth/Retention Section 3.2 of the CAR is another area where we did not maximize the number of points earned during last year's activities.

Please help us recruit and promote this great professional society amongst your colleagues, peers, employers, community, etc. We have several activities planned between now and the end of the year, aimed to further train and educate our members, along with providing further network and fellowship amongst IEs and industry professionals.

You can start by joining us tour the Cook's Hams plant on 9/18 in Martin City (Kansas City) – behind the Robert Sight Ford/Lincoln dealership on 135th/152 Hwy.

Let's make this event the largest member turn-out for an industry tour event for the Greater Kansas City Chapter has ever had!

As an extra incentive for your participation, all event members will receive a sample product/prize courtesy of Cook's Ham...

Remember:

Engineers make things. Industrial Engineers make things better...

Jairo de Jesus

President-Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Nominations for IIE honors and awards now being accepted With summer well underway and fall on the horizon, it's time once again to begin nominating outstanding professionals and students for IIE honors and awards. Nominations for IIE awards must be received via e-mail or postmarked by **Dec. 1**. Awards given by IIE chapters, regions, divisions, and societies may have different deadlines.

<http://www.iienet2.org/Landing.aspx?id=955>

Operational Excellence Conference and Expo 2008

September 29 – October 2

Hilton Minneapolis Minneapolis, Minnesota

Learn new ways to integrate the principles of operational excellence into improvement initiatives throughout your organization.

This conference, formerly the Lean and Quality/Lean Management Solutions Conference, encompasses lean and quality as well as other programs that impact diverse departments in virtually all types of organizations.

<http://www.iienet2.org/OperationalExcellence/>

What's in a name?

For many years, there has been debate over whether to incorporate “systems” into the IIE moniker. This winter, the issue will come to a vote. On the same ballot for the IIE Board of Trustees election, IIE members will be asked to vote on whether to change the name of the association to the **Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers**. Please share your thoughts about a potential name change by sending your comments to

editor@iienet.org.

7 – NEWS FROM IIE HEADQUARTERS

IIE's industry and discipline specific groups allow members to network and benchmark with others. This month we are highlighting a new division for you.

As the President of the Process Industry Division (PID) of IIE, I would like to inform all members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of IIE of what PID is all about.

Performing the IE functions in the Process Industries is very different than applying those same tools in discrete/batch manufacturing, e.g. making “widgets.” The PID exists to support IEs working in or interested in the Process Industries: to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, to facilitate greater interaction between academia and industry, to enhance the visibility and role of the IE in the Process Industries, and to provide networking opportunities across the spectrum of member needs.

“Resurrected” sometime around 2002/2003, the PID began to have a track in the IIE Annual Conference in 2006 and has had a successful track in each subsequent year.

As of today, the PID group has industry representatives from Accenture, Baxter, Corning, Dupont, Farmland Foods, Hersheys, International Paper, Kraft, Nestle, and other industries, as well as, academic representatives from the University of Arkansas.

Please stay tuned to the upcoming publications of the IIE magazine as further information about the PID will be promoted and published.

Thank you!

Jairo de Jesus

PID – President

Dear IIE Member,

The IIE Board of Trustees is issuing a call for nominations for the position of editor-in-chief of IIE Transactions. This position is a four-year, non-renewable term beginning January 1, 2009. The editor-in-chief is responsible for the technical content and direction of IIE Transactions, oversight of the publication process of the journal, and management of the IIE Transactions best papers awards. Responsibilities include overall coordination and processing of submissions, reviews, and final copy for the journal's focused issues; tracking of manuscripts from final copy to publication; coordination and notification of the awardees for best papers in IIE Transactions each year; and preparation and writing of the monthly "Executive Summaries" department for the Industrial Engineer magazine.

The editor-in-chief will be assisted by focused-issue editors, special-issue editors, and department editors. The position of editor-in-chief is a voluntary position and a salary is not provided; however, the publisher provides a stipend to carry out editorial functions.

Nominees must be members of IIE. Nominations should include a resume of individual qualifications with experience that includes industrial engineering research and research administration. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations will be accepted until November 1, 2008.

Please send nominations to:

Donna Calvert
Corporate Operations Manager
Institute of Industrial Engineers
3577 Parkway Lane; Suite 200
Norcross, GA. 30092 or dcalvert@iienet.org

8 – JEC DIRECTORY INFO

The 2009 Joint Engineering Council directory will be printed soon. If you prefer for your contact info (as noted in the IIE member database) to not be included in the directory, please contact Rachel Olson by September 8th, 2008.

9 – OFFICER LISTING

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