

IIE CONNECTION

Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

Summer 2009

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1 – SUMMER MEETING – TBONES GAME



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Please join us for some fun and laughs at an IIE baseball game outing as The Kansas City T-Bones take on The Winnipeg Goldeyes

Current members and their families, along with prospective members, are invited to attend!

- When:** Game time is 7:05 pm on Wednesday, July 29th
Where: Community America Ballpark; Legends at Village West (Kansas City, KS)
Cost: Tickets are \$10 each (bleacher select) ; Children under 2 years get free admission.
RSVP: RSVP by Wednesday, July 1st to Liz Fine at lfine2@hallmark.com

2 – AUGUST MEETING PREVIEW – LEAN ROUNDTABLE

Are there lean strategies working well at your company? Do you continue to encounter challenges in certain areas? If so, plan to join us in August for a Lean Roundtable.

Whether you have ideas that others could learn from or need some ideas to jumpstart Lean in your organization, this discussion is for you. Watch your inbox for an upcoming newsletter with all the details.



If you would like to help coordinate this event, please email bkelle1@hallmark.com.

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings members of the Greater KC Chapter of IIE! Summer is officially here... and it's hot!!!

We closed out yet another successful couple of months for our chapter as we turned in our financial/tax statement on time, participated in the IIE Annual Conference in Miami, FL, attended a couple of award celebrations along with key academia members and supporters of our chapter, and hosted a wonderful community service activity.

Our officer body continues to show how limber our chapter can be while serving and promoting Industrial Engineering and IIE.

Please join us in our upcoming meeting and events - the TBones baseball game and the Lean Roundtable social event, as our chapter continues to be true to its banner of servitude, networking venues, and activities that add value to all of our members.

Please don't forget to let us hear your feedback about the Career Development session of the newsletter and feel free to share any meaningful tips and tools and/or job leads that we can share with all of our members.

Until the next time, have a safe and COOL summer...

Sincerely,

Jairo deJesus

President



Jairo de Jesus, Chapter President, receiving the Young Engineering Alumni Award for the University of Arkansas, posing with Dean John English (Kansas State University, former IE Dept. Chair at UofA), Dr. Kim Needy (IE Dept. Chair at UofA), and Dean Ashok Saxena (UofA)



Jairo de Jesus, Chapter President, receiving the Outstanding Young IE – Business/Industry Award from Dr. Jane Ammons (Associate Dean - Georgia Tech and IIE President)



Jay Christensen, South Central RVP and past president – KCIIE and Jairo de Jesus, Chapter President, receiving the Gold Chapter Activity Award from Dr. Jane Ammons (Associate Dean Georgia Tech and IIE President)



Jay Christensen, South Central RVP and past president – KCIIE and Joan Wagner, SVP – Chapters and past South Central RVP

4 - MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region: South Central Chapter: 92 Membership: 99

Welcoming new member: Dr. John Wu



Dr John Wu – Dr. Wu is an Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering at Kansas State University. His industrial experience includes international consulting in Europe, South Asia, China, and East Russia. His working experience including global supply chain management, e-commerce and web-based Enterprise Resource Planning systems development. He also worked as Production VP and Senior Consultant for several publicly traded technology companies in Taiwan, China, Germany, Canada, and Bermuda.

Dr. Wu got his MS and PhD degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Wu's research works mainly in the risk assessment and management and operations optimization areas. In recent years, Dr. Wu has focuses on the applications of these research works in Health Care Systems, including cell level sepsis simulation, patient flows, information systems integration, and Emergency Room performance evaluations and safety improvements.

5 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Oct. 26-29: Operational Excellence Conference, St. Louis

Plan to share ideas and insights and take back information you can use in your organization. Among this year's conference highlights:

Educational sessions in continuous improvement, corporate culture and customer value, lean and quality, methodologies and case studies, and quality and lean systems management.

Workshops: Lean Tool Kit for Project Leaders; Six Sigma White Belt in Process Improvement

Check out www.iienet.org for more details!

6 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Networking is a critical aspect of developing your career. Some ways to do so are through social networking sites such as LinkedIn and Facebook. LinkedIn is considered to be more professional of the two and hosts a network of over 40 million professionals, exchanging information, ideas and opportunities.

If you are networking online, via whichever site you choose, we encourage you to add local and national IIE groups to your network.



IIE on LinkedIn - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=75670>

IIE on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=26148220561>

KCIIE on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=2398319746>

IIE - South Central Region on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=12481895126>



7 – CHAPTER UPDATE

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

Last month, we reviewed the points awarded in the Chapter Program section of the CAR and discussed how you as a member greatly influence this section mentioning the importance of the following:

- Attending the monthly events scheduled by the KC IIE Chapter
- Inviting colleagues who are members or non-members
- Providing ideas for events that you would be interested in attending or think would spark interest for others
- Providing feedback to the surveys for the events that you have attended (honest feedback is important for us to improve long-term performance)

This month, we outline the remainder programs scheduled for 2009 and invite your feedback and participation in the planning of these events and encourage your involvement in all chapter activities.

Summer - Social event - *As advertised in this month's newsletter, we are scheduling T-Bones outing in July. This is a great time to network with other IEs in a casual environment as well as an opportunity to bring the family out for a night of fun and entertainment.*

August – Lean Roundtable - *This is a great opportunity to share experiences and learn from others on the topic of Lean. The event will be held in a round table discussion format and will be a must for all individuals traveling on the Lean journey.*

September - Facility tour - *Facility tours provide a great opportunity to learn from others' experiences. In many cases, you can find a correlation to current projects or similar problems that are faced in your business. Furthermore, it provides an excellent forum for attendees to share ideas.*

October - Mentor Day - *Historically, this has been a favorite and well attended event for the chapter. It provides the opportunity for you to share your experiences with local college students at an influential point in their careers. This year we will be trying out a slightly different format which we are hoping will be an even bigger success. Be thinking of hosting one or two students this year and encouraging your colleagues to do the same. We are confident that you will find it well worth your time.*

November - Fall Conference - *Fall Conference is a great opportunity to learn from experts in the field at a relatively low cost. We are in the beginning stages of this year's conference planning and are striving to provide relevant training that meets your current needs. With this in mind, we welcome your ideas on conference topics and thoughts for potential speakers (please send to kyle.grabill@garmin.com).*

December - Officer Banquet; Planning Session - *If you are looking to become more involved in the chapter, the yearly planning session is a great place to start. Here, the chapter reflects and realigns its strategy for the upcoming year. It is also the time and place where we elect new officers. We strongly encourage you to attend this event and hope you will consider holding an officer position in 2010.*

We are looking forward to the remaining Chapter Activities for 2009 and hope that you will find these events well worth your time. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kyle Grabill

President – Elect



7 – CHAPTER NEWS CONT.

May Event Recap

Thank you to those of you who gave up part of your Saturday on May 16th to help your fellow IIE members with a community service activity at the historical Union Hill Cemetery!

Members spent the morning gingerly cleaning tombstones and found themselves learning more about the history of Kansas City, dating back to the 1800's! The board members of Union Hill Cemetery were very appreciative of our work and invited us to join them for lunch afterwards.

IIE began work with the Union Cemetery Historical Society in 1999, when we received a \$5,000 grant from the KC150 Project. The cemetery was started in 1857 and got its name because it was established to be a “union” between the cities of Westport and Kansas City. It is the burial site for approximately 55,000 former Kansas City residents.

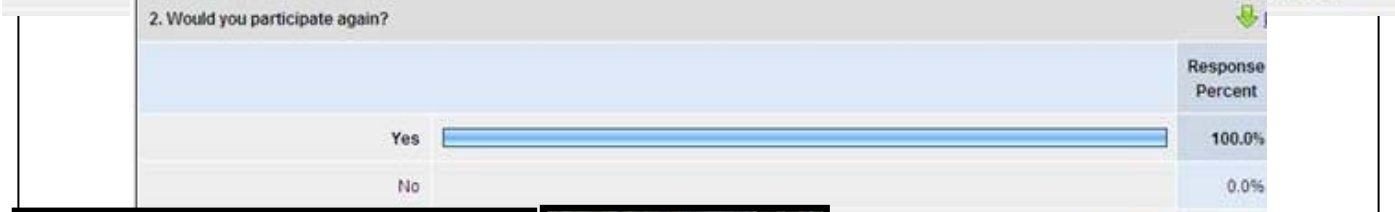
Below is a brief summary of the survey responses from the meeting:



Page: IIE Workday at Union Cemetery

1. Please complete the following question using a scale 1-5, with 5 being "Highly Satisfied" and 1 being "Improvement Needed".

	5	4	3	2	1
Overall event experience	75.0% (3)	25.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Location of event	75.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (1)	0.0% (0)
Day of week of the event	75.0% (3)	25.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Length of event	75.0% (3)	25.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)



Doug Gill, Kyle Grabill, Lori Ashford, and Anita Ranhotra take a break to pose for a picture



Lori Ashford cleaning one of the tombstones



Kyle Grabill, Beth Kelly, Lori Ashford and Doug Gill hard at work

8 – STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

University of Missouri

The University of Missouri recently announced the recipients of the scholarship funds provided by the KCIIE chapter.

The recipients of the scholarship for 2009-2010 are Sean Finley and Lori Hofsess!

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

Kyle Grabill (kyle.grabill@garmin.com) for the Fall Conference!

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