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1 – DECEMBER MEETING – Tour of Associated Wholesale Grocers Inc.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 9th for a tour of Associated Wholesale Grocers Inc., the second largest co-op distribution center in the United States. AWG operates in ten different states and the supply chain network consists of eight distribution centers: Kansas City, KS; Springfield, MO; Oklahoma City, OK; Fort Scott, KS (HBA Facility); Nashville, TN; South Heaven, MS; and Memphis, TN (HBA Facility). During the spring of 2000, there was a labor dispute between AWG and its local union. AWG decided to outsource the warehouse management to Elite Logistics, Inc. (member company of Tibbett & Britten Group North America - one of the largest 3PL service supplier worldwide). The Kansas City Facility is nearly 1 million square feet and it has all temperature warehouses: Dry Grocery, Produce, Dairy, Meat, and Freezer. The site ships an average of 1.2 million cases per week and/or approximately 110 loads per day. For more information visit www.associatedwholesalegrocers.com and www.tibbett-britten.com. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Where: 5000 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66106
When: Tuesday, December 9th
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM.
Cost: Free for members, \$5 for non-members
RSVP: Jairo De Jesus at (913) 254-7362 or it1997@aol by Thursday, 12/04/03

2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Anita Ranhotra and Liz Meyer from Hallmark attended the IE student forum at the University of Missouri on November 18. They delivered a presentation about IIE and the benefits of being a member. During their presentation, they mentioned the primary benefits of being a member: leadership skills development, continuing education, and networking. In my opinion, one of the ways to develop your skills and network is to be involved as an officer of the chapter. Although officer elections are not until next summer, it is never too early to consider getting involved. If you are interested in learning more about the chapter, please join us for our next Officer’s meeting and appreciation happy hour at Fox and Hound December 2nd after work. You can obtain a flavor for what we do by participating in discussion.

The November meeting was a joint meeting with SME, held November 4 at the Red Lobster. Dave Sly, Industrial Engineer and creator of Proplanner, presented their new software that bridges the gap between product CAD and MRP systems. The software tracks material as it turns into product, while the user has access to time studies, ergonomic assessments, line balancing studies, manufacturing cost studies, work

instructions, layout drawings, MSDSs, combo work sheets, spaghetti diagrams, process and value stream maps to make processes more efficient and trackable. I must say, it looked like an Industrial Engineer's dream tool!

I am also looking forward to the December event, a tour of Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. They are the second largest co-op distribution center in the United States. This is an exciting opportunity for IIE. Please consider joining us for the afternoon tour. Many thanks to Jairo De Jesus for setting up the tour.

Sincerely,

Brandy L Collins

3 – OFFICER'S MEETING & APPRECIATION HAPPY HOUR

Calling all Officers and those interested in learning more about the inter-workings of the chapter. This happy hour/officer's meeting is an appreciation event for all the officers, thanking them for the good work they do. In addition to eating free appetizers, we will be discussing chapter business, including the upcoming spring conference and chapter Website. All input is welcome. Please join us if you are currently an officer, or are interested in helping out.

Location: Fox and Hound in Overland Park, KS
Date: Tuesday, December 2
Time: Starts at 5:00 p.m. – come any time between 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Please RSVP to Brandy Collins or Anita Ranhotra so we can ensure we'll have enough food. See the Officer Listing at the end of this newsletter for contact information or if you need driving directions.

4 – PREVIEW OF JANUARY'S MEETING – Joint Meeting with ASQ

In January, we will have a joint meeting with the American Society for Quality (ASQ). The topic is "Quality and Productivity: Baldrige as a possible integrator." William Wrennall from IIE will be the speaker for this meeting, planned for January 15, 2004. Mark it down on your calendars! More details will follow in the January Newsletter.

5 – UPCOMING EVENTS

Tentative Schedule of Events

- December 2nd - Officer's Meeting & Appreciation Happy Hour
- December 9th - Associated Wholesale Grocers Tour
- January 15th - Joint Dinner Meeting with ASQ, Topic: Quality and Productivity
- February - Tour TBD
- March - Annual Conference – Six Sigma
- April - Tour: Robbie Manufacturing, Topic: Strategic Planning
- May - Community Service Project – Union Hill Cemetery
- May - Tour TBD Topeka or Lawrence area

6 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome new members! Jennifer Hedberg and Andrea Prouty
Outstanding Achievement! Mark Funkhouser

Jennifer Hedberg - Jennifer is a Section Manager at Hallmark Cards' Liberty Distribution Center where she manages 30 retail order processors. She is a May 2003 graduate from the University of Missouri in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Originally from Grand Forks, North Dakota, Jennifer has also lived in Warrensburg, Missouri and St. Cloud, Minnesota prior to moving to Kansas City this summer. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys mountain biking, swimming, reading, running, SCUBA diving and cheering on the Missouri Tigers.

Andrea Prouty - Andrea is a business risk and internal audit consultant for Protiviti, Inc. Protiviti does business risk consulting for Supply Chain Management/Risk Consulting, Revenue Optimization, Process-Based Solutions for Complying with Public Reporting Requirements of Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Enterprise Wide Risk Management, Fraud Investigation and Forensic Accounting, IT Asset Management, Enterprise Testing, Security Architecture, Security Assessments, and many others. Andrea is also a recent graduate of the University of Missouri and is originally from Peculiar, MO. She also served at the IIE Student Chapter President at MU-Columbia last year.

Mark Funkhouser – Please congratulate Mark for being recognized in the November 9 *Kansas City Star* for receiving a 2003 Public Official of the Year award from *Governing Magazine* for outstanding public service achievement. Mark has been a Kansas City Auditor since 1988, and was honored in Washington D.C. for this award. Way to go, Mark!!!

7 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

National Engineers Week – February 22-28

The National Engineers Week *Future City Competition* challenges 7th and 8th grade students by promoting the development of their creativity, design, and presentation skills. The competition helps the students learn to work in teams under the guidance of a teacher and a practicing engineer, giving them the opportunity to witness firsthand how engineers turn ideas into reality. For general information on the competition or on how to participate, please visit the Future City Competition web site at <http://www.futurecity.org/>

IIE Annual Conference – Houston, Texas

Plan on attending the IIE Annual Conference in Houston, Texas from May 15th through 19th! For more information, go to the website at <http://www.iienet.org/annual/>.

8 – INTERESTING QUOTE

“Good management is the art of making problems so interesting and their solutions so constructive that everyone wants to get to work and deal with them.”
– Paul Hawken –

9 – JEC INFORMATION

American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) Meeting

Topic: "Logistics and Coordination: Purchasing, Receiving, Scheduling, and Accounting"

Date: Thursday, December 11th, 2003

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Delaware Café

For more information, go to www.apics-kc.org or email programs@apics-kc.org.



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