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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – MARCH MEETING DETAILS: Payless ShoeSource Distribution Center Tour

The March plant tour is scheduled as a tour of the Payless ShoeSource Distribution Center in Topeka, KS. Join us as we visit the main distribution facility for one of the nation’s leading shoe retailers. This DC encompasses over 800,000 square feet, uses over 14 miles of conveyor, and services more than 4,500 Payless ShoeSource stores using a “hub-and –spoke” type of distribution method. Unique to this facility are the Dyelights operation, where shoes are dyed for individual customer orders, and the Kosan Crisplant sortation system. This high-tech sortation system is definitely a sight to see as individual shoeboxes are sorted in to one of over 1800 store-specific chutes. The shoeboxes are then manually packed in to a carton for shipping and sent through an automatic labeling system. This facility can ship over 600,000 pairs of shoes daily, and has the capacity to hold over six million pairs of shoes at any point in time!

The meeting will begin with dinner, catered by Boss Hawgs, and a presentation by the Payless representatives. The tour will immediately follow dinner. Directions will be provided prior to the tour and comfortable, closed-toed/closed-heel shoes must be worn.

Company: Payless ShoeSource Distribution, Inc.

Date: Thursday, March 30th, 2006

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Topeka, KS (directions will be e-mailed to the RSVP list)

Cost: Students: \$12

Members: \$14

Non-members: \$16

Receipts will be available at the meeting

Meal: The Big Boss Sandwich Buffet - Choice of 2 slow-smoked shredded BBQ meats - brisket of beef and smoked turkey, served with buns, pickles, Boss Sauce, and 2 side dishes - baked beans and potato salad.



If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jennifer Albers (Jennifer.Albers@yrcw.com; 913-344-3892) by Friday, March 24th.

2 – APRIL MEETING DETAILS: KANSAS CITY STAR TOUR



Mark your calendars for the April tour of The Kansas City Star's new printing and distribution plant in downtown Kansas City. The tour date is scheduled for April 12, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 pm. The facility is located in downtown Kansas City.

The Kansas City Star was founded in 1880 by William Rockhill Nelson and Samuel Morss as *The Star* with an original issue price of two cents. *The Star* has outlasted several competing newspapers over the past 125 years. It is the winner of eight Pulitzer Prizes, four Polk Awards and, in the past decade alone, 10 Missouri Press Association Gold Cups.

The Star, part of the Knight Ridder newspaper group, is in the final phase of completion of a new state-of-the-art \$199 million printing and distribution plant northeast of its main building at 1729 Grand Blvd. The plant is expected to begin producing newspapers April 4 of this year.

Tour Specifics:

- Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2006
- Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Address: 1601 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO 64108
(directions and parking information will be provided via email)
- Cost: Free for IIE members, \$5 for non-members
- RSVP: By Friday, April 7, 2006 to Robert Stillwell at robert.stillwell@yrcw.com

Please join us for this great opportunity to tour a brand new state-of-the-art printing facility. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Stillwell (913-344-3830 or robert.stillwell@yrcw.com).

3 – PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual conference was a great success again this year. The conference committee did a fantastic job, bringing in a talented speaker on a topic that is critical to businesses today. Thanks to the support from members, students, non-members, and sponsors the chapter was able to raise enough money to cover the annual scholarships for KSU and MU. This event is a very large undertaking and is recognized as a top notch conference throughout the IIE organization.



This will be my final President's message for the Greater KC Chapter, as I have accepted a new assignment in Columbus, GA. Jennifer Albers, President-Elect, will assume the role of President a little earlier than planned, but I know that she is up to the task. I have enjoyed meeting and working with many of you, and am proud to have served in such an active chapter. Through your continued involvement, the Greater KC chapter will continue to share the mission of IIE by providing leadership in developing industrial engineering.

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 Chapter 92 Membership 115

Membership Profile:

Welcome new members – Joe Beveridge, William Johansen, Jay Johnson and Scott Johnston

Joe Beveridge – Joe is an IE graduate from Iowa State University and is currently working as an Events Coordinator for Russell-Hampton Co, a local promotional products business. Joe has worked for JB Hunt, both here in KC and in Chicago, and just moved back to Kansas City around the holidays. Joe’s family is from Iowa and he will be getting married here in Kansas City, this September. In his free time, Joe enjoys indoor soccer, volleyball, and bowling.

William Johansen – William is the Director of Healthcare Sales and Market Development with DST, in their AWD Division, here in Kansas City, MO. He received his undergraduate degree from MU-Colombia and his MBA from UMKC and is a longtime resident of Kansas City. William is married with one grown son and he is interested in matching technology (process improvement software) with reengineered business processes to automate work and reduce costs.

Jay Johnson - Jay is a 2001 BSIE graduate from Kansas State University. He is a Continuous Improvement Engineer with Harley Davidson where he works to apply many IE and lean manufacturing principles. Jay also recently got engaged and will getting married in April 2007.

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

-A continuation of our monthly look into how our chapter is recognized by the IIE National Headquarters and what we are doing to improve our chapter-



Section Four: Student Outreach and Community Affairs

- 1) **Community Affairs Participation** – To be counted, a community affairs event must be Chapter-endorsed and have at least 2 members present. We have the annual event at Union Cemetery. *(1 out of 3 points.)*
- 2) **Student Outreach Support**
 - i. **Student Regional Conference Support** – We contributed \$1000 to KSU when they were the host Chapter, we had member participation at the conference, and a member served as a resource to the students during planning. *(5 out of 5 points)*
 - ii. **Other Student Outreach** – We mentor students, participate in National Engineers Week, work with student chapters to either provide speakers or conduct joint meetings, and invite student chapter members to our meetings. *(4 out of 5 points)*
 - iii. **Other Student Financial Support:** We contribute over \$500 annually to student chapters through our scholarships to KSU and MU students – *(5 out of 5 points)*

Section Five: Member/Chapter/Institute Service and Support

1) **Member/Chapter Support** – Two points are given for each of the activities below we undertake (8 out of 10 points):

- Publish chapter activities in local newspapers or periodicals. (2 points)
- Fund members to attend leadership training (regional or national site). (2 points)
- Member participation in leadership training (regional or national site). (2 points)
- Host a workshop/seminar of at least a ½ day in duration. (2 points)
- Other

2) **Institute Support** – (8 out of 10 points):

- Member participation in IIE-sponsored events. (2 points)
- Donation > \$100 to IIE Foundation.
- Donation > \$600 to IIE Foundation.
- Assist another Chapter to reactivate, revitalize, or improve their processes.
- Chapter member publishes an article in Solutions or an IIE publication.
- Member attendance at the IIE annual Conference or topical seminar. (2 points)
- Attendance at national leadership training or participation in national sponsored webinars. (2 points)
- Other (Attendance at region conf. call) (2 points)

Jennifer Albers

President Elect



6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Do you enjoy web blogs? Go to <http://writetype.blogspot.com/> for the latest IIE blog currently discussing Ergonomics. “How far has ergonomics really come? Is it championed by as many corporations as it should be?” -- www.iienet.org

7 – 2006 SPRING CONFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results are in, and “Are You Ready for 21st Century Leadership” was a success! Following are the survey results from our 30 attendees (scale from 1-10 with 10 being the highest):

<u>Question</u>	<u>Average Score</u>
1) Overall conference experience	8.37
2) Topic of the conference	8.52
3) Quality of the speaker and presentation	9.10
4) Handouts and workbook	8.53
5) Time and date of the conference	8.72
6) Location	8.90
7) Quality of the meal	8.70
8) Conference facilities	8.47
9) Value of the conference to you	8.48

- 10) Would you participate again?
11) Would you invite a coworker?

26 Yes; 4 Maybe; 0 No
25 Yes; 4 Maybe; 1 No

We received positive comments, as well as suggestions which will be referenced to help make the next conference stronger. Many thanks to our presenter, Kevin McManus, to the conference committee, and to all who attended!

8 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT: Current Job Postings

KAIZEN/LEAN COORDINATOR

Sealy Mattress Company, the world's leading bedding manufacturer, is seeking manufacturing professionals with demonstrated experience leading, improving and sustaining a Lean Manufacturing system at its Kansas City, KS plant.

Responsibilities include leading continuous improvement activities for the entire plant, assisting management in establishing objectives for kaizen events, preparing for/training/facilitating/implementing/sustaining the efforts of the kaizen teams. Experience with TPS, kaizen events, KanBan, standard work, process mapping, takt time and identifying waste and areas for process improvement are required.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills, an ability to relate to all levels of the organization, a high energy level, and a commitment to the continuous improvement process. A BS Degree in Industrial Engineering or equivalent is required. Bilingual in Spanish preferred. Local candidates will receive preference.

Send resumes with cover letter and salary history to centralregionjobs@sealy.com or fax to Attn. HR at 630/425-1488. EEO m/f/v/d

9 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?



IIE offers many webcasts on a variety of topics affecting Industrial Engineers today, often times free for IIE members. To register for the next webcast over **Access to Care: Hospital Capacity and Patient Throughput**, go to <http://web.iienet.org/shswebconference9/>. To view an on-demand webcast on your own schedule over Ergo Teams, visit <http://web.iienet.org/ergowebinar/>.

Do you know someone who is considering becoming an IIE member? Our local Kansas City Chapter of IIE is offering a discount to waive the \$15 application processing fee for new professional members. If you know someone who would be interested in this discount, please contact Anita Ranhotra at aranho2@hallmark.com by April 15th.

For more information on IIE, check out headquarter and local chapter websites:
<http://www.iienet.org>
http://www.iienet.org/chapter_index.cfm?chapterid=092

10 – NEWSLETTER REVIEW

We are always looking for new ways to improve our local Kansas City IIE Chapter, including the newsletter. Do you have ideas of what you would like to see in our newsletter or room for improvement? If so, please send your comments to Sara Keimig at sara.keimig@garmin.com.

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