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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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1 – SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS: Boulevard Brewery Tour, September 21st

Boulevard Brewing Company was founded by John McDonald in 1989. Over the past sixteen years, Boulevard has rapidly become one of the “largest specialty brewers” in the Midwest, offering four beers year round. Boulevard is a privately held partnership currently employing 64 full-time associates at their single brewing facility.



Join your fellow IIE members for a tour evaluating this rising manufacturing facility of Kansas City. The tour will be followed by a product tasting at Boulevard Brewing on September 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Brian McCarthy by Wednesday, September 14th. Space for the tour is limited. For a map to Boulevard, please view the following Boulevard web link: http://www.blvdbeer.com/hist_set.html under “locator.”

Meeting Details:

When: Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Where: Boulevard Brewing Company, 2501 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108

Cost: \$5.00 per person

RSVP: By Wednesday, September 14th to Brian McCarthy at bmccarthy@missourienterprise.org

For more information about Boulevard (including the information above) visit their website at www.blvdbeer.com.

2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As we begin our new program year for 2005-2006, I would like to welcome the new officers for the chapter and thank them for their support. I would also like to thank the other officers for continuing to take an active role in IIE. We continue to have a track record as one of the strongest senior chapters in IIE, thanks to the involvement of the officers and members.



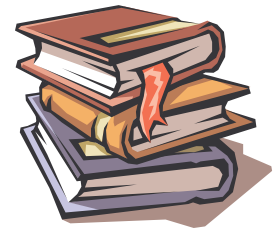
Our program year is slated for some exciting events. We are kicking things off with the Boulevard Brewery tour. I am looking forward to seeing how one of my favorite libations is created. Also, we have our always popular Mentor Day with KSU and MU students. November should be an informative dinner meeting as we hope to host a guest speaker talking about the Sprint Center construction. We will finish off the first half of the year with a social/recruiting event for members in December. The second half will

feature more facility tours our annual conference and community service event. I am looking forward to a great year and thanks for the opportunity to serve as your chapter President.

Keith Johnson

3 – OCTOBER MEETING DETAILS

Another fall has arrived once again! And with that, a new group of fresh, young faces will be attending our neighboring schools in hopes of pursuing an engineering degree. For October's meeting we will be hosting our celebrated Mentor Day with K-State and MU potential IE and engineering students. This event has been a hugely popular occasion, encouraging young minds to take interest in our lines of work. Mentor Day has been such a success because of our dedicated IIE members. If you are your company is interested in assisting IIE with Mentor Day, please contact any of the officers for more information.



4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Region 5 Chapter 92 Membership 115

Welcome New Members!

New Members: Adel Al Kandari and Brian Bowman

Member Profile:

Meet our new Chapter President, Keith Johnson!

Keith is an Industrial Engineering graduate from Kansas State University and is currently a Section Manager with Hallmark Cards, Inc. at their Topeka Production Facility. Prior to Hallmark, he was a Sales Engineer for Fisher Controls. Keith has been an officer with the KC IIE chapter for many years and also served as the IIE President for the student chapter, when he was at K-State. Keith is currently pursuing his Masters degree in Engineering Management from KU. He and his wife reside in Topeka and in his free time, he enjoys golf and tennis. Please join us in welcoming Keith to his new role as our Chapter President!

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

What is the CAR?

For IIE, the “CAR” has nothing to do with roads and driving. The Chapter Activity Report is an electronic form that all IIE chapters are required to submit to National Headquarters each February. According to the 2004 CAR Manual (provided by Headquarters), “The intent of the CAR is to provide a simple measurement system for chapters to see improvement trends and to track their progress. It is also the basis for awards in the Chapter Recognition Program, providing visibility so that chapters’ accomplishments can be recognized and rewarded.”



A chapter can choose to submit basic information only, or to fill out the detailed version of the form and be a part of the Chapter Recognition Program. For 2004, the Greater Kansas City Chapter received the Gold Award, the highest level.

Why do you keep making me read about it?

Headquarters has identified that a monthly CAR article is one of the components of a good newsletter. This makes sense – all chapter members should be aware of how the chapter is doing. In the upcoming months, this article will highlight different sections of the CAR and provide information on how we are scoring in 2005.

Jennifer Albers
President Elect

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

IIE is looking for Nominees: As a part of National Engineers Week 2006, one person age 30 or younger from each discipline of engineering will be featured in a full-page *USA Today* ad, as well as being profiled in other media. IIE Nationals is looking for up to five young engineers to nominate for this award. If you are an IIE member age 30 or younger and would like to try for this award, send two or three paragraphs describing you, your work, and your engineering accomplishments to jgaboury@iienet.org by September 20th. Be sure to include your name, title, company, and daytime contact information, as IIE will be contacting the top five finalists for additional details. The submission deadline is Sept. 20th.
Adapted from www.iienet.org.

Link to the National IIE Home Page: <http://iienet.org>

Link to Kansas City IIE Home Page: <http://www.iienet.org/kansascity>

Link for Membership Renewal: <http://web.iienet.org>

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Did you know that you could join one of IIE's Divisions for **FREE**? Checkout the below link for more information.

<http://www.iienet.org/public/articles/index.cfm?cat=34>"

IIE also offers a career center on the website. Here you can search for and post job listings, review salary surveys, and look over labor statistics. See <http://www.iienet.org/public/articles/index.cfm?cat=704> for more details.

8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know about joint memberships with other professional societies???

IIE members can take advantage of joint memberships that allow them to experience all the benefits of two professional societies with the efficiency of a single payment and the advantage of a lower total cost.

Contact IIE Customer Service to upgrade to a dual membership with one of the following organizations:

1. The Logistics Institute

The Logistics Institute focuses on building the professional skills of logistics practitioners in Canada and worldwide. Its P.Log. designation serves as independent confirmation of an individual's level of ability in the logistics field and experience as a business professional.

Be an IIE professional member and a Logistics Institute associate member for just \$200 per year.

2. SAVE International

SAVE International is an international educational organization that advances value methodology (also called value engineering, value analysis, or value management). Value methodology benefits include decreasing costs, increasing profits, and improving quality.

Dual membership in IIE and SAVE is \$200 per year.

3. Society of Manufacturing Engineers

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers is a resource for manufacturing knowledge. Since it was founded in 1932, SME has worked to make engineers, companies, educators, and others successful in their quest to advance the manufacturing industries.

IIE and SME offer a joint membership for only \$170 per year.

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