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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

Summer 2006

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1 – AUGUST MEETING DETAILS: IIE Open House at Fox & Hound!



Please join us on August 15th at the Fox and Hound in Overland Park for a networking/social Open House event! Besides existing members, we are also inviting many prospective IIE members so that they can meet the local chapter officers and members and learn more about IIE and what our Kansas City chapter has to offer. Come and learn more about the exciting program schedule we have planned for the balance of the year! This is also a great opportunity to network with members of our local chapter!

Where: Fox and Hound - 10428 Metcalf Ave., in Overland Park, KS

When: August 15th; Open House from 5-8pm; stop by at any time during the event!

Cost: Appetizers will be provided; cash bar

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jennifer Albers (jennifer.albers@yrcw.com) or Anita Ranhotra (aranho2@hallmark.com) by August 4th.

If you know of any prospective IIE members, please bring them to this event. Prospective IIE members will be eligible for door prizes!

2 – SEPTEMBER MEETING DETAILS: SEALY TOUR

For more than 125 years, Sealy has been synonymous with sleep—the kind of deep, energizing sleep that you wake from refreshed and ready for the day. Check out this September’s IIE tour at Sealy and find out what makes them America’s Best-Selling Mattress Company. Lunch will be provided.



When: September 19th Noon-1:30PM

Address: 3100 Fairfax Trfy, Kansas City, KS 66115

Cost: To be announced.

More details to follow in our next newsletter.

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! Summer is here, and our program year concluded with the Union Cemetery Workday in May. (Please see Jay Christensen’s CAR article for more information about that worthwhile event.) Although it feels like the IIE events slow down in the summer, the officer team has been busy gearing up for the remainder of 2006.

Our August event at Fox and Hound should be a fun one! We will be there for three hours, so I encourage you to look at your schedule on the 15th and try to find a block of time that best fits with your evening plans. Even if you can only stop by for 30 minutes, you will have a great opportunity to enjoy the free appetizers and mingle with area IE’s!

You will be seeing more information on the fall events in our upcoming newsletters. We are making one very notable change to our schedule – our next local conference will be held in November instead of February. The officer team felt this was a necessary change due to the officer transition now taking place at the end of the year instead of during the summer. We are also planning a September tour and Mentor Day in October.

On a final note, I have some exciting IIE news to share. I attended the Volunteer Leadership Training and National Conference in May, and I am pleased to report that our National Office is hard at work revising the IIE Website. I was able to see some of the mock-ups, and it looks great! They have a goal to help users get to any information they need in 1-3 mouse clicks, and it should be a good resource for IE topic research as well as IIE information. There will be more information about the Website in upcoming newsletters.



Enjoy the summer, and stay safe if you are traveling!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Albers

4 – KSU AND MU AWARDS

Kansas State University Hardcharger award:

Each year the Kansas City IIE Chapter sponsors the KSU IIE Hardcharger Award. Hardcharger Awards are presented to three students who participated most actively in IIE related activities during the school year.

This year, Mike Niedenthal, Student Chapter Liaison, presented the awards to the following KSU students:

Hard Charger Award Recipients



Alpha Award (\$250) – Katie Kimble



Beta Award (\$150) – Jared Graff



Gamma Award (\$100) – Cole Knudsen

Let us congratulate these students for their outstanding involvement and support for the KSU IIE Student Chapter.

Following the award presentations, the new officers for the KSU IIE Student Chapter were introduced and sworn in. Let us also congratulate these new officers:

KSU IIE Officers for 2006-2007

President	Kristen Kuntz	Vice President	Sara DeHaven
Secretary	Shayla Sack	Treasurer	Dustin Thompson
Chapter Development	Natasha Rosario	Open House	Cassie Boyer
	Jenna Schalansky		Jennifer Bolton
Intramurals	Kyle Carlyle		
	Kyle Becker		

University of Missouri

The Kansas City Chapter of IIE also provides a cash award for the University of Missouri. MU presents the cash award as one prize to a student in the IIE chapter who has shown outstanding academic performance, has proven to be an active participant in the IIE chapter, and has been recommended by the IIE chapter advisors. The winner is determined by the College of Engineering Scholarship Committee.

Please congratulate Sean Michael Carr, a December 2006 graduate, for winning the 2006 IIE Award. Sean is an active member of IIE, SME, and Alpha Pi MU. Once he complete his BSIE in December he intends to remain at MU and work toward a Masters in Industrial Engineering. Sean is currently working with the IIE Chapter Advisor for MU, Dr. Noble, on an undergraduate research project involving rail capacity analysis for MoDOT. Congratulations Sean!

5 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Welcome Anita Coleman, Dalwyn Hodgkin, Gil Keneck, and Steven Welch!

Member Profile:

Anita Coleman – Anita is a Senior Inventory Controller for Hallmark Cards, Inc. She is a graduate of Bradley University and moved to Kansas City from Peoria, IL, where she worked for one of Hallmark’s fixture manufacturing facilities. Anita will be getting married next month on the grounds of a lighthouse in Portland, ME. Her fiancé is a Principal for the Fort Osage school district.

Dalwyn Hodgkin – Dalwyn is a Quality Process Engineer for W.W. Grainger at the Kansas City Distribution Center. He manages the Quality Department, develops baseline labor expectations, and does work to optimize all processes in the DC. Dalwyn is an MU graduate who grew up in Kansas City. Shortly after college, he moved to Florida to work for Walt Disney World and just returned to KC last year. Dalwyn is married with two daughters and a dog. He also loves to run and has done three marathons and is planning on running the KC marathon this Fall.

Gil Keneck – Gil is the West Region Engineering Manager for United Parcel Service. He is a graduate of Boston University, with a BS in Manufacturing Engineering. Gil is new to the KC area, having just moved from Denver, CO, where he was the District Level Engineering Manager for UPS. He has also worked for UPS in the metropolitan New York area. Gil is married with two small children.

6 – 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-

Jennifer reported last month that our chapter would receive the Silver Award this year, and we received confirmation during the IIE National Conference. We were one of 9 chapters to achieve the Silver Award. Along with the 8 chapters that achieved Gold Award, we are among the top 20 percent of US and Canadian senior chapters. Thank you to all our members for helping us achieve another great year in 2005!



During the Volunteer Leadership Training (VOLT) session we discussed some of the changes for the 2006 CAR. One of the changes addressed Community Affairs Participation, specifically what types of activities are truly

community affairs and how many members participate. The new rule states “Points can only be claimed for activities that are CHAPTER endorsed, sponsored, promoted and organized. A minimum of TWO members must be present at these events.” With that in mind, Jennifer and I want to recognize and thank Beth Kelley and Lori Ashford for their work at Union Cemetery in May. They stayed beyond the scheduled time to complete the tasks we had offered to do.

Unfortunately the low turnout was again a reminder of the difficulty of scheduling our community service event in May. Often our members have graduations and weddings to attend. However, the Union Cemetery Historical Society is always grateful for the help we do provide, and we would like to continue offering it. One consideration is moving it to another month when more members may be able to participate. Another consideration is participating in other (or additional) community service projects. An IIE sponsored blood drive was one example presented during VOLT. If you would like to share ideas to increase our chapter’s community involvement please contact myself or Community Affairs chair Beth Kelley (see the officer listing for contact info).

Giving back to the community gives you something to feel good about now and may pay a return to you, a family member or friend in the future.

Jay Christensen
President-Elect



7 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

The Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) has requested that the Institute of Industrial Engineers nominate two individuals for a vacancy that will occur on the BCSP Board of Directors at the end of 2006.

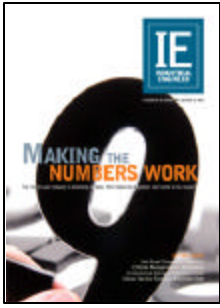
Candidates must hold the CSP and be in good standing. Other qualifications include: being free of potential conflicts of interest, able to comply with the BCSP Fiduciary Policy, demonstrated leadership capabilities, and breadth of experience in safety and health practice. BCSP Directors are restricted from participating in developing or conducting training courses which are specifically intended to prepare individuals for BCSP examinations. The BCSP also seeks individuals who are proven leaders and have demonstrated skills as volunteers with association work.

If you feel you are qualified to fill the vacancy and would like to be considered as a candidate, please contact Donna Calvert at dcalvert@iienet.org prior to July 31, 2006. Please provide a curriculum vita or complete resume with your response.

8 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

Are you interested in networking with experienced Industrial Engineers, improving the field, and becoming a more active member of IIE? Look into the Volunteer Opportunities at <http://www.iienet.org/public/articles/index.cfm?cat=85>.

9 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?



Do you toss your IIE magazine aside every month making a note to yourself to read it when you have more time? Every time you have a few minutes available to read new information in the engineering field, do you have your magazine with you? Check out <http://www.iienet.org/magazine/> and read the top stories from the IIE magazine online!

10 – OFFICER LISTING



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