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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

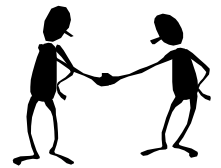
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1 – SEPTEMBER MEETING – Networking/Social Event at Fox & Hound!

Please join us on Sept. 9th 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 this upcoming 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: Sept. 9th, 2003; Open House from 5-8pm; stop by at any time during the event!

Cost: Appetizers will be provided; cash bar

RSVP: Please RSVP to Brandy Collins (brandy.l.collins@mail.sprint.com; 913-315-4285) or Anita Ranhotra (aranho2@hallmark.com; 816-545-2671) by August 29th.

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

2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our yearly Summer Planning Session was held Wednesday, July 30th. The turn-out was exceptional, with twenty members of IIE participating in a comprehensive discussion pertaining to last year’s progress, and next year’s goals and program schedule. I appreciate everyone’s input, and welcome new chapter officers Luke Goodrich, Jairo de Jesus, Jeff Poehls, and Robert Stillwell to the team.

I am also looking forward to establishing a Greater KC area Chapter Website, and to the packed agenda we have this year (see 2003-2004 Program Schedule page 2). Coming up next month is our Membership Recruitment Event. This is the first time our chapter has launched such a wide-scale effort for recruiting new members. The event is to be held Tuesday, September 9 at Fox and Hound in Overland Park.

Everyone is welcome, and I encourage existing members either to bring a friend, or encourage someone that would benefit from IIE to attend. Anita Ranhotra, Lori Ashford, and Beth Kelley have been working diligently planning this event. They have sent over 600 letters to area prospects! Thanks to them for all of their hard work!

Chapter membership is important for a couple of reasons: 1) More people means a more active chapter and more networking, thus more benefit to everyone involved and 2) Chapter funding. We support both the

University of Missouri (MU) and Kansas State University (KSU) student IIE programs, and are looking at funding other schools. Our chapter also supports student chapters via Mentor day, coming soon in October. Other than any revenue gained from the yearly Chapter Conference, most chapter revenue comes from dues paid by members. Of course, with more dues money, the chapter is able to be more active. Again, please consider attending the September 9th event, and bring a friend interested in IIE!

Sincerely,

Brandy L. Collins

3 – PREVIEW OF OCTOBER’S MEETING

Student Mentor Day!!!!!!!

It is the time of year again when students start heading back to school. That means it is also time for our chapter to host the annual Student Mentor Day for students at both KSU and MU. Mentor Day is an annual event held in October that gives these students the opportunity to learn what we as Industrial Engineers do in the real world. The event will start with a morning tour of a Kansas City area business or company followed by lunch as a group. In the afternoon, students will accompany their assigned mentors to their workplaces where the students will learn about their mentors’ jobs as Industrial Engineers.

Our chapter’s Mentor Day is always a very popular event, but the success of this event depends on YOU! If you would be able to host one to two students for this year’s Mentor Day, please let us know. You can preliminarily sign up to be a mentor by contacting Rachel Dubbert (913-727-6692 x458, rdubbe2@hallmark.com), to submit your name and company.

Thank you! Please look for more details on Mentor Day in the October newsletter!

4 – UPCOMING EVENTS

Tentative Schedule of Events

- September 9th - Membership Recruitment Event - Fox & Hound (see write-up page 1)
- October - Mentor Day (see write-up page 2)
- November - Dinner Meeting TBD
- December 9 - Associated Wholesale Grocers Tour
- January - Dinner Meeting: Joint meeting with ASQ
- February - Tour TBD
- March - Yearly Conference
- April - Tour: Robbie Manufacturing. Topic: Strategic Planning
- May - Community Service Project – Union Hill Cemetery
- May - Tour: TBD Topeka or Lawrence area

5 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Welcome new members! Dan Black, Kathie Medley, and Jeff Polson

Dan Black – Dan is the Quality Manager at Praxair Surface Technologies in North Kansas City, with additional responsibility for the Miramar – Ft. Lauderdale, FL facility. North Kansas City is the division’s headquarters for Praxair’s Aviation Services, specializing in repair of jet engine and airframe components. Dan is a graduate of Indiana University, with a Masters in Quality Assurance from Southern Polytechnic State University and an MBA in Management from Alameda College. Dan and his wife, Susan, have three grown children and six grandchildren. Dan is an ASQ Certified Quality Manager, a Certified Quality Engineer and a Certified Quality Auditor and is one of fewer than 100 internationally who hold all three of these highest ASQ certifications! Dan and Susan, an electrical engineer, also have a contract engineering and consulting business -specializing in quality and business systems implementation/improvement.

Jeff Polson – Jeff is an Operations Manager at Gear for Sports in Lenexa, with responsibilities for the receiving, warehousing, inventory control, and internal transportation departments. Jeff is a Dec. ’98 graduate of Kansas State University and his previous work experience includes working as a Management Engineer at a hospital in Omaha, NE and as an Inventory Control Manager/Sr. Industrial Engineer at the Foot Locker Distribution Center in Junction City, KS. Jeff’s wife, Chloe, is at KU Medical School and together they are raising a Great Dane puppy, which Jeff says is “enough work to be a full time job”.

6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

IIE's new "Ask the Expert" program is experiencing rapid growth and is now a great new member benefit - providing members access to experts who help solve difficult workplace problems - at no charge. Check it out at <http://www.iienet.org/ask>.

7 – INTERESTING QUOTE

Humility does not mean you think less of yourself. It means you think of yourself less. (Ken Blanchard)

8 – POSITION OPENING

Gear For Sports, one of the nations leading producers of quality activewear, has an immediate opening for an Industrial Engineer.



SCOPE: Screen print, Embroidery, Warehousing, Packing, Shipping and Transportation (Methods improvement, Labor standards development, Layout design, Manufacturing process improvement, Training program development, Productivity improvement)

LOCATION: Lenexa, KS (Greater Kansas City), also servicing plants in Chillicothe, MO and Bedford, IA.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Methods improvement: Existing manufacturing processes and methods, labor efficiency improvement, costing, new manufacturing processes and methods
- Labor standards development
- Work measurement: Time study, pre-determined time
- Standard data system
- Job costing system
- Layout design: Work station, Work aides, Ergonomics
- Manufacturing process improvement: Production and warehouse equipment utilization and efficiency
- Training program development: Methods training. Train the trainer

- Productivity improvement: Team Directed Profit Improvement Program, Cost savings projects

REQUIREMENTS: (Preferred, not required)

- Industrial Engineering Degree
- MTM Certification
- Three to five years experience

If you are interested in applying for this position please submit your resume with salary requirements to:
sready@gearforsports.com

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