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January Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, from 11:30am – 1pm, for our monthly ASSE luncheon meeting. Remember, we are now meeting at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage, which is located at 3301 C Street, Suite 120, Anchorage, AK 99503.

After networking with your peers and eating a great lunch, we will have an opportunity to learn from Matt Garner, HSE Director, Western North Slope & Exploration, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. Matt's presentation will be focused on "Building a Safety Culture: Lessons Learned from an Oil & Gas Assignment in Poland."

In addition to the Petroleum Club's Caesar salad, you have two choices for an entrée. Both entrées will be served with two chef selected sides.

- Option 1:** Cuban Marinated Roast Pork, mushrooms and onion demi-glaze.
- Option 2:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, chicken breast, imported ham & Swiss cheese, with Asiago cheese sauce.

Please RSVP via email to jjohanson@gci.com by the close of business on Friday, January 13th. **Please include your menu choice.** If you have an allergy to an item in the above listed menu, please identify the allergy with your menu choice. The PCA will strive to meet your dietary requirements.





Welcome New Chapter Members!

The Alaska Chapter continues to grow. The following individuals recently joined the AK Chapter. On behalf of the entire Membership, Welcome!

Sara Bergeron, John Engholm, Stefan Johnson, Michelle McCoy and Toni Prins

Change of Command



Scott Ketchum, Anchorage Area Director for OSHA, is leaving Alaska for a new position with OSHA in Washington D.C. as the Deputy Director of Construction.

Scott's last day in Alaska is February 1, 2017. Scott anticipates that his replacement will take over during the last week of March or early April.

"It's been a pleasure being a member of this group and I wish you the best of success in providing safe workplaces for all Alaskans." ~ Scott Ketchum

From the Chapter Executive Committee: Thank you for your dedication to the occupational safety profession and to workers across the state. The work that you accomplished in Alaska will have a positive impact on multiple generations to come.

Membership Milestones

As of January 2, 2017, the AK ASSE Chapter had 352 members. The following members are celebrating a milestone of their membership in January 2017. Congratulations!

George Shedlock: 10 years

John Averill: 5 years





2017 Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference Call for Speakers



If you are interested in being a presenter at the annual AK Governor's Safety & Health Conference (GSHC), please use the following link to begin the process: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/akGSHC2017>

If you have any questions about serving as a presenter for the GSHC, please contact Mary Rydesky at mrydesky@yahoo.com.

Chapter Elections

Interested in learning more about your Alaska Chapter or finally getting more involved with it? One way to become more involved is to serve on the Chapter Executive Committee. The time for Chapter elections is coming up in March 2017, but now is the time to consider if you are willing to give back to your Chapter and become actively involved. For more information regarding nominating yourself or someone else as a Chapter Officer, please contact Jon Johanson at jjohanson@gci.com.

Meet One of Our Members

Member Profile: **Sam Dick** is the Treasurer for your AK ASSE Chapter. Sam is the General Manager at Washington Crane & Hoist Company, Inc.

Sam's story is a bit unique because he was born and raised in Australia. According to Sam, safety had always been a big part of his life because his Dad had worked in the occupational safety field and was always trying to take the "fun" out of Sam's childhood.

When Sam graduated from high school, he completed an Electrical Apprenticeship with a coal mine in New South Wales (NSW) Australia. He then worked as an electrician and hard rock "miner" for a company tunneling beneath Sydney to construct roads. His next job took him into high rise construction when he began installing and maintaining temporary Alimak construction elevators.





When Sam decided to relocate from Sydney to Brisbane, he was asked to lead a small crew from a new satellite branch for his employer. Due to the smaller size of the operation, his role required him to manage everything from Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Scheduling, Forecasting and Safety. After receiving the necessary training, Sam was tasked mainly with being sure his company complied with the Australian Government's safety requirements, as well as the site specific safety requirements of his customers.

Because of Sam's stellar performance and ability to manage a satellite office for his employer, he was asked to travel to the United States to help with a worldwide warranty effort in 2007. It was during this endeavor that he was given the opportunity to travel to Alaska, which allowed him to reconnect with a certain female exchange student, named Kristina, from Southeast Alaska that he met while he was in high school. Sam and Kristina eventually got married the same year. She said yes because Sam agreed to honor her simple requests to live in the United States and to stay in Alaska.



In 2008, Sam started a new career with Washington Crane and Hoist. With the help of his sales manager, he began to build an Alaska division for the Seattle based company. This opportunity required Sam to wear many hats and it allowed him to utilize all his previous training and experience to ensure that, as the Alaska division of Washington Crane & Hoist grew, it would maintain the highest level of professional safety possible.

Sam would admit to you that he is emotionally attached to safety. Sam said that, "It stopped being part of the job for me a very long time ago - when it became a passion."

In 2012, Sam attended the Crane Symposium that the AK ASSE Chapter organized. This symposium opened the door for Sam to meet some of the executive leaders of the AK ASSE Chapter. He was so impressed with the caliber of the Crane Symposium, that he decided to join ASSE and volunteered to help organize the 2013 Alaska Occupational Safety Summit.

Because of his involvement with the Safety Summit, he was able to work with some outstanding volunteers that share a passion for safety and continuous improvement. Since his involvement with the 2013 Safety Summit, Sam has had the privilege of being able to volunteer and help organize multiple successful Safety Summit conferences.

According to Sam, "The Alaska Chapter of ASSE has introduced me to the hardest working most passionate people I've ever shared company with and I feel very lucky to be associated with this caliber of professionalism and service."

Since moving to Alaska full-time, he has really come to enjoy the Alaskan way of life. He truly enjoys fishing, target shooting, and he sometimes tries to go snowboarding during the winter. He also had the honor of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States in 2012.





Regional Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

The deadline for nomination for the Regional SPY Award is February 1, 2017.

Are you aware of a safety professional that has made important contributions to the safety profession? Why not nominate him/her for the Regional Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award. The ASSE Regional SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific Chapter. To be eligible nominees must:

1. Be a Professional Member or Member in good standing of their Chapter and the Society.
2. Not have received this award within the past five years.
3. Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment.

For more information on how to nominate someone for the Regional SPY Award, visit this site: <http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/awards/spy-winners/>

Enrich and Excel your Career with ASSE Practice Specialties, Branches and Common Interest Groups

Consider joining a practice specialty as the benefits are numerous. There is the power of volunteering: Explore a wide range of volunteer opportunities that will help you build your leadership skills and increase your value in the workplace and beyond. You can also earn recertification points by contributing articles and other content that expand the profession's body of knowledge.

Get the latest: Review technical content that advances the practice of safety across the broad spectrum of the profession, from program management to culture change, risk assessment to fatality prevention.

Take your career to new heights: Connect with an extensive network to access expert guidance, share knowledge and exchange ideas. The more you participate, whether it's through open conference calls, group webinars or social media sites, the more you gain.

Visit <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/> to get more information.

