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April Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, April 18, 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 Trace Savage, 3M of Alaska. Trace will be discussing the updated Walking-Working Surfaces and Fall Protection Standards, as well as the rule regarding 3,600lb gate strength on snap hooks and carabiners.

In addition to the Petroleum Club's fresh soup of the day, you have two choices for an entrée. NOTE: only the NY Strip Steak entrée will be served with two chef selected sides.

- Option 1:** Grilled 8oz New York Strip Steak, topped with mushrooms and glazed onions
- Option 2:** Full size Caesar salad with grilled chicken, shaved parmesan and herbed croutons

Please RSVP via email to jjohanson@gci.com by the close of business on Thursday, April 14th. **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.



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AK ASSE Chapter Election

In the very near future, chapter members will be receiving an invitation to vote for members of the 2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee. Thank you to everyone that submitted a nomination form and to those that have volunteered to serve the Chapter. Below is the list of nominees for each position.

OFFICE	NOMINEE
President Elect	Chris Warner
Vice President	Jon Johanson
Treasurer	Sam Dick
Secretary	Todd Klementz and Nathan Zdunich
Delegate To Society House of Delegate 1	Lee Bauke and Ann Lindsey
Delegate To Society House of Delegate 2	Lee Bauke and Ann Lindsey

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!

Constance Alves, Megan Christiani, Michael Dewandeler, Luis Duran, Brad Duwe, Allen Hulse, Harry Leffler, Jonathan Murphy, and Jennifer Tuepker.





Membership Milestones

As of April 1, 2017, the AK ASSE Chapter had 369 members. The following members are celebrating a milestone of their membership in April 2017. Congratulations!

James Croak (20 years)

Gary Campbell (10 years)

Lloyd Raines (5 years)

Meet One of Our Members



Ruthanna Carr is the President of the Student Section of the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and a full-time student at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She will be a junior in the fall 2017 semester and is working towards a bachelor degree in Occupational Safety and Health.

Like many safety professionals, Ruthanna's schedule is overflowing and she is beyond busy. She was the recipient of ASSE Foundation's Academic Scholarship. The Foundation is the charitable arm of ASSE and since 1990; the ASSE Foundation has provided more than \$1.6M+ in scholarships to more than 500 OSH students. Ruthanna was also previously awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Bering Straits Native Corporation.

Ruthanna was named to the UAA Community & Technical College Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester having been enrolled in at least 12 credits and earned a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above. Plus, she was named to UAA's Chancellor's List for the same period having earned a 4.0 GPA. Ruthanna was also recently selected for an internship with ConocoPhillips. She has also completed an internship with Bering Straits Native Corporation.

Ruthanna has volunteered much of her time with her fellow students, the Alaska Chapter of ASSE, the UAA ASSE Student Section, and with organizations such as the Associated General Contractors of Alaska and the National Association of Women in Construction

Additionally, you may have seen Ruthanna on the KTVA Channel 11 News Hour speaking about her involvement in helping a family that lost their home in a fire. To learn more about Ruthanna's recent community involvement, follow this link: <http://www.ktva.com/anchorage-family-loses-everything-fire-neighbor-helps-start-418/>

Ruthanna was born and raised in Alaska and is proud of her Inupiaq heritage. Ruthanna's hobbies are quite simple. In addition to her full-time schedule at UAA, she is singlehandedly working as a full-time mom to five children. If you attended the Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference on April 4-5, you would have seen Ruthanna, along with a few other student chapter members, volunteering to staff the AK ASSE Chapter booth.





The phrase “been there, done that” applies to Ruthanna’s early career as a construction truck driver. She has worked as a construction truck driver on projects across the state and for a variety of companies. In fact, she is very familiar with building ice roads on the Coville River, which is on the North Slope of Alaska. It was during this project that Ruthanna’s most memorable moment in driving truck began. During the project, she was leading a convoy of vehicles back to camp when a seven year storm rolled in. So, in addition to the 24 hours of darkness, Ruthanna could not see past the hood of her truck due to the white out conditions. Fortunately, Ruthanna was successful in leading the team of vehicles back to camp, on a single lane road, in white out conditions.

When asked why she joined ASSE in 2015, Ruthanna said that she was personally encouraged by Ryan Schubert, the President-Elect of the Alaska Chapter. Ruthanna also shared that her membership with ASSE has given her opportunities to network with other students and safety professionals across the state, along with the benefits from earning a scholarship.

ASSE Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the ASSE Foundations Scholarship are accepted September 1st through December 1st every year and must be submitted online after September 1st. After applications are reviewed by the Foundation’s Scholarship Award & Selection Committee, awards are disbursed to recipients the following April. In 2017, the ASSE Foundation will award more than \$275,000 to OSH students and professionals through their scholarships and grants programs. Students are encouraged to join the ASSE Student Section and apply for scholarships! For more information please visit <http://foundation.asse.org/>

2017 National Safety Stand-Down

Join the [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#), May 8-12, 2017, designed to raise national awareness about fall hazards and preventing injuries and fatalities.

Employers can get involved and help reinforce the importance of fall prevention by taking a break from work operations to focus on fall hazards and talk directly to employees about safety. OSHA’s stand-down web page offers [resources](#) for conducting a safety stand-down, including posters, a training guide and other educational materials, publications about ladder and scaffolding safety, certificates of participation, an interactive map of regional events and [FAQs](#).

Spread the word about this important safety campaign or share how your company is getting involved with [#StandDown4Safety](#).

