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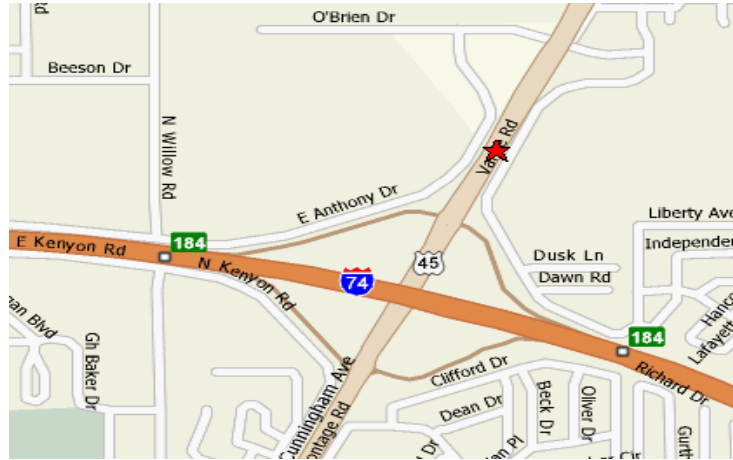
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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

Central Illinois Chapter

Host: CIL ASSE Chapter and EISN

Location: The Park Inn
2408 Cunningham Ave
Urbana, IL



When: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Executive Board meeting: 4:30 pm.

Networking and Registration: 5:30- 6:00pm.

Dinner Served: 6:00- 6:30pm.

Presentation: 6:30-7:30 pm.

Speaker: Fred Manuele PE, CSP President Hazards Limited

Program: Serious Injury Prevention. Mr. Manuele will discuss injury trends. His research indicates a decline in frequency, but an increase in severity, dictating a new approach.

Cost: Member \$18.00 Non-Member \$19.00 Student \$5.00

Please RSVP via E-vite, or email reservations to gveginski@peoriaparks.org
or call Gene Veginski at (309) 683-3770 .

Upcoming Meetings

Date	City	Location	Topic	Speaker	Notes
4/10/07	Peoria	Getz Fire Equipment	Getz Tour	Stephen Klimstra	4-5 p.m. small group tours of facility
5/8/07	Farmer City	Farmer City Country Club	Golf Outing Cookout/Awards		Golf 2:00 Dinner 5:00

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For Immediate Release

**ILLINOIS KID WINNER IN FIFTH ANNUAL AMERICAN
SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL 'SAFETY-
ON-THE-JOB' POSTER CONTEST**

BLOOMINGTON, IL (March 5, 2007) – Illustrating how to be safe at work in a creative way, Jami Kunde, 11, of Bloomington, IL recently won second place in the 5th Annual American Society of Safety Engineers kids 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest in the 11-12 age category. The winning posters were selected from five age groups aged 5-14 and will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) 2007 as part of the May 6 –12, 2007 NAOSH Week and May 9 Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.

The ASSE kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest is for members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews aged 5-14 and is aimed at educating children at an early age on the importance of and how to be safe at work. Winning posters best illustrate workplace safety. In addition to winning a savings bond and being featured on the NAOSH 07 poster, the poster contest winners, runners-up and all entrants will be recognized at the NAOSH 07 national kick-off events Monday, May 7 in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Labor and in the U.S. Capitol. ASSE, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) officials and OSHA Alliance members representing more than 134,000 businesses will participate.

Kunde's poster, titled 'Make the Right Choice – Illustrations of right and wrong,' received second place for creatively showing safety at work. The second place winners all receive savings bonds. In addition to drawing, Jami plays the piano and trumpet and is involved in softball, soccer and basketball. She attends Trinity Lutheran School. ASSE Professional Member Don Kunde, her father, sponsored Jami.

For NAOSH 07 participation information and the poster please go to www.asse.org/naosh07. To order a copy of the NAOSH 07 poster contact ASSE at customerservice@asse.org.

Workplace Safety: Recognizing and Eliminating Hazards

Hazards can be found everywhere in the workplace. Some are quite apparent. Others are so small or seemingly ordinary that they're easily overlooked, and every worker is placed at risk in some way. A workplace hazard denotes any kind of object or situation that could result in injury, disease or death. Some indicators are things we wouldn't immediately consider -- age, for instance. Young workers new on the job (age 15-24) have more of a chance of getting hurt than older, experienced workers. Another invisible hazard would involve experienced workers who use that same tool all day, every day. They're susceptible to repetitive strain injury.

So employers and floor supervisors need to develop the proper mindset to recognize hazards.

The Major Hazards

Many facilities have workplace health and safety issues that are specific to their own industry. But some issues are common to almost every business. Workplace safety starts with knowing the major hazards. These include:

- Physical hazards that involve equipment, machinery or tools
- Bio-hazards that involve bacteria, viruses, fungi, mold or plant materials
- Chemical hazards that involve dust, fumes, vapors, gases or chemical mists
- Electrical hazards

Watch your Step

The single biggest cause of injuries at any workplace is conditions that lead to slips, trips, and falls. These are the most frequent causes of non-fatal major injuries in both manufacturing and service industries. They comprise more than half of all reported injuries. Employers can help to reduce slip and trip hazards looking around the workplace to spot uneven floors, electrical cables, and areas where spillages may occur.

Ways to reduce such risks include:

- Cleaning up spills immediately after they occur
- Positioning equipment to avoid cables crossing pedestrian routes
- Keeping walkways clear of rubbish and other debris
- Securing all rugs and mats so that they won't move and their edges won't curl
- Providing handrails, floor markings and signage in areas where the flooring slopes
- Making sure workers have the proper footwear for the workplace

Other specific workplace hazards include:

- Moving vehicles such as forklifts
- Collapsing platforms or equipment
- Confined-space work areas
- Falling objects
- Workplace violence

Raise the Safety Bar High

Every employer has an ethical and legal duty to set a high standard of workplace safety. As part of this, they should look around the work place and ask themselves questions about the environment. Who comes into the workplace and how would they be at risk? Are the precautions already in place?

An effective safety program involves:

- Promoting safe work practices as part of the company's work policies
- Keeping all tools and machinery in a safe condition
- Ensuring that all internal facilities, including bathrooms and eating areas, are clean and germ-free
- Providing information, training and supervision for all workers
- Involving workers and supervisors in all decisions relating to health and safety
- Designating a safety supervisor for all facility areas
- Conducting regular safety meetings



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Safety Photo of the Month



We're on the Web!
<http://cil.asse.org/>

“Teenage Fall Protection”

Photo from http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/photo/archive/archive_201-250/photo225.htm

If you have photos you would like to submit for the “Safety Photo of the Month” please email them to Robert.Bonack@members.asse.org

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