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Treasurer's Report

1/1/2006 through 10/31/2006

Inflows \$	
Dues	905.00
TeleWeb Seminars	330.00
Uncategorized	710.00
Cash for Change	-150.00
TOTAL INCOME	1795.00
Outflows \$	
Science Fair	348.33
OSHA Update	-227.39
TeleWebs (3)	795.00
Leadership Conf.	127.42
Plaque	106.50
Mail Service	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1349.86
Overall Totals \$	
OVERALL TOTAL	445.14
Checkbook Balance	6,122.26
Certificate of Deposit	5,359.06

North Texas Section - American Industrial Hygiene Association



Announcing the NTS-AIHA PDC on November 14th!

Come one, come all! The North Texas Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association presents a one day PDC with 1 ABIH CM (0.625 COC, BCSP) point on November 14, 8:45AM-4PM. Lunch is included, and the price is only \$45 for AIHA-NTS Members and \$55 for non-members and registration on the day of the seminar. Cash or checks will be accepted at the door, made out to NTS-AIHA.

Debbie Dietrich, MS, CIH from

SKC will present the morning session and Manisha Singh, PhD from TSI will conduct the afternoon session. To register, please call Michael Larrañaga at 817-735-2391 or email mike at (<mailto:mlarrana@hsc.unt.edu>).

Space is limited, so please register soon. A brief overview of the schedule is below:

8:50AM-9:00AM: Introduction and Welcome

9:00AM-10:30AM: Particulate

Matter: Sampling Options for the EH&S Professional

10:45AM-12:15PM: Tools of the Trade for Evaluating Indoor Air Pollutants with a Special Emphasis on Data Interpretation

12:15-12:45: Lunch (provided)

12:45PM-2:15PM: Real-Time Airborne Particle Measurements

2:30PM-4:00PM: Measurement, Monitoring and Exposure Assessment of Nanoparticles.

New AIHA Telewebs—Live (Dec. 5th) and on CD!

AIHA offered a two for one on Telewebs and NTS-AIHA took advantage of the deal!

The first Teleweb, Safety Management Process (SMP) Proactive Safety Metrics That Drive Performance is only available on CD. Since this Teleweb was held too close to our OSHA Update and our PDC, we decided to offer the CD on loan to all members.

The Teleweb is presented by Anne Bevington, Coors Brewing Company, Golden, CO, and focuses on a Safety Management Process (SMP), a system utilized by the Coors Brewing Company. The SMP measures safety per-

formance proactively instead of reactively to drive safety performance. The underlying principle behind SMP is that “proactive participation or employee engagement drives safety performance.”

To view this Teleweb, send an email to Erika Erikson (<mailto:erikson@guidaslavichflore.com>) to request the CD for a 2-week loan. You will be responsible for sending it back to Erika.

The second Teleweb is airing on December 5th, 2:00-4:30PM entitled: Roles of OEHS Professionals in Pandemic and Avian Influenza: Implementing New Guidelines and Understanding Federal Guidance.

Presented by Lisa J. Delaney, CIH, this Teleweb focuses on the history of epidemics, an overview of avian influenza, and the role of OEHS Professionals. We (the OEHS Professional) are faced with a myriad of issues that have expanded their role in recent years. Technology, terrorism, emergency preparedness/ response, in addition to emerging infectious diseases such as SARS, plague, and influenza have all impacted our responsibilities.

To register for the Teleweb on December 5th, contact Mike Larrañaga by November 30, 2006. The cost is \$20, payable to NTS-AIHA.

TCEQ News...

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) has sponsored the Emergency Management Training Conference for 44 years. This conference is one of the premier training events for Emergency Managers and Responders in the South-western United States.

As a result of the changing needs, challenges, and threats faced by Texans and the United States in the 21st Century, the successor to the GDEM's largest and most successful conference will henceforth be called the Texas Homeland Security Conference.

To be held November 27th through December 1, 2006 in San Antonio. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>

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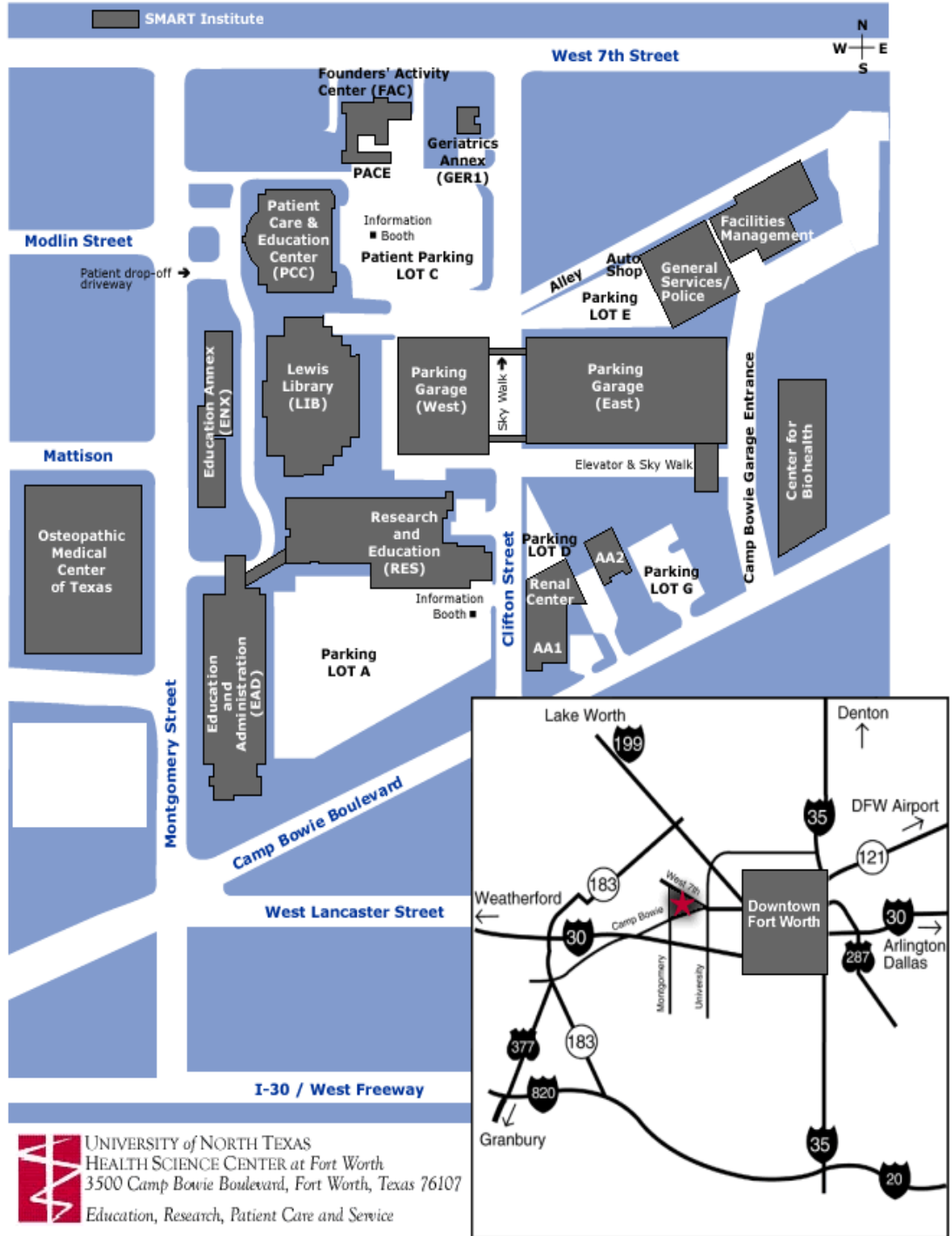
- Ronald Regan

Map to the Univ. of North Texas Health Science Center for the November 14th PDC:

3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard

Fort Worth, TX 76107

Education and Administration Building (EAD) #719



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NIOSH Happenings

✓ The Battelle Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation, has completed a feasibility assessment of tools and methods for conducting occupational safety and health surveillance activities in hospitals. The report was conducted through a contract with NIOSH. Findings from the report will be used by NIOSH in planning for the National Exposures at Work Survey (NEWS). For more information, go to <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nioshtic-2> and type in the search word "Battelle."

✓ A new NIOSH guidance document, "Occupational Health Surveillance for Nanotechnology Workers," is expected to be posted in November on the NIOSH Nanotechnology topic page. This document will provide a frame-

work for consideration of the issues pertaining to occupational health surveillance for nanotechnology. Watch the topic page at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/nanotech> for more information.

✓ NIOSH and over 15 cosponsors will host the symposium "WorkLife2007: Preserving and Promoting Worker Health," September 10-11, 2007 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Washington, DC. The symposium is part of the NIOSH WorkLife Initiative. The vision of the initiative is safe and healthy workers in workplaces that protect, sustain, and promote health and wellbeing. The symposium will gather researchers and practitioners in the areas of health protection and promotion programs and health care costs; iden-

tify programs, policies, and practices that work; and to build consensus around research priorities and a research agenda. The initiative is the NIOSH response to the "2004 Steps to a Healthier US Workforce Symposium." Check the web page, <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/worklife> for more information and updates.

✓ Registration is being accepted for the "International Conference on Nanotechnology Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety: Research to Practice," which will be held December 4-7, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference is co-sponsored by NIOSH, the University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, and the USEPA. More information can be found at http://www.uc.edu/noehs/conference_program.asp

MSHA—Evaluating Flagrant Violations

The newly appointed assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration today issued instructions to agency inspection personnel, establishing uniform procedures for evaluating flagrant violations of mandatory safety and health standards. The new procedures carry out a provision in the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act (MINER Act) that was signed into law June 15, 2006.

"My first priority as the head of this agency is to focus on the

basics, like thorough inspections and strong enforcement," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "Congress gave us powerful new tools to strengthen mine safety, and we are going to use them fully."

According to the MINER Act, a civil penalty of up to \$220,000 may be assessed for a flagrant violation. A flagrant violation is defined as "a reckless or repeated failure to make reasonable efforts to eliminate a known violation of a mandatory safety and health standard that substantially and

proximately caused, or reasonably could have been expected to cause, death or serious bodily injury."

Based on the facts and the inspector's observations, a mine inspector has the first opportunity to evaluate a violation as flagrant. The new instructions for MSHA enforcement personnel set the criteria that an inspector must consider when recommending that a flagrant violation penalty be assessed.

The Procedure Instruction Letter can be viewed at <http://www.msha.gov>.

OSHA has developed a new safety and health topics information page aimed at demonstrating that investment in workplace safety and health makes good business sense. Making the Business case for Safety and Health is a product of several alliances with OSHA, including AIHA and ASSE among others. The page highlights information on how a comprehensive safety and health program can help employers save money while protecting their employees. For more information, go to <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/products/topics/businesscase/index.html>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**Symposium on Pandemics:
Community Impacts and Professional Responses**

Date: November 30, 2006

Location: Austin, TX

Contact: <http://www.texashillcountryaiha.org>

SeminarFest 2007

Date: January 21-27, 2007

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Contact: <http://asse.org>

Pandemics: Community Impact and Professional Response

Date: November 30, 2006

Location: Austin, TX

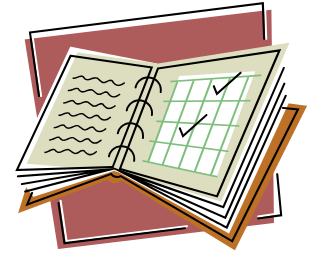
Contact: <http://www.texashillcountryaiha.org/>

AIHA Alamo Local Section Regular Meeting: Legionella and Zinc Whiskers

Date: November 21, 2006

Location: San Antonio, TX

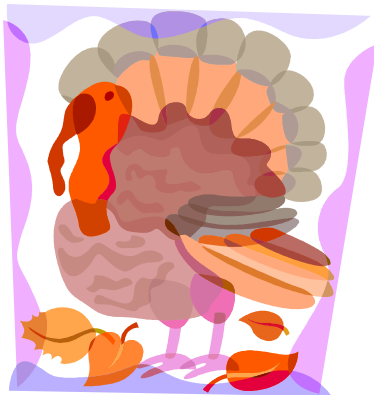
Contact: http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/alamo/Events_Calendar.htm



Our Annual Holiday Meeting and Party is right around the corner!

Keep December 5th open and look for an email from Kelly Dennison about the location.

Happy Thanksgiving!!



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- ⇒ \$10 savings on each issue of newsletter sponsorship. \$15/issue for non-members, \$5/issue for members
- ⇒ NTS-AIHA Membership Directory sent in December and upon request (Members only)
- ⇒ Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list
- ⇒ NTS-AIHA Voting Rights

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New _____

Renewing _____

NAME Last First MI Certification

Home _____

Business _____

ADDRESS Street/Box City State Zip

Home _____

Business _____

ADDRESS Street/Box City State Zip

NOTE: HARDCOPIES WILL NOT BE MAILED.

EMAIL ADDRESS (provide one only) _____

Home _____

Business _____

PHONE _____

Do you wish to receive email notification of job opportunities? YES NO

If YES, what type of job would interest you? LOCAL ALL

Are you a National AIHA Member? YES NO

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

DUES ARE \$15 PER YEAR! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NTS-AIHA. SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO NTS-AIHA, P.O. BOX 610925, DALLAS, TX 75261. FEDERAL TAX ID: 31-1254249.