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President's Message

The 2004 presidential election certainly has made this fall an exciting and memorable time. Whether your candidate won or lost, the process seems to have run a little smoother than the election of 2000 and we have shown the world again that peaceful, democratic elections can work.

The election also provides me with an excellent segue for appealing to our membership for volunteers! It is almost time for our members to start considering whom they would like to see on our executive committee. Our bylaws currently state that a nominating committee will present nominations to the secretary at the February meeting. I would urge all members to consider volunteering for a position on the executive committee or participating on a sub-committee. The President-Elect position will be eligible for election in April 2005. If you would like to learn more about the president-elect position, please check out our website at

<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/lehigh/lehigh.html>.

Current sub-committees include the Bylaw Review Committee, Government Affairs Committee, and the Scholarship Committee.

Our local section thrives with the participation of our members and I know each of you has talents and experiences that would help make our organization better than ever. I hope you will sincerely consider volunteering and I am sure you would find the experience to be as rewarding as I have.

Finally, our Annual Professional Development Course and IH Conference planning is almost complete. Be sure to set aside April 7th & 8th for this value-packed event!!

Sincerely,
Blake Morris
President – AIHA Lehigh Valley Section

Fisher Clinical Services
Allentown, Pennsylvania

LV-AIHA & ASSE Holiday Social

When: December 9th, 6 PM to 8 PM

Where: Bethlehem Brew Works

569 Main Street

Bethlehem PA, 18018

<http://www.thebrewworks.com/>

Cost: Free for members and a guest

Come celebrate the holidays with the Lehigh Valley sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the American Society of Safety Engineers. Our annual social will be held in "The Fishbowl" room of the Bethlehem Brew Works. This event is a great opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances or make new ones.

We are pleased to provide this event free of charge to our members. Each member may also bring a guest free of charge. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided and a cash bar is available.

Please contact Sherry Leinbach at leinbasb@apci.com by December 7th to RSVP.

2004-2005 Activities Calendar

December 9th, 2004

Holiday Social with ASSE

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bethlehem Brew Works, Bethlehem, PA

February 16th, 2005

Dinner Meeting

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest Blvd.

April 7th & 8th, 2005

Spring Conference and PDC

Holiday Inn, Bethlehem, PA

Has Your Address Changed?

Please send any address changes to

Sherry Leinbach, email address

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If you know of a colleague who has recently changed jobs or addresses, please forward this newsletter so he/she can stay in touch.

November Meeting

Eighteen industrial hygienists and HVAC professionals gathered on 11/18/04 for a plant tour of DSM Nutritional Products and AIHA HVAC & IAQ Guideline teleweb.

Joe Gentile and Diana Barrett of DSM Nutritional Products presented an overview of the operations at the Belvidere, New Jersey plant. Participants learned how the market for bulk Vitamin C is changing and how DSM is coping with increasing pressure from overseas competition. The industrial hygienists took a tour of DSM's extensive emergency response capabilities including their hazmat spill response capabilities, fire fighting apparatus, and ambulance service. We are hoping to schedule another tour of DSM so we can learn more about the manufacturing and support facilities of this interesting company.

Following the tour, attendees participated in a teleweb presentation of the AIHA Guideline on HVAC and IAQ given by D. Jeff Burton. Key themes included providing occupants with a good understanding of how their HVAC system operates, establishing written facility maintenance and operating guidelines, and maintaining thorough records as facilities renovate or modify HVAC systems. Attendees are eligible to receive 0.5 CM points for this seminar.



(Left to right): Ken Bickerton, Dave Reinbold, Hans Derr, Tim Docherty, Neil Wendt, Blake Morris, Paul Price, Bruce Allen, and Doug Reigle