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Happy Halloween!

Our 2006-2007 activity year is off to a strong start! If you haven't been able to join us for one of our events so far this season, we have a few more opportunities in the coming weeks to get together with old friends, meet some of your peers and earn certification maintenance points close to home.

This newsletter features articles written by members of the LV-AIHA board.

LAST MINUTE OFFERS –

AIHA national will present a teleweb on Thursday, November 2nd from 2 pm - 4:30 pm. The title of this teleweb is "**Proactive Safety Metrics That Drive Performance**". This course will focus on the Safety Management Process © (SMP) utilized by Coors Brewing Company to proactively measure and drive safety performance. LV-AIHA Past President and current Director, Blake Morris, has graciously offered to host this teleweb at Fisher Clinical Services in Allentown. Additional information on the content of this teleweb course may be found at:

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/DL/SMPTeleweb.html>

Members of the LV-AIHA may attend for the low price of **\$40**. Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending please contact Blake Morris at (610) 871-7307 or via e-mail at: **Blake.Morris@fishersci.com**

ALSO, on Wednesday, November 8th, please join us for a joint meeting with the LV-ASSE. This half day conference features presentations on **NANOTECHNOLOGY, HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM and SILICA EXPOSURE**. Additional details and registration information can be found on the LV-AIHA website at:

<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/lehigh/Nov82006registrationform.pdf>

Please note the registration deadline for this event has been extended until FRIDAY, November 3rd. Please contact Jennifer Brown via e-mail at jbrown@hillmannngroup.com with any questions about this event. Your continued support in our local section is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you soon!

Tim Docherty – Past President

HALF DAY CONFERENCE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

On September 14th, twenty-four LV-AIHA members made an excellent choice and were able to attend a half day conference featuring the President of AIHA, Dr. Frank Renshaw, PhD, CIH, CSP.

Dr. Renshaw presented “**The Future of Our Profession**”. He addressed the current and future state of industrial hygiene. He explored trends in technology, competitiveness and globalization and their impact on the demand for industrial hygienists in today’s economy. The supply side of the equation was explored by discussing the availability, preparation and interests of new industrial hygienists. The challenges to veteran IH’s in adapting to employers’ needs in such areas as consulting and the related fields of EHS was also reviewed along with recent trends in the application of IH technology.

In addition to Dr. Renshaw, Mike Basta, PE, CSP, MS from Exelon Energy discussed Electric Magnetic Energy. Mike was followed by Denise Proulx, MS, CIH from Sanofi-Aventis who spoke on Containment and Control of Potent Compounds.

The event was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Easton. CIH attendees each received ½ CM points from the ABIH.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
OUR THREE GREAT
PRESENTERS!**



Speakers (from left): Mike Basta, Frank Renshaw and Denise Proulx

Article by Joe Gentile

YUENGLING TOUR -

On October 20th, sixteen members and guests of the LV- AIHA were taken on a specially guided tour of the 174 year old Yuengling brewery. The "oldest Brewery in America" is located in downtown Pottsville, PA. The founder of this legendary company, David Yuengling, chose the site mainly for its water source, for fine water is important in a fine beer. The site also had extra benefits for its rocky foundation meant caves could be dug out for cold storage and the proximity to the coal deposits were good for power.

(Yuengling Tour continued)

The brewery is full of history, from the hanging black and white photos of days gone by, to the old wooden table in the entranceway and the monumental hanging lids of the original copper kettles. Other great relics are the wall murals depicting the 19th century workforce and the 20 square foot ceiling of stained glass that was installed to provide filtered light above the main work area. The cave area, which includes the defunct kegging area (rack room) and cold storage areas, are very nicely preserved, along with the brick walls that closed the caves off during the 14 year prohibition time period.

From an industrial hygiene and safety point of view, an old plant can offer a lot in reflecting on the differences of a plant with varying stages of technology. As you enter the brewery from the side hall waiting area, an old-type fire door exists that separates the areas. This old plant had narrow staircases, equipment older than any of us reading this newsletter, and uneven floors. Approximately half of their workforce was employed solely to keep the equipment running, including in large part making parts and rebuilding the equipment (because parts are not available any other way). The canning and bottling lines, and the remainder of the distribution system that transfers finished cases to the warehouse (former site of horse stables), is highly automated. With that, typical safety and health concerns, such as lockout procedures and noise levels, are present.

The brewery is now owned by Dick Yuengling, who hopes his 4 daughters will eventually take over the family business. If you were unable to join us for this tour, we would highly recommend you stop by to do so. The tour will take you into a real place in this country's history. <http://www.yuengling.com/history.htm>

Article by Diana Barrett

FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE 2006

The 2006 AIHA Future Leaders Institute was held in Chicago, Illinois from October 19-22, 2006. In attendance were three of the Lehigh Valley AIHA Board Members, Blake Morris, Tim Docherty and Jennifer Brown along with approximately 50 other Industrial Hygienists from the United States and Canada. In addition, 6 attendants from the 2005 AIHA Future Leaders Institute volunteered as advisors to the Class of 2006.

The Training Institute focused on broadening interpersonal perspectives, broadening organizational perspectives, collaborative teamwork efforts, and ways to manage future careers. During the 2 ½ day program, we discussed and participated in topics which included understanding our strengths and how to leverage them, how to position our priorities as top priorities in our organization and learning how to manage conflicts and obtaining effective mentors and peers. As the layers unfolded, the importance of simple relationship building with the tools that were communicated was apparent.

When I arrived at the AIHA institute, I wasn't really sure what to expect. After participating in this program, I have come away with an experience that has truly touched my life and will contribute to my professional and personal growth. This forum encouraged me to examine my own self-awareness and redefine my individual and career goals.

(Future Leaders Institute 2006, continued)

The guidance, direction and advice of the program's leaders will serve as an inspiration to me as I develop professionally as an Industrial Hygienist.

I would like to thank the AIHA for the opportunity to attend the 2006 Future Leaders Institute. I am privileged to be associated with the AIHA which continually advances this industry through its educational programs and professional leadership.

I encourage you to apply for the 2007 AIHA Future Leaders Institute once the application process begins. Criteria for acceptance includes a background as an occupational environmental health and safety professional with less than 15 years of experience and the desire to develop yourself as a leader in our industry. Additional information on the 2005 and 2006 AIHA Future Leaders Institute can be found at www.aiha.org/content/AboutAIHA/FLI.htm.

Article by Jennifer Brown

SAVE THESE DATES!

NOVEMBER 30th, 2006 –

The New Jersey Section of the AIHA will host the 2006 Northeast IH Conference Professional Development Courses (PDC's). Three separate, full day courses will be held on November 30th at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ.

Course #1 is "A Retrospective Assessment of Mold Contamination in Buildings", Course #2 is "Survival Guide to Electrical Safety for the Health and Safety Professional", and Course #3 will cover "Nanotechnology".

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY by 11/22/2006 for \$250/PDC. Questions? Please contact Edward J. Bulava, CIH, PDC Chair at ebulava@yahoo.com at (908) 874-6207.

Registration information and additional PDC details will be posted on-line at:

www.njaiha.org

DECEMBER 1st, 2006 –

The Philadelphia Section of AIHA will sponsor the 26th Annual Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition on Friday, December 1st at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. Additional details and registration information may be found at: http://www.philaaiha.com/NEIHC_Brochure.pdf

DECEMBER 7th, 2006 –

The LV-AIHA and LV-ASSE would like to invite our members to attend our annual holiday social on Thursday, December 7th, 2006 at the Bethlehem Brew Works. Members of each of these professional groups are welcome to attend, free of charge. Each member may also bring a guest for no cost. Extensive appetizers will be provided along with good cheer!



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