



September 2007 Newsletter

President's Message



*Cheri Marcham, PhD, CIH CSP, CHMM
OKAIHA President*

Welcome to a new fiscal year for the Oklahoma Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Your new officers have planned an exciting year with plant tours, joint ventures with other associations, and exciting presentations. Check out our tentative meeting and conference schedule inside this newsletter. Our first meeting will include both a plant tour in the afternoon and a dinner meeting/speaker presentation on Tuesday, September 18 in Oklahoma City. See the details on page 2.

I recently attended the AIHA Leadership Conference in March at our national headquarters. I am really excited to be a part of this AIHA because I observed a much different national organization than I saw several years ago when I attended the first time. I saw a group of dedicated professionals and a staff who really are trying to serve the profession and the members, rather than be an elite group who didn't much care how the members felt. Here's just a small list of areas where national is committed to finding ways to connect members and information with appropriate recipients.

- * AIHA is committed to outreach to students from the K-12 to the College level with information about what the science and benefits industrial hygiene provides to our world. We hope to have an outreach presentation given by our National Board Coordinator at one of our meetings this year.
- * AIHA is also working to connect the youth of industrial hygiene with the experienced professionals so that both generations benefit. The youth bring technical skills and the older industrial hygienists can share experiences so that everyone wins.
- * Ever notice how industrial hygiene is never quite part of our job title - we are called Safety Engineers and Occupational and Environment Health Specialists, or whatever the closest job classification is, but rarely Industrial Hygienist. AIHA wants to outreach to Human Resources (HR) professionals to educate them about what industrial hygiene is.
- * We know that the trend is for our nation to loose factories and assembly plants to other countries, but the hazard at these facilities doesn't go away. Without regulatory incentives to protect workers, the opportunity to make a difference is great. AIHA is making an international outreach to share the skills and knowledge industrial hygienists have to protect workers around the world.

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Special points of interest:

- New fiscal year!
- New officers!
- New meeting dates!
- Check it out inside!

Next Meeting: September 18, 2007

First, an afternoon field trip has been arranged which is a tour of the Water Treatment Plant and Laboratory at the City of Oklahoma Hefner Water Treatment Plant located at 4000 NW 108th Street in NW Oklahoma City.

In the evening, we will have a dinner meeting at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at 2639 West Memorial Road in Oklahoma City. Our speaker will be Ms. Teresa Bumgarner, MS, CPE, CIEC. Ms. Bumgarner is a graduate of the OUHSC Master's program and is the only certified ergonomist in Oklahoma. She will present information on resources and procedures for setting up an ergonomic program that encompasses areas beyond just computer workstation issues.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE FIELDTRIP AND/OR THE MEETING by sending an email to Cheri Marcham at clmcih@aol.com or calling 405-833-5890!

AIHA Local Section Field Trip

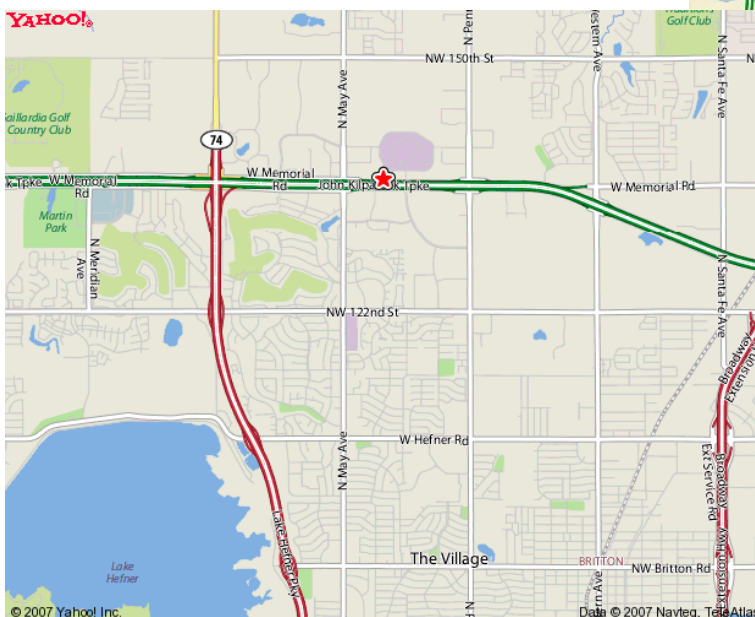
Oklahoma City Hefner Water Treatment Plant

Location: 4000 NW 108th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE!

The Plant is located on the north side of West Hefner Road which can be accessed from the Hefner Parkway that parallels Lake Hefner. The Hefner Parkway can be accessed from either the Kilpatrick Turnpike by going south from North Portland Avenue by going north from I-44 just west of May Avenue. Please meet at the Plant at 2:00 pm. Wear good sturdy shoes (no sandals or open-heeled shoes). Anyone who wishes to carpool can meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and join up with another member to carpool to the Plant.



Map to Olive Garden Restaurant

AIHA Local Section Dinner Meeting

Olive Garden Restaurant

Location: 2639 West Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK

Time: 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. Registration

5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Dinner

6:45 – 7:15 p.m. Business Meeting/Scholarship

Presentations/Officer Introductions

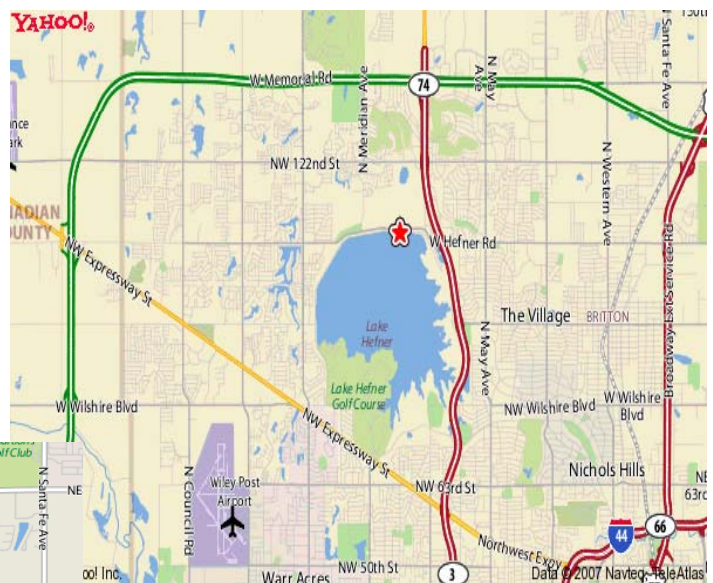
7:15 – 8:00 p.m. Teresa Bumgarner, Ergonomics presentation

Cost: Members \$17.50

Non-members \$20.00

Students \$5.00

Maps for the field trip and dinner meeting are provided below:



Map to Hefner Water Treatment Plant

Maps to Hefner Water Treatment Plant and to Olive Garden Restaurant



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- * At home, we are dealing with an ever diverse work force. AIHA is working on outreach to employers and employees with cultural and languages challenges.
- * Ever have to deal with the media? AIHA maintains an AIHA Public Relations Hotline at (703) 402-9713 where you can ask questions about dealing with the media. Training courses are routinely offered on how to be interviewed, and if you are in a pinch and need to get assistance right away, you may contact AIHA Communications Specialist, Melissa Hurley, at (703) 846-0740.

Whether you are a member of the National AIHA or not, there are numerous resources available on the AIHA website at www.aiha.org. If you are a member, as I have been for over 20 years, there are resources available which I never knew existed. Tap into those resources. Contact the National AIHA office at 1-703-849-8888. See what they have to offer!

Oh, and see you at the September 18 plant tour and meeting!

Sincerely,
 Cheryl L. Marcham, PhD, CIH, CSP, CHMM
 President, Oklahoma Section, AIHA



2007-2008 Oklahoma Local Section Meeting Dates

Our tentative meeting schedule, location, and topics are as follows:

November 2007	Tulsa (Possible joint meeting with ASSE/American Airlines Tour)
January 2008	Edmond (Michael Brandt, National AIHA Board Member)
March 2008	TBD
April 2008	Spring Conference

Treasurer's Report

It's that time again to pay/renew your OKAIHA membership dues for the bargain price of \$20.00. An application /renewal form is conveniently attached for your use.

Financial report: OKAIHA bank account balance \$4,308.23 as of May 10, 2007; CDs \$5,859.70.



Consultant's Listing

The Oklahoma Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (OK AIHA) is compiling a list of consultants to provide to companies and individuals in need of assistance. The list will also be placed on the OK AIHA website at . In order to be placed on this list, you or your company must hold current membership in the Oklahoma Section.

If you are interested in being listed, please pay your

dues (the membership form is attached to this newsletter or on our website) and complete the form (attached to this newsletter or on our website) and send it to:

Oklahoma AIHA
 P. O. Box 1073
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

Congratulations...



The OKAIHA would like to recognize our 2006-2007 student scholarship winners: Mr. Ben Palmer (OUHSC), Jon Hamell (OSU) and Adam Popiel (OSU)

Crossover Meetings

Have an interest in the safety side of the business? Why not check out the American Society of Safety Engineers - ASSE?

The OKC Chapter of ASSE meets at Frances Tuttle Votech the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 AM. Check out their website at <http://www.okc.asse.org>

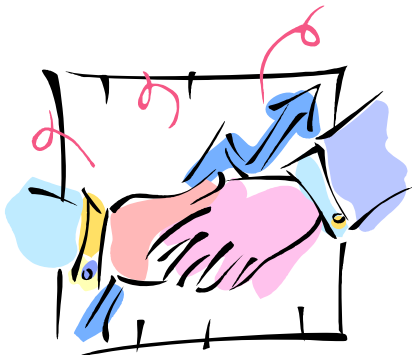
The Tulsa Chapter meets periodically in the Tulsa area. Go to their website at www.asse-tulsa.org

The ASSE National website can be found at www.asse.org

JOBS, JOBS, & MORE JOBS!

Check out job listings on our website!

[Http://www.aiha.org/Local/Sections/html/oklahoma/index.htm](http://www.aiha.org/Local/Sections/html/oklahoma/index.htm)



WELCOME.....

Meet your newly elected board members:
Charles Marshall, President-Elect
Kyle Madden, Treasurer
Paige Jones, Director



IMPORTANT: This is the only hard copy notice of meetings or newsletters we will be providing this year. To continue to receive updates, please be sure to contact one of our officers to get your email address on our distribution list!

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Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Please put an X by the areas of consultation provided by you or your company:

Industrial Hygiene

Ergonomic Assessments

Environmental

Asbestos

Mold

Risk Management

Safety Consulting

Laboratory Services

Indoor Air Quality

Noise/Hearing Conservation

Other: _____

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