



Hudson River Valley Chapter Newsletter

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Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.asse.org>

Link to the National ASSE webpage for information on great topics in EH&S. Go look things up.

<http://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org>

Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Try it, you'll like it!

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Link to the Center for Disease Control. Great current information on health items to help protect us all through illness controlling and prevention. Lots of FLU items!

Hotlinks in articles are in **Bold Red font.**

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Hudson River Valley Chapter PDC Is **Postponed!**

I am sure you have all heard by now, that the Hudson River Valley Chapter PDC for 2018 traditionally held in the early spring time frame, has been officially Postponed – NOT CANCELLED, BUT ONLY POSTPONED!

It was with a lot of emotion and difficulty that this decision was made. Circumstances beyond our control had brought your Executive Committee members to this decision. We apologize to all who had registered, and were looking forward to attending. A feasibility study is being undertaken to determine the consequences of this postponement, and the probability of presenting the PDC at a later date. Stay tuned as more will be coming to you on this topic as well as any progress made in this endeavor. As the old television show used to say, stay tuned boys and girls for the next exciting segment of this story, same Bat-time, same Bat-channel! Okay, Okay. Am I dating myself here; Am I getting to corny! Let me know. You have my email address on the first page of this newsletter. At least then I will know you read this!

ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter Will be Represented at June 2018 National PDC.

The ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter will be represented at the June 2018 ASSE National PDC & EXPO by our Chapter President, Mrs. Crystal Turner-Moffatt. The PDC & EXPO will be held Sunday, June 3, 2018 through Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at The Harry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. This is important for two reasons:

The First Reason is;

The National Society will officially change its name from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) to the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) in June at this Conference.

The Second Reason is:

Rumor has it that our Hudson River Valley Chapter is once again being awarded the coveted Gold Chapter Status by the National Society. We have an impressive record of obtaining Gold Chapter status multiple years in a row. Just think how much better it would be if you were all involved in the Chapter functions and operations!

Chapter Elections Are Now Closed.

The Hudson River Valley Chapter Officer Elections are now closed out. The Close out date was April 30, 2018, as per the Chapter By-Laws. The Slate of Officers was elected as presented to you. The vote finalization occurred at the scheduled May Chapter Meeting held on May 10, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 25 Westage Drive, Fishkill, NY. The Officer Candidates for our Chapter assumed their offices and duties as of this same meeting. This is your chapter and your participation in it is desired and requested. If you have voted as a dues paying chapter member, I just want to say “Thank You” for doing so. As a reminder, the positions and candidates that are now the elected Chapter Officers for a two year term were;

Crystal Turner-Moffatt – Chapter President
Tom McCarthy – President-Elect
Curt Jones – Delegate
David Zaremsky – Treasurer
David Montalvo – Member-At-Large
Matthew McDonald – Webmaster
Charles R. Von Dietsch – Newsletter Editor & Chapter Secretary

Combined WISE Presentation & Board Meeting, May 10, 2018.

At our combined WISE & Board Meeting on May 10, 2018 the presentation topic was “Mind the Gap: Using Product Development to Fill Holes in Your Resume”. This was presented to members present by Ms. Linda Tapp, President of Safety FUNDamentals. A slide presentation accompanied by a student handout to take notes on was used by Ms. Tapp to present this topic. In an effort to learn of the diverse experiences in the room, Ms. Tap asked each of the attendees to introduce themselves and give some brief information on their types of positions and responsibilities at work.

Ms. Tapp explained that many of the things we do as part of our routine job duties, can be used in a resume when looking to expand your job knowledge. Something as simple as writing up a guidelines procedure for an inspection or piece of equipment operations can be used for an on the job experience.

Or if you are currently not working and looking, if you have any consulting experience, if you published a small booklet for a client, that can also be used towards a publishing accomplishment. Developing checklists could be used on a resume to show initiative and development of ideas in the safety field, as well as putting a website together using one of the many free and easy to use developer sites, or even a blog on safety issues. This information presented at the meeting could be very helpful in developing a rich and well thought out resume when you may need to create one. As much as I would like to have the handout posted on our Chapter Web Page, I cannot ask the Webmaster to do this, since the information Ms. Tapp used is proprietary to her company, you had to be present in the room to get a copy of it.

Check Out The New Web Sites.

Speaking of Web sites, have you checked out the new National ASSP web page, or our own new Chapter web page? They have changed since the last time you have used them. You may need to use them again.

To view the NEW National Society Web Page, use this link; (You will have to sign-in of course.)

<https://www.assp.org/>

To view the New Chapter web page, use this link;

<https://hudsonrivervalley.assp.org/>

Call for Suggested Topics.

In a few previous Newsletters I asked if anyone had a topic they felt would be useful and interesting to the general membership to be presented at our meetings, or to be summarized in a Newsletter item. If you do have a topic, please send it to me, Charles Von Dietsch, on email address: cvondietsch@yahoo.com. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about the Chapter or with Technical or General Meeting topics you would like to see presented. I will bring them to the rest of the Chapter Executive Committee to discuss the possible use of your idea as a meeting topic presentation. I will also provide you with feedback concerning the decision to use your suggested topic or not. Just about any safety related item is welcomed, either an on-the-job topic, or one for family safety at home or on vacation, a near miss incident, local regulation, or federal regulation update will be welcome. There are a few guidelines that we follow which were outlined way back in June of 2016 when we published the first membership chapter newsletter. Nothing political, inflammatory, or insulting to any other person – member of this chapter, the Society – or not will be put in this newsletter. Items that describe a serious violation of safety standards are encouraged and will be allowed in the newsletter, or as a live topic. Specifics that might be identifiable to a person will be removed unless the suggested item is supplied to us with the required written permissions to use some personalized details for accuracy of the incident or experience. This is an easy way for you to become more involved in the chapter, so give it a try. Remember, this is YOUR Chapter and we need and look forward to your support and assistance.

Our Scheduled Next Chapter Meeting.

The next Chapter meeting is a combined General Meeting/Board Meeting concerning some planning items and logistics of the postponed PDC, and a discussion dealing with the feasibility of presenting the PDC in the fall time frame. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018. The location will be in the Orchard Hill Soons Farm Cidery, 29 Soons Circle, New Hampton, NY. The planned start time is 5:00 P.M., with members gathering in the Tasting Room, and Moving outside to the Tent for a light dinner and chapter business discussion, followed by a tour of the operation of a cider mill and apple farm. You are all invited to attend. Your invitation was sent out in a separate message to your email address on file with the chapter records. If you have moved, or changed your work location or email, please let us know so we can correct our directory.

Come to a chapter meeting, we would like to see you! The meetings are always open to ASSE members and they are always included in this newsletter, and they are posted on our web page in advance so you know where they are going to be held. Try to attend a meeting, yes it may take some of your time, but it may be well worth it. The business sections of the meetings generally start at 6:00 P.M., and they end at approximately 7:30 P.M., depending on the amount of discussion and items on the agenda. A light meal and refreshments are usually served at 5:30 PM. Since this is your Chapter, please feel free to drop by and participate in the functions of the Chapter. Who knows, you might just like it and decide to become involved in setting the direction and operation of the Hudson River Valley Chapter. We would really love to see you at a Chapter Meeting.

Possibly very soon we will begin a survey campaign in an effort to hear from you the members on why you do not attend the meetings, or participant and lend a hand with arrangements or suggesting things to cover. This may include and mail out type survey if you have a corrected address on file with the National Society, as we get our member contact information from them.