



# Hudson River Valley Chapter Newsletter

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## Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.assp.org>

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

<http://hudsonrivervalley.assp.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 good items!**

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

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## Can You Believe How Fast Time Goes By?

Here I am starting another Chapter Newsletter for you. It sure does not seem like this is the beginning of our third year with this newsletter in its current life-cycle. Our first issue was put together and sent to you in June of 2016. We, the Executive Committee hope you have enjoyed our effort of communicating various items of importance from the National Society, and the Chapter as well as some industrial items of interest with you. We also hope that you may have found some articles that were helpful to you or your co-workers. Maybe if we were lucky, we all may have learned something along the way.

If you would like to contribute an item to this newsletter, please feel free to send it along to me, and if it meets the guidelines of non-political, non-demeaning to a person or entity, and relevant to our profession, it will be included in the next newsletter.

Speaking of the next newsletter, this is the June issue. Yes I am aware that it is the August/September time frame. I promised a monthly newsletter when I volunteered to start it up again, and I am trying to keep that promise and get up to date on them. The next issue will be the issue meant for July, and so on, until I get up to date. Something called "life" got in my way. Please bear with me as I strive to keep a promise.

## Did You Notice The Change?

What Change you ask? Take a look at the top left hand corner of this page. The Name of the Society was *officially changed* from The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), to The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), at the National Society PDC held in San Antonio, TX on June 3 – 6, 2018. The new symbol is appearing on our newsletter for the first time with this issue. This name change was undertaken based on a survey of members and the certifications, and/or licenses held by the membership. Whatever your own feelings of this change, it is official and we will continue to conduct business in a professional manner, just like we did before the name change.

## Hudson River Valley Chapter Wins Award Again.

If you remember the rumor I told you in the May newsletter issue, I can now say it is true! The Hudson River Valley Chapter was awarded the coveted Gold Chapter Award for 2016-2017 operational year! Way to go Chapter! The presentation was made at the Society's National Conference in San Antonio, TX. Mrs. Crystal Turner-Moffatt, Chapter President, and Mr. Thomas Lyons (a.k.a. TJ), Past Chapter President, were on-hand to receive the award on behalf of the Hudson River Valley Chapter as pictured below.



Chapter President  
Mrs. Crystal Turner-Moffatt

Past President  
Thomas 'TJ' Lyons

## General Industry and Maritime Silica Standard Effective June 23, 2018.

General industry and maritime employers must comply with OSHA's silica standard by June 23, except for phase-in dates for medical surveillance and for engineering controls in the oil and gas industry. Visit the [silica webpage](#) for guidance on complying with the standard, as well as information on silica sampling and analysis, health effects of silica exposure, and answers to frequently asked questions. To protect workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica, OSHA has issued two respirable crystalline silica standards. One is for construction, and the other for general industry and maritime. The supplied link above that is in bold red underlined type will bring you to each of these standards for your reference and use. Approximately 2.3 million people in the U.S. are estimated to be exposed to silica at work.

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## New Workplace Chemical Safety Information Webpage.

OSHA's new **Occupational Chemical Database** compiles chemical safety information from several government agencies and organizations into one new easy to use online resource database. The webpage includes chemical identification and physical properties, permissible exposure limits (PEL's), and sampling information. You can search chemicals by name or identification number, or grouped by PEL, carcinogenic level, or if they pose an immediate threat when inhaled. Go ahead, try the link to the database and see for yourself. You know you want to. The link is the three bold red underlined words at the beginning of this article.

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## 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.

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## 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, July 12, 2018. The location will be in the QUEST Offices, 1376 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY. The planned meeting start time is 5:30 P.M., with light refreshments and a light dinner meal. You are invited to attend. If you have moved, or changed your work location, or your email and contact number, please let us know so we can correct our chapter 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. Become involved in the direction and operation of the Hudson River Valley Chapter. We would really love to see you.

Very soon we will begin a survey campaign to hear from members why you do not attend meetings, or participant and lend a hand with arrangements or suggesting things to cover. This may include a mail out type survey. Correct address and contact information for members will be critical in this effort. Thank You.