



CENTRAL INDIANA ASSE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

January 2016

Happy New Year!!

As we collect what we learned throughout 2015 and prepare for a new chapter in 2016, I want to share a message I received in December.

A few of you know that I have the joy of singing with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. For our Festival of Carols performance, the guest soloist, Silvia McNair, requested we sing "This Little Light of Mine". Seemed unusual as it's not a traditional Christmas or Holiday Carol. However, during the performance she explained it reminded her of the purpose for the season. No matter which holiday you chose to observe; Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, etc.; they all incorporate light and sharing light with others. Even for those who do not choose to observe the holiday season, we are all filled with a personal light. As safety professionals we get to share our light every day. If ever you feel your light dimming, remember your ASSE brothers and sisters are here to support and kindle your flame. May 2016 see your light shine brighter than ever.

Christina Merriott, CHST – Chapter President
Central Indiana Chapter ASSE

Central Indiana Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

Thanks to all who were able to attend the December 9th chapter meeting where Susan Helton-Groce spoke about the risks of travel, obtainable diseases while abroad, and proper vaccinations and treatments. We had a great turn out! Along with sharing information about travel medicine, Susan also shared stories about pre-employment, post-accident and random drug testing strategies.

January 20, 2016 11am – 1pm

Topic: IUPUI Sustainability Success Stories

Speaker: Jessica Davis, IUPUI

Location: Duos Kitchen 2960 N Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46208

Register Here: <http://centralindiana.asse.org/events/?ee=76>

February 17, 2016 11am – 1pm

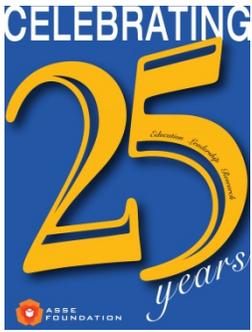
Topic: What's Different than the 1926 & 1910 Confined Space Standard?

Speaker: Dick Griffith with Workplace Safety and Health

Location: Formosa Seafood Buffet (6304 E 82nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46250)

March 21 – 23, 2016: 2016 Indiana Health and Safety Conference & Expo

Safety Matters Campaign



This year the ASSE Foundation celebrates 25 years of strengthening the safety profession through education, leadership development and research. The Foundation Board of Trustees challenges every member to give \$25 to the Safety Matters Fund in celebration of 25 years, and we need your help! The Safety Matters Fund is critical to sustaining the Foundation's programs that direct benefit your members and the profession while providing start-up dollars for new innovations. Why not make it fun and give back to your region with a friendly competition?

When: Sept 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016

What: The top 3 regions with the combined greatest percentage growth in the number of individual donors and in dollars raised for Safety Matters win the challenge.

Award: Of the total Safety Matters Funds raised during the campaign, the 1st place region will receive Foundation program bucks equivalent to 8% of the total followed by 5% for 2nd place and 2% for 3rd place.* Winning regions will work with the Foundation to apply their bucks in the Foundation programs of their choosing.

- For example: The total Safety Matters Fund raises \$300,000 Sept 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016. 1st place will receive \$24,000 in Foundation program bucks followed by \$15,000 for 2nd place and \$6,000 for 3rd place.

Where: Challenge winners will be announced at SAFETY 2016, June 26-29, Atlanta, GA

How: Talk up the Foundation's 25th and the regional challenge to encourage participation and giving. Stay tuned for tools to make that easy- a brief write-up for your website and newsletter, slide for your next chapter meeting, email signature image, and more. Anything else that may be helpful- just ask! Challenge progress will be monitored and reported monthly online.



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**Pins and zipper pulls will be available at all CIASSE Chapter Meetings for a \$5 donation

National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Center for Construction Research and Training will hold the third annual National Safety Stand-Down May 2-6, 2016, to raise awareness of the serious risk of falls in the workplace. Falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry, and lack of proper fall protection remains the [most frequently cited violation](#) by OSHA.

More than 4 million workers have participated in the last two years, dedicating themselves to on-the-job safety. This year the stand-down will highlight the safe use of ladders and encourage employers to pause during their workday for topic talks, demonstrations and training on how to prevent falls. For more information on the success of last year's stand-down, see the [final data report](#). Visit the [2016 National Safety Stand-Down webpage](#) for more updates.

2016 Governor's Workplace Safety Award Application:

The annual Governor's Workplace Safety Awards (GWSA) provides recognition for companies based on best practices for eliminating workplace injuries and illnesses, and salutes those who have made safety and health a top priority.

The awards ceremony will take place at the 2016 Indiana Safety and Health Conference and Exposition on March 23, 2016.

The Governor's Workplace Safety Awards are open to all organizations, regardless of size or number of workers affected. All Hoosier businesses, unions, municipalities, schools, service organizations, nonprofit organizations or individuals are eligible to apply for the awards. To qualify, a company must be deemed to be free of compliance disputes concerning all applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations.

The Governor's Workplace Safety Awards are a result of a partnership among the Indiana Department of Labor, on behalf of Governor Michael R. Pence, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Award Categories

The Rising Star Award category is the newest addition to the GWSA's. The award highlights an organization that has improved the impact on employee safety and health in a positive way.

Innovation Awards may be given to companies or worksites that implement new or unique approaches and strategies aimed at enhancing employee safety and health.

Education & Outreach Awards have been based on Internal and External divisions. Education & Outreach Internal Awards go to companies or worksites who've demonstrated excellence in development and sharing of safety best practices within the organization. Education & Outreach External Awards recognize companies or worksites that implement incident prevention educational activities to an outside group or party.

Partnership Awards recognize companies or worksites that emphasize activities in which the organization has joined with another external group to promote injury and illness prevention.

The due date for this application is February 1, 2016. The application and FAQ's can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dol/2934.htm>.

Outreach Programs:

The Central Indiana ASSE Chapter is looking for opportunities to assist or facilitate in community outreach programs. If you or someone you know is interested in partnering with the chapter please contact us at: <http://centralindiana.asse.org/board-member/>



Mark Your Calendars!



<http://insafetyconf.com/>

Announcing our 2016 Keynote Speakers!

Jim Elzinga

Oliver Luck

Early Bird Special

(Register by Feb. 1, 2016)

- March 21-23 (3-day): \$449
- March 22-23 (2-day): \$349
- Workshops Only (March 21): \$149

4th Annual CI ASSE Annual Golf Outing:

Save the Date! Join us for the 4th Annual CIASSE Scholarship Golf Outing at West-Chase, a Premier Golf Club in Brownsburg on July 22, 2016!

Employment News: Several new Safety/Health positions have been recently added to the CI ASSE website. To view these current SHE job opportunities, please check out the CI ASSE Website at <http://centralindiana.asse.org/jobs/>

Contact the 2015 – 2017 Board of Directors at <http://centralindiana.asse.org/board-member/>

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