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Happy Holidays!

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President's Message

I hope that this email finds you well following your Thanksgiving holiday. As we gather with our friends and family, I ask that you reflect on what you have been thankful for this past year. As you reflect, I ask for you to keep in mind those that have not been as fortunate. With that, I invite you to join me and other NEIL members, Greater Chicago members, and Three Rivers members as we volunteer on December 12th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Our next meeting/event will be held on Thursday, December 12th at Northern Illinois Food Bank. This has become a tradition within our chapter as we strive to give back to the communities we work and live in. I will be in attendance and I invite you to join me as we volunteer to pack food for those families in need. This will be a free event to all chapter members and lunch will be provided. However, we encourage members to donate their normal meeting payment to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This can be done online via the food banks website (<http://solvehungertoday.org>). If you should make a donation online, we ask members to type in "ASSE" in the comments section on the donation tab. This will allow all of the funds to roll up and I am hoping to achieve \$2,500 combined between the chapter and individual donations. Also, if you wish to donate food, it is recommended that you donate one of the items listed within the attached document.

If you are able to join us, we ask that you please RSVP through the NEIL Chapter website (<http://neil.asse.org>) no later than December 6th. As the chapter will be catering food for all volunteers, we will need an accurate count by December 7th.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of the other board members. The food bank address is:

273 Dearborn Court
Geneva, IL 60135
[630-443-6910](tel:630-443-6910)
Time 9am
Lunch at 11:30am

Best Regards,

Jason Meiner.
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

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Monthly Meeting Information

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The December NEIL Meeting will be THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 9:00 AM for our annual volunteer visit to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We will meet at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, 273 Dearborn Ct, Geneva, 60135. Come for the food, stay for the networking and training. [Click here for information and registration](#). Payment information is below.

2015 – 16 Meeting Calendar

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
December 10	9:00 AM	Northern Illinois Food Bank	Tour & Volunteer Event	Rick Pokorny 312-496-9653
January 15, 2016	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	OSHA Update	Candra Jefferson OSHA
February 19	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Distracted Driving / Driving Safety Programs	Deborah Hersman National Safety Council
March 18	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Contractor Safety Management	Power Construction
April 15	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Student Day / Elections / Member Recognition	NIU Student Presentations
May 20	12:00 Noon Lunch \$60	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Emergency Preparedness	Various Speakers
June 26-29	ASSE PDC	Atlanta, GA	www.Safety2016.org	
June	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Planning Meeting / New Officers	NEIL Executive Board

We encourage everyone to RSVP for the meeting via the chapter website <http://neil.asse.org>. After you register you have the choice to prepay online through Pay Pal or you may pay at the door in the form of cash, check or credit card. Registration cancellations MUST be received 3 days before the meeting to avoid being invoiced for the meeting, however substitutes are happily accepted. Please note that all walk-ins and non-registered attendees will be charged \$30.

Monthly Meeting Information

The November Chapter meeting included a technical presentation on Fall Protection from Charlie Vasconez (photo 1), NEIL Member and Safety Director for All-Tech Decorating. Charlie covered the need for fall protection, equipment, and training requirements. A big thank you to Charlie to stepping up to provide this great presentation a few months early to help with a scheduling conflict.

President Elect / Awards & Honors chair Amy Timmerman presented 40 and 25-year membership plaques to Jerri Wilkerson (photo 2) and Dennis Marolt (photo 3) who received 40-year plaques and Rich Petite (photo 4) and Anthony Zoia (photo 5) who received 25-year awards.



Photo 1

Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 4



Photo 5



Member Recognition

November ASSE Anniversaries

Ryan Pasholk – 5 years
Sean Walden – 5 years

Thank you for your service and dedication to ASSE and the Safety profession!

Welcome New Members

Stephanie Galiardo – Student
Patrick Fulham – Student
Matthew Baker – Student
James Ingold – Student
Maurice Jackson – Student
Bernardo Garcia

Welcome to the NEIL Chapter, let us know how we can help!

Newsletter Notes

Newsletter News

Did you see the table of contents? What about the link at the bottom of the page to jump to page 1? We're working to make the NEILetter better every month so let me know what you think.

Newsletter Address

Do you have information for the newsletter? Compliments or complaints? Please send them to:

safetydon@hotmail.com

News & Notes

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – December Chapter Meeting: OSHA Update; December 8, 2015; Active Shooter. [Register HERE](#)

December 10 Chapter Meeting: Joint Volunteer event at Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Register HERE](#)

ASSE Three Rivers – December 10 Chapter Meeting: Joint Volunteer event at Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Register HERE](#)

Jobs

Check the jobs page on the NEIL website for a listing of job openings.

<http://neil.asse.org/jobs/>

Society Notes

Check Your Settings

Be sure to check your ASSE membership settings to be sure they are accurate, especially your contact information and e-mail settings. Don't miss news from your NEIL chapter and ASSE.

Practice Specialties Spotlight – ERGONOMICS

*Are you getting everything you can from your ASSE membership? Are you a member of a Practice Specialty, Branch or Common Interest Group? ASSE offers nineteen (19) Practice Specialties, four Branches, and four Common Interest Groups. Each month we will feature a Practice Specialty, Branch, and/or Common Interest Group to help our members better understand what's available to make the most of their membership. This month: **FIRE PROTECTION.***

The **Fire Protection Practice Specialty** (FPPS) concentrates on fire protection, prevention, preparedness and mitigation issues. FPPS diligently addresses hot topics related to fire safety and is an invaluable resource for technical content related to this field. FPPS is led by a volunteer advisory committee with extensive experience and expertise in the field of fire safety

Member Benefits

- Network via social media, conference calls and annual meetings
- Connect with top industry professionals
- Access digital technical publications
- Request advisory committee guidance and advice
- Review conference speaking proposals
- Share or seek knowledge through mentoring services
- Enhance your resume through volunteer opportunities
- Publish your knowledge to earn recertification points

Sample Article

[How NFPA Codes & Standards Are Developed & Revised](#)

Describes the fair and open process NFPA used to write and revise their standards.

Want to get involved? Here's How:

Login into your ASSE profile to [Add](#) desired practice specialties, branches and/or common interest groups with to your shopping cart and check out.



From the Editor

“Christmastime is here. Happiness and cheer. Fun for all that children call their favorite time of year.”

“Christmas is the time of year, for being with the one's we love. Sharing so much joy and cheer, what a wonderful feelin’; Watching the one's we love, Having so much fun.”

I love Christmas music and those are the opening lines of two of my favorite Christmas songs. Regardless of your religious beliefs, I don't think you can help but feel a little better about the world when you see the joy the Holiday season brings. Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or whatever you celebrate, it's a wonderful time of year. It even makes the snow worth seeing and driving in; I love a white Christmas.

The holidays can also be dangerous. December 1 marked the 57th anniversary of the Our Lady of Angles fire in Chicago. December 30 will mark the 112th anniversary of the Iroquois Theater fire, the deadliest theater fire in U.S. history, also in Chicago. Things like candles, space heaters, Christmas lights, and fire places can all create tragedies without proper care. As safety professionals, it's our job to be the big brother, the watcher, the “move that a little farther away” people. That's not always the most popular, but it's far more popular than the result of looking the other way.

The Holiday season is also the season of giving. We give to our friends, our relatives, and many times people we have never met. The NEIL Chapter will make our annual visit to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to give of our time and talents to help those who struggle to put Christmas dinner, or any dinner, on their table. While I will not be able to attend because of an all day meeting at my work, I always look forward to this chapter event as it is the best example I know of what the safety profession is all about: serving our fellow man. As we celebrate Christmas, I encourage you to share what you have with those who don't have. Whether you share your time, your talent, resources, or just your prayers. We all have something to give, even if we don't know it.

And if we're not sure what we have to offer, we can always fall back on Linus:

Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about. Lights, please.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

Thank you all for a wonderful year and good tidings of great joy to you and yours this Holiday season!

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