



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter April 2019



Next Meeting

Defensive Communication

Monday, April 8,

Speaker Mary Sue Love, Ph.D, Associate Professor at SIU-Edwardsville, will present on communication strategies.

Location:

Syberg's: 2430 Old Dorsett Rd,
Maryland Heights, MO

Time:

Lunch begins at 11:30, Chapter
Business and Presentation at noon.

[Register Here](#)

Coming Up

Saturday, May 11, 1pm to 5pm

Social Event – Bring a friend or come alone to Wild Sun Winery to spend an afternoon socializing with other safety professionals and enjoying the sure-to-be good weather. See the flyer on page 4!

Monday, May 13, Lunch Meeting & Chapter Elections

Employment Law with Speaker James Paul SHRM SCP Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. Review of some of the regulations that govern the workplace.

June 14th - ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Grab some friends and hit the links to support students around the area. Register [early online](#) or see the flyer below.

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SAFETY 2019 – Membership Gathering Opportunity

If you are planning to attend the **ASSP Conference and Exposition in New Orleans June 10-12**, we would like to host a Networking/ Meet and Greet Session for the St. Louis chapter members that are attending the conference. Please send an email to DPivin@aegion.com and let him know if you would like to attend as well as what evening would work best for you. Dennis will pull the information together and let everyone know the details once we have a better idea of the participants.

Chapter Membership Survey

We need your opinion! Please take just a few minutes to answer these seven questions. This will help the chapter officers better direct future activities to serve you. Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQCDW88>

To the St Louis ASSE Chapter Membership

Elections for the chapter Secretary and Treasurer will be held at the May chapter lunch meeting. This year, the President and Vice President positions do not need to be voted on, since they are in the middle of two year terms.

Below you will find a list of the candidate's bio for the 2019-2020 open positions. Please review and be prepared to register your vote during the May meeting.

Thank you for your interest and consideration
– *Current Chapter Officers*

Sydney White - Running for Secretary

Sydney White is the Global Supply Chain Safety Specialist for World Wide Technology (WWT). Sydney started working for WWT as the Technology Center Safety Coordinator in February 2018. She was promoted to her current role in July 2018 to support Global Order Operations, Dell Facilities, and her fellow Safety Coordinators. Sydney earned her Master's Degree in Occupational Safety & Health from Murray State University. After graduate school, Sydney accepted a position with Roeslein & Associates as the Environmental, Safety and Health Coordinator. Upon leaving Roeslein, Sydney took on the role of Environmental & Safety Manager with Hubbell-Wiegmann. A major focus in Sydney's current role is to promote a 'Safety Always' culture. WWT's Safety Team believes in a 'Safety Always' culture instead of 'Safety First' because they believe that safety has to be integrated into every part of the business and that neither production nor safety take precedence; meaning 'Safety Always' instead of 'Safety First'.

Dennis Pivin, CHST, CET – Running for Secretary

Mr. Pivin has over 25 years of professional experience in safety, health and environmental program development, implementation and management. He has spent the past 15 years working for Aegion LLC in the construction industry focusing on worldwide infrastructure rehabilitation with a focus in piping infrastructure worldwide for drinking water systems, sewer systems, and nuclear power plant piping. In this role, he has implemented safety programs like Safety Culture Day and Safety Task Assignments in SHE management systems that have resulted in reductions in insurance costs, reduced worker compensation claims and loss prevention.

Mr. Pivin earned a BS in Biology/Chemistry from MacMurray College. He is a Certified Health and Safety Technician as well as a Certified Environmental, Safety and Health Trainer with BCSP. He is a Licensed Safety Professional with NASP and holds advanced ASSE certificates in Global Safety Management and Risk Assessment. He currently serves on the Safety Construction Committee for NASSCO, is an SGE (Special Government Employee) for the OSHA VPP Program and serves on the NSC construction advisory panel.

Erica Heinssen – Treasurer (Incumbent)

I am currently working as a Construction Safety Manager and have been employed by Bilfinger Industrial Services for 6 years. I have worked at several Proctor & Gamble (P&G) facilities, and am currently located at the St. Louis site. Prior to 10 years in safety, I proudly served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Warfare Systems Operator. I was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk out of Yokosuka, Japan and Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 out of Brunswick, Maine. I earned a degree in Integrative Leadership Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and Construction Health and Safety degree from Central Maine Community College in Auburn, Maine. I am a member and administrator of the St. Louis WISH Organization (Women in Safety and Health) and a member of the St. Louis Chapter of ASSP.



ASSP SOCIAL EVENT AT Wild Sun WINERY & BREWING COMPANY



4830 Pioneer Rd, Hillsboro, MO 63050

PH: 636-797-8686

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2019

1 PM UNTIL 5 PM



Come and socialize with other ASSP members. Spouses, significant others, and non-members are welcome! Select food is available for purchase such as pizza, burgers, breads and cheeses. Wine, beer, soda and water are available for purchase. No outside beverages are allowed. Please check their website prior to your visit for what to know before you go! www.wildsun.com

RSVP HERE

**Stacy Graff Baehmann, Owner of CPR Plus
will take your reservation, please email her
at cprplusstl@gmail.com**



**THE PRAIRIES
GOLF CLUB**



*Protecting
People
Property
and the
Environment
since 1911*

ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Reservations

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2019

7:30 am – Registration

8:30 am – Shotgun Start

1:30 pm – Lunch and Awards

The Prairies Golf Club

300 Tricentennial Ct.

Cahokia, IL 62206

Phone: (618) 277-3700

Please Register online at
<http://stl.assp.org/>

Payment can now be made Online at
<http://stl.asse.org/>

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!!!

Limited to 144 PAID golfers!

\$100 per person - \$400 for a team of four

PAYMENT is due in FULL by MAY 31, 2019

**Register for EXCITING events!
such as:**

BALLZOOKA

MONEY ON THE GREEN

SCATTERED FLAGS

ALL PLAYERS will be entered
into a drawing for prizes.
Additional tickets may be
purchased on event day.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Co-host for refreshments & meal for \$200
- 2) Sponsor ONE golf hole for \$150
- 3) Sponsor TWO golf holes for \$200
(One on the front 9 and one on the back 9)
- 4) Corporate Level Sponsor - Includes a golf foursome with mulligans, skins & all three course games, two hole signs, a large banner displayed at registration, lunch and awards ceremony for \$1,000
- 5) Donate raffle and "goodie bag" items
Call JaNola Rigsby at (314) 267-2624

**All beverage and meal sponsors will be listed
on a banner at registration and awards ceremony**

ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser



Registering online
is fast and easy at
<http://stl.assp.org/>

or Mail Check and
Registration Form to:

Ricky Reams
4451 E. Golike
Bethalto, IL 62010

Make Checks Payable to
"ASSP ST. LOUIS CHAPTER"

Phone: 618.670.6589
Email: rreams@murphynet.com

REGISTRATION

Your name:

Company:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Email:

TEAM

Name of Golfer

Company

Phone Number

Name of Golfer

Company

Phone Number

Name of Golfer

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Phone Number

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE
OR EMAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM
SO WE MAY RECORD YOUR TEAM INFORMATION.**

Thank you for your participation!

REGISTRATION DETAILS

VALUE

Golf @ \$100 per person or \$400 per foursome		\$
My company will co-sponsor refreshments and meal for \$200	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
My company will sponsor ONE golf hole for \$150	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
My company will sponsor TWO golf hole for \$200	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
Corporate Level Sponsor - Includes a golf foursome with mulligans, skins and all three course games, 2 hole signs, a large banner displayed at registration, lunch and awards ceremony for \$1,000	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
I wish to prepay the following: _____ mulligans for \$5 each (2 per golfer maximum please)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
<input type="radio"/> Ballzooka \$10/person <input type="radio"/> Scattered Flags \$10/person	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
<input type="radio"/> Money on the Green \$10/person <input type="radio"/> \$120 all 3 games per foursome	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
My company will donate attendance & golf prizes	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$
<i>Thank you for your participation!</i>	GRAND TOTAL	\$

Expecting the Unexpected

by William Kincaid, P.E., CSP, CET

Lockton Companies of St. Louis

In my years with OSHA and afterwards in the private sector, I've occasionally been required to conduct fatality investigations. These always included speaking with the witnesses and others who might know something about the circumstances that led to the fatal occurrence. In each case, walking backwards from the occurrence through the progression of events that led to it resulted in a sort of "why, of course that ended badly!" feeling. You put an employee into a weak safety culture where there is a certain leeway regarding safe work practices, put some pressure on him to get the job done, supervise lightly and only with regard to productivity, and bingo. Somebody who came to work is never going home again, never going to hug their kids again, never going to see their spouse or parents again, never. But in every fatality case, some person would always take a moment to tell me how unexpected that fatality was, and I believed them. Every single fatality. Even though that crystal-clear 20-20 hindsight could see how it happened, nobody expected it, and so nobody prevented it. How do we learn to expect the unexpected so we can prevent it? Is that even possible?

I think yes, it is possible, but there's an increasing amount of effort to find all the possibilities that may stop us short of achieving the goal of anticipating every possible peril. One trap we do not want to fall into is looking at our historical data as a guide. I can't think of a single fatality I've ever investigated in which the same type of incident had occurred previously at the same company, within a few years, at least. You look at the OSHA logs going back five years, and you see strains, lacerations, fractured toes, etc. and then boom, a maintenance worker is electrocuted. Electrocution never even made the list, and then it kills somebody. Historical data about your company is great, but it's a rearview mirror. If you drive only looking at the rearview mirror, the road ahead will always be full of surprises.

What we need to add to that rearview is some way of looking forward, an exposure-based philosophy, so we're looking both backwards and forwards. This is where it really pays to read what you can – news articles about accidents other companies have endured, informative pieces in safety publications, etc. – but also to try and get as much cross-pollination through communication as possible. For example,

most insurance loss prevention people are carrying around a ton of informative stories about claims. I feel like I've learned a lot from them. I've also been trying to share some of the odd accidents I've had some involvement in investigating. These incidents that I like to share are the ones that were eye-openers – the “who knew that could happen?” kind of stuff.

Example: A large air compressor in a hot boiler room explodes in a ball of fire, with an employee who stepped out of the room seconds before just barely missing being caught in the explosion. Turns out the compressor was designed to shut itself down when it overheated, until at some point the switch either failed or someone “fixed it” by bypassing the thermostatic switch so it could take the higher heat. A maintenance person checked it occasionally on hot days and switched it off when it got too crazy hot.

One day, it was so overheated when the maintenance person shut it down that the cooling oil – no longer circulating through the radiator once the power was cut – boiled, the hot oil overran the pressure relief valve, and boom, it exploded. Who knew an oil-cooled air compressor could turn into a fire bomb that could wreck a large boiler room? I've walked past a lot of these thinking air compressors are the least of our worries, certainly not likely to explode. Now we know if they overheat, they can do just that. That one has all sorts of lessons, but the main one is keep everything in 100% functional condition, especially regarding potentially safety-related functions.

Here's another odd one – a hydraulic dock plate, a very common device, failed one day. The maintenance department sent a crew out to fix it to get that dock back in operation. They locked it out and used a forklift to lift the plate so they could get at the motor and pump. Once the work was completed, they powered up the raised plate to check it and removed the chain attaching it to the forklift. The plate fell very quickly. There was an employee within the swing radius who was smashed beneath the plate and killed. Although not reflected anywhere in the equipment manufacturer's manuals for the dock plate, when forcibly lifted, air was sucked into the hydraulic system and a dangerous condition developed. Hydraulic fluid could hold up the plate, air could not.

I found several previous fatalities on OSHA's website that looked very similar. Again, I've walked past a lot of dock plates, not suspecting they could kill a person so easily while doing something so mundane as a little repair work. The lesson there is do a thorough evaluation of the lockout process for any equipment where a failure of that lockout might harm someone. It might take running it past someone who truly understands machinery, such as an engineer, and not just phoning it in and slapping it into a procedure like we usually do, but it's worth getting right.

Here's another – a forklift operator wanted to dump a hopper of trash into a compactor outside a manufacturing plant. Wanting to make sure there was room in the compactor, the operator hopped off his forklift and went up to look over the side into the compactor's loading opening. Before he knew it, he was pinned against the compactor by the forklift, which he had left idling, and which had evidently vibrated itself into forward gear. He had died by the time another employee happened to notice him trapped there. The forklift was on flat ground, so the operator took no precautions when jumping off it other than to put it in neutral, and the automatic kill switch in the seat had been bypassed long ago as a nuisance. The lesson here is again, respect the safety equipment designed into machinery and keep it functional, and diligently follow required safety steps such as setting the parking brake. A strong safety culture might have helped that happen.

In each of these cases, there are lessons about the specific equipment and circumstances that led to the fatal incident. Those lessons in their basic forms can also be extrapolated to other situations. Looking forward at exposures is definitely harder and more time-consuming than looking at our own historical data, but it might prevent something similar, or maybe not at all similar from happening. It could be worth the effort.



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

2019-20 Rolling Calendar of Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting Topic & Presenter
April 8, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Defensive Communication Speaker Mary Sue Love, Ph.D - Associate Professor SIU-Edwardsville.
May 13, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Employment Law Speaker James Paul, SHRM, SCP, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. Review of some of the regulations that govern the workplace
June 14, 2019 Friday ALL DAY	ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser The Prairies Golf Club, Cahokia, Illinois - Registration is OPEN NOW!
July 8, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Developing Safety Leaders Speaker Ray Boehm, Sr. Vice President, Risk Manager, Keeley Companies
August 12, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Joint Mtg AIHA Speaker Kerry Goyette presents a new perspective on safety and the behaviors that it affects. She will provide data driven solutions to help your team to be more safe, and in turn, more engaged.
September 9, 2019 Monday Lunch*	TBD
October 14, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Workers Compensation Speaker Chris Archer of Archer & Lassa LLC. will provide us with the latest information in the legal circles that affect worker's compensation.
November 11, 2019 Monday Lunch*	Joint Mtg GSHMM Flint Walton , Technical Services & Training Specialist of Missouri Employers Mutual will be speaking on Understanding Your Experience Modifier and Workers' Comp – a practical review of the experience modifier and a real world look at understanding it and key factors to help control it
December 9, 2019 Monday Lunch*	OSHA Update Speaker Bill McDonald, OSHA's Area Director in St Louis will provide his annual OSHA fiscal year update and quick review of new/old initiatives.
January TBD, 2020 Thursday 5 pm Bristol Seafood Grill	Membership Appreciation Night <u>No luncheon meeting this month!</u> Enjoy food and libations at Bristol Seafood Grill on Olive and relax with others in your field at this event. Exclusively for St Louis Chapter Members.
February 10th, 2019 Monday Lunch*	OSHA Defense Speaker Julie O'Keefe, Attorney at Law of Armstrong Teasdale Law Firm. Update on strategies to defend against OSHA citations
March TBD, 2019 Monday ALL DAY Location TBD	Professional Development Conference Joint conference with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) to bring you high quality training at the best price, CEU's awarded.

*Lunch at Sybergs Dorsett, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Lunch will include house salad, bread and dessert in addition to the listed entree.

American Society of Safety Professionals

St. Louis Chapter Committees

Website – Dave Callies – dcallies@kelpe.com

Maintains website with updated news, chapter events, and job postings

Newsletter – Dan Bembower – dan.bembower@usi.com

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Coordinates logistics of professional development activities

Membership – Dianne Gibbs – dianne@ideasftp.com

Ensures new members are recognized & introduced at membership meetings

Public Relations – Steve Williams – swilliams@bellelectrical.com

Promotes chapter activities to the general public. Coordinates poster contest

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Recognizes member achievement through chapter awards

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Promotes student scholarships & continuing education scholarships for members

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Plans the program time and needs for presentations & coordinates schedule

Social Media – JaNola Rigsby – jrigsby@qualsafesolutions.com

Maintains Face book & Twitter accounts promoting discussion with local membership

Please contact the committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate.

Mid Missouri Officers

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bethany@365safetyervices.com

Job Opportunities

Job opportunities are posted frequently on the website:

<https://stl.assp.org/current-openings/>

The St. Louis Chapter would like to offer unemployed ASSE members with a free lunch at our monthly meeting! Just be ready to show your membership card for validation.

Membership Update

We continue to be one of the largest and best chapters in ASSP. Currently we have 633 members! Please look for our two newest members at an upcoming event: **David Davis** and **Tamika Diggs**! If you are interested in lending your talents to support your local safety community, please reach out to the board. There is a spot for you!



WISH Gathering in March

St. Louis Chapter Board Members

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