



# St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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## Next Chapter Meeting - Monday April 8

**Topic: Safety Bloopers & If I Knew Then What I Know Now**

**Speaker: AJ Gajdosik**

Come listen to one of the area's best presenters and learn from his best mistakes.

**Where:** Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

**When:** Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

**Register for Meeting:**

<https://stl.assp.org/events/april-lunch-meeting-safety-bloopers/>

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## Golf Fundraiser - Friday, June 7

Register now as an attendee or sponsor!

<https://stl.assp.org/events/2024-annual-golf-tournament/>



## RESERVATIONS

**FRIDAY - JUNE 7, 2024**

**7:30 am** - Registration

**8:00 am** - Shotgun Start

**1:30 pm** - Lunch and Awards

**St. Peter's Golf Course**  
**200 Salt Lick Road**  
**St. Peters, MO 63376**  
**Phone: (636) 397-2227**

Please complete the attached  
Registration Form promptly to  
guarantee your reservation.

Payment can be made online at:

**<http://stl.assp.org/>**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!!!**

**Limited to 144 PAID golfers!**

**\$150 per person - \$600 for a team of four**

**PAYMENT is due in FULL by May 24, 2024**

**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, 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**

See the full flyer here:  
[Golf Tourney 2024 - Revised by Dazzle 2-13-24 \(assp.org\)](#)

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### **Professional Development Conference** **Monday, March 4th, 2024**

We were so excited to see many friends and colleagues at the 2024 St. Louis Chapter PDC! It was a fantastic event at a great venue with excellent speakers and interesting vendors. Take a look at some pictures from the event and plan to join us next year on the first Monday in March (3/3/2025)

Find more pictures of this great event here: <https://stl.assp.org/photos/>



**Highlights of the 2024 conference included:**

Scott Debo, Keynote Presenter, on the "Hardware & Software" of a good safety culture  
Harnessing Big Data  
Critical Steps for Effective ES&H  
Marijuana Legalization Impact on Testing Discipline  
St. Louis Legacy Waste and Radiation Health Effects  
Biosafety  
Real-Time Silica Monitoring  
Public Speaking  
Artificial Intelligence

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**WISH WISE Book Drive**

Recently our WISH/WISE chapter had a book drive for **Missouri Prison Books (MPB)**. **MPB** is a St. Louis-based 501c3 community service organization that sends books on request to incarcerated people in the Midwest currently serving folks in Illinois, Kansas, and Indiana correctional facilities. **MPB** formed in 2019 to fill the need for reading material inside Missouri prisons. While demand for books is high in prisons across the U.S., incarcerated people are frequently barred from receiving books from friends and family, and prison libraries are often under-resourced.

Wish was pleased to donate boxes of books to this important organization.

For information on Missouri Prison Books please go to [missouriprisonbooks.org](http://missouriprisonbooks.org) or reach out to a WISH Board member.

**WISH Happy Hour** April 4th

The poster features the text "WISH HAPPY Hour" in large, bold letters. The "WISH" and "HAPPY" are in yellow, and "Hour" is in white script. To the right, the ASPP logo is shown above the word "WISE" in green, with the tagline "Women in Safety Excellence" below it. A small WISH logo is also present. The event details include "THE POST SPORTS BAR & GRILL", "763 Old Ballas Rd Creve Coeur, MO 63141", "April 4th, 2024", and "4:00 pm to 6:30 pm". A circular logo for "THE POST SPORTS BAR & GRILL" is on the left. At the bottom, it says "Please RSVP to Patte Ackermann via email: ackermap@ssm-select.com" and includes the ASPP logo and "AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS".

**WISH Tours Advantage Metals Recycling**



On March 28, WISH toured Advantage Metals Recycling (AMR), where we learned about their safety-driven mission and values, their commitment to environmental responsibility, and the dedication to their community. This facility was truly impressive, and we learned what sorts of material the facility receives, how it's sorted, and what they do with material they can't keep.



Throughout the tour, it was apparent that the team works well together, has a strong sense of community and teamwork, and a great environment for mentorship, training, and learning. We were able to view trucks coming in with loads of scrap, watch it be unloaded and sorted, and observe the shredder, conveyer belts, and learn about the three different material streams they focus on, along with what they send out that lines landfills.



A truly hospitable host, Michael Dean answered our questions, pointed out unique considerations, and discussed their safety program and training. It was obvious from Michael and the leadership team that the facility prides themselves on safety, work quality, and health. If you need a metal waste solution, AMR is it!



## Calendar of Events

Take a look at what's coming up! Mark your calendar now.



# ASSP 2024 EVENTS



Sybergs on Dorsett (unless stated otherwise)

Doors open at 11:00 | Lunch Served 11:10-12:00 | Presentation 12:00-1:00

*March*

**ASSP/AIHA PDC**  
**March 4th**  
**LIUNA Event Center**

4532 S. Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO

*April*

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Safety Bloopers & If I Knew Then What**  
**I Know Now**  
**April 8th**

**AJ Gajdosik, Sr. Loss Control**  
**Representative at Acuity, to Present**  
**Syberg's**  
2430 Old Dorsett Rd.  
Maryland Heights, MO

*May*

**Monthly Meeting**  
**QR Codes in the Workplace**  
**May 13th**

Learn how QR codes can be used to improve communication and increase safety culture.

**Joe Shryock, Safety Director at Icon**  
**Mechanical, to Present**  
**Syberg's**  
2430 Old Dorsett Rd.  
Maryland Heights, MO

*June*

**Annual Golf Tournament**  
**June 7th**

**St. Peters' Golf Course**  
200 Salt Lick Rd.  
St. Peters, MO

July

**Monthly Meeting**  
**“The Significance of the Victim’s Economic Safety and Security Act (VESSA): Empowering Businesses and Victims”**  
 July 8th.  
 Mark Kurkowski, Owner Kurkowski Consulting and Training, to Present  
**Syberg’s**  
 2430 Old Dorsett Rd.  
 Maryland Heights, MO

August

**Monthly Meeting**  
**“8 Key Elements of a Sustainable Safety Culture”**  
 July 12th.  
 Diane Dick, Founder and Senior Consultant at Legacy Training and Development, to Present  
**Syberg’s**  
 2430 Old Dorsett Rd.  
 Maryland Heights, MO

September

**Monthly Meeting**  
**“I’m not yelling, you’re yelling!”**  
**Tips to de-escalate charged conversation**  
 September 9th  
 Domini Montgomery, Director of Safety & Risk at St. Louis Zoo, to Present  
**Syberg’s**  
 2430 Old Dorsett Rd.  
 Maryland Heights, MO

October



Always find the latest events at <https://stl.assp.org/>

### Mid-Missouri Section

**The Mid Missouri section provides networking and training opportunities for the professionals working in and around Jefferson City and Columbia.**

Meethings are held the third Friday of the month at D. Rowes.  
Please let us know if you have any speakers, topics or locations to tour.

Here is our current schedule:

04/19: Energy-Based Safety Risk Assessment using The Energy Wheel  
Presented by Will Schauwecker

05/17: OSHA updates by Bill McDonald

If you are interested in participating in these meetings or joining the Mid-MO mailing list, please reach out to [Paul Krewson](#) or opt-in here: <https://mailchi.mp/b33f8ed3f931/assp-midmo>

### Send your comments to DOL on Mental Health Training for Apprentices

by Tom Finan, Executive Director, Construction Forum  
Re-shared from the [St. Louis Construction Forum](#)

## **PERSPECTIVE: Please Comment on Need for Mental Health Training in Apprentice Programs**

Posted on 03/07/2024

Earlier this week, we wrote an article quoting Brandon Anderson, vice president of AGCMO on the need for more proactive action in the area of mental health for our construction team members.

There's a tremendous amount of momentum behind the movement of bringing awareness to the industry. We lose over 6,000 workers a year to suicide alone. "A large movement of awareness is not enough. We need real, tangible actions," Anderson said.

There is something that **you can do** that will take one minute which could make an enormous difference. It was suggested to me by close friend Doctor John Gaal, director of worker wellness for the Missouri Works Initiative of the AFL-CIO. John pointed out that there is no provision for mental wellness training in the proposed new U.S. Department of Labor standards for registered apprenticeship programs.

John and I are asking that you take a minute to submit a comment to DOL. The deadline for comments is Monday, March 18th. We're making it easy for you. Just click this link and then click the "comment" button: [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

In a nutshell, John and I are requesting that you ask the DOL to include a requirement that every apprentice receive at least one hour of instruction on dealing with stresses of the job and information about help that is available if they find themselves in a mentally stressful or dangerous place.

A sample comment would be:

*"I am a representative of the construction industry, which makes extensive use of registered apprentice programs. While great progress has been made in apprentice training to protect the physical health and safety of workers, that has not been the case with mental health. Our industry is still at or near the top in reported instances of worker mental health issues, substance abuse, and suicides. I respectfully request that all registered apprentice programs provide at least one hour of mental health training focused on managing job stresses and resources related to mental health."*

John noted, "For the past 20 years, I have been working with researchers across the USA on worker safety issues. When we began, our focus was entirely on the physical aspects of safety (i.e., slips, trips, falls, etc.). However, when the worldwide economic crisis hit in 2007, before long it became evident that we needed to cast a wider net to include the mental aspects of safety. Back then, little did I know that this concept already had a name in the field of Public Health: Total Worker Health (TWH).

"In essence, both labor and management have a duty to ensure that workers are protected physically from injury and illness as well as mentally by advancing their well-being. I cannot think of a joint apprenticeship and training committee that has not required first aid, CPR/AED, and OSHA-10 in the past 20 years. Isn't it time we insist that mental health deserves a rightful seat at the registered apprentice program training table?"

~ Tom

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**Website** – Dave Callies – dcallies@kelpe.com  
*Maintains website with updated news, chapter events, and job postings*

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Nick Zahner – nzahner@murphynet.com  
*Organizes and runs the annual golf tournament supporting local safety focused students*

**Programs** – Patte Ackermann, PT – ackermap@ssm-select.com  
*Plans the program time and needs for presentations & coordinates schedule*

**Social Media** – Emily Felton – emilyfelton101@gmail.com  
*Maintains online social accounts promoting discussion with local membership*

**Women In Safety Excellence (WISE) Coordinators**  
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Patte Ackermann, PT – ackermap@ssm-select.com  
*Organizes the WISH events to promote the community of Women in Safety & Health*

Please contact a board member or committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate in any of the chapter activities.

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