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March Chapter Joint Meeting with AIHA and MABSA

March 21, 2019
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

April Worker Fall Protection & Contractors Safety PDC

April 25, 2019
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Topics: Fall Protection, Silica and
Electrical Safety.

<https://nj.asse.org/event/>



Alex Ruiz & Kristin Herman

Letter from the President

Dear ASSP Members and Friends,

A warm hello from your NJ ASSP Leadership Team with thanks for your Chapter support and meeting/event participation. Can you believe it – we are already planning our Chapter Networking Event at Safety 2019 in New Orleans!

We had a great start to the year with the well attended Skipper Kendrick Branding and Communication webinar! We will soon post a replay recording. What a highlight from this long time ASSP global illuminati. Our WISE Community Painting Party was a new event for us which brought in a diverse and fun group of members and was a blast! The beautiful pictures tell the story. Our recent joint health Physics Society Meeting at the refurbished Rutgers Club radiated comradeship, fine cuisine, and radiation safety program knowledge appreciated by all! Thank you to Princeton's Caitlin Root, a rising safety star!

Hope to see you at the "standing room only" March 21st joint NJ ASSP/NJ AIHA/MABSA meeting at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. Great agenda and we are going to take a panoramic photo for our web site banner and we want you in it!

NJ ASSP is committed to safety promotion and we want to help you get ready for OSHA Safety Stand Down and support maintenance and contractor safety. We have developed a low fee Spring PDC that you should register for ASAP as we anticipate sell out. Great topics and we will provide lots of resources to support safety communication within your organization. The event is sponsored by

Crum & Forster and will be held at their new conference center in Morristown, NJ on April 25, 2019. Great topics and speakers and we are bringing the Powertrain LLC high voltage tabletop demonstration back as it is a most frequently requested event! Generous Rutgers CPHWD will be doing a certificate Silica Awareness program, usually a three-figure fee! Miller/Honeywell will be bringing the Fall Protection Solutions truck for exciting live action demos! We are saving a seat for you!

We are looking for a new Treasurer and a Transportation Chair. Please contact me ASAP if interested.

Best wishes and hope to see you soon!

Louise

Louise Vallee CSP,CIH, CPE President of NJ ASSP

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Welcome to NJ ASSP

The **New Jersey Chapter, ASSP**, is the 5th largest chapter in the United States, having over 550 members. Our territory covers Central and Northern New Jersey. If you are interested in safety, health, industrial hygiene or environmental concerns, we hope you'll consider joining our organization. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the new member orientation (a PDF reader is required on your device...if you don't have one yet). The Chapter Members and Officers extend a heartfelt welcome to our new members and encourage you to take advantage of our network, meetings, and trainings to take your education and career development to the next level. We also look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.

NJ ASSP Board Nominations are Open! Are YOU Interested?

Treasurer and Transportation Chair Contact: louisevallee7@gmail.com

Member Spotlight



Leonie Wedderburn (pictured right) is a Health & Safety Coordinator at PSE&G, Palisades Electric Division serving customers in Bergen and Hudson Counties since January 2017. Previously, she served in the role of the Environmental Specialist for the same division. Leonie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University.

Leonie enjoys volunteering and giving back, so she serves as a mentor, interviews prospective students for Columbia, and volunteers for STEM and other community programs with her workplace, church and her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA). She joined ASSP in 2018 to network and further learn and develop her Safety skills and has become a “regular”! Welcome!

Leonie A. Wedderburn, leonie.wedderburn@pseg.com

(l-r, Membership Chair, Kari Lyons; Louise Vallee, President of NJ ASSP; Leonie A. Wedderburn)

Membership - Kari Lyons Chair

A WISE and Friends Community Night Out

On February 7, a group of 17 WISE women, men and friends, met in East Brunswick at Pinot's Palette for some networking, fun and creativity. Everyone was given the opportunity to create a masterpiece while meeting some new people and enjoying a very relaxed atmosphere. We were each able to express our creative side and let things happen. The results were amazing! We awarded Christine Young the “Most Accurate” and Candice Kowalewski the “Most Original” awards. I think Leonie Wedderburn captured the overall feeling after the meeting when she said “I found a creative side I did not realize I had.”



Our goal was to bring people together to take a few moments out of our busy schedules and enjoy the company of other safety -minded individuals. I would say mission accomplished. There are many more photos on the website so check them out!



Membership Update

We would like to welcome those members who have joined us since the beginning of the year: Angel Ramos, Malcolm Punch, Hinjun Chan, Hayley Garris, Adeleye Aderamti, Theresa Pagan, Daniel Lamptey, Damian Rivera and Megan Merdinger. And welcome Sonny Ramlal who transferred to our NJ chapter as well. For all members, we would like to hear from you to learn what you would like too to get you more involved and gain attendance at our meetings. Please feel free to send me an email and give me any ideas or thoughts you have to help us strengthen our community.

On the Move

New job for Wayne Baruch – yay Congrats!
Members are preparing for Safety 2019 in New Orleans

Share your news!! E-mail Membership Chair, Kari Lyons at Kari.lyons@genmills.com

New in NIOSH Writings

NIOSH Study on use of antineoplastic drugs and personal protective equipment for Nurses

Female nurses who administer antineoplastic drugs—medications used to treat cancer—don't always wear protective clothing, according to a [new NIOSH study](#) published online in the American Journal of Nursing; a [video abstract](#) accompanies the published study. This is one of the first studies to explore the use of antineoplastic drugs and personal protective equipment among pregnant and non-pregnant female nurses. [Learn more.](#) NIOSH has worked extensively to protect workers who handle antineoplastic drugs, many of which are known or probable human carcinogens," said Christina Lawson, Ph.D., epidemiologist and lead author of the study. These data underscore the need for continued education and training to ensure that both employers and nurses—pregnant and non-pregnant—are fully aware of such hazards and of the recommended precautionary measures," says Lawson

New Safety Info for Using Wearable Lithium Battery Powered Devices

Small and wearable electronic devices used in workplaces (e.g., body cameras) rely on a power source that stores a high amount of energy in a small space (i.e., high energy density). Lithium cells provide sustained power and often have the capability to recharge. When designed, manufactured, and used properly, lithium batteries are a safe, high energy density power source for devices in the workplace.

While lithium batteries are normally safe, they may cause injury if they have design defects, are made of low quality materials, are assembled incorrectly, are used or recharged improperly, or are damaged. In February 2018, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's [Status Report on High Energy Density Batteries Project](#) reported over 25,000 overheating or fire incidents involving more than 400 types of lithium battery-powered consumer products that occurred over a five-year period.

Workers who wear or frequently handle lithium-powered devices or batteries are particularly at risk if a lithium battery catches fire or explodes since the device or battery is close to the body. For

example, small cameras worn by workers (e.g., police and security personnel) can cause burns or other serious injury if the lithium battery catches fire or explodes while worn. To prevent injury, it is important for employers and workers to understand a lithium-powered device's basic function, hazards, and safe use. <https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib011819.html>

New Mold Assessment Tools Available

NIOSH recently released two documents Dampness and Mold Assessment Tool for Schools and General Buildings . The tool provides a hardcopy data collection instrument to help address areas of dampness and mold in buildings. The tool's intent is to help the user identify and determine the severity of known and unknown areas of dampness and mold, prioritize repair and remediation, and track past and present problems. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enevents/eneventsV16N10.html#b>

Platinum NJ ASSP Takes on SeminarFest

Between the days of January 25 and February 1, the American Society of Safety Professionals hosted SeminarFest at Rio Casino and Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event offered over 90 safety development training seminars ranging from beginner to advanced based upon your experience and knowledge level in the safety realm. Course length ranged from ½ day to 5 days while being groomed by the best instructors in the industry.



Platinum Chapter NJ members Derek Smith, Kari Lyons, and Corey Jones ventured to SeminarFest for further knowledge in their respective line of business. During the trip, the three of us got together at the Hofbrau Haus for some delicious German food and libations. We talked about our time and experiences at SeminarFest while enjoying each other's company. It was a great time with some great people. I hope this inspires more NJ Chapter members to attend SeminarFest. Thank you and Prost!!!

NJ ASSP SPONSORSHIP

Your sponsorship visibly supports NJ ASSP safety goal achievement while marketing your company's brands to members and their organizations. Members and non-members often access the NJ ASSP web site looking for the diverse information provided, including vendors.

Please contact: Louise Vallee, NJ ASSP President, louisevallee7@gmail.com or 908-763-5573. For more information, visit: <https://nj.assp.org/sponsorship/>

Joint Health Physics Society Meeting, February 21, 2019 -Rutgers Club

Once again, a great evening of networking, comradeship, and fine cuisine at the newly renovated Rutgers Club. What a beautiful facility! All enjoyed the Radiation Safety Program information presented by Caitlin Root, Senior Radiation Safety Specialist at Princeton. Thanks to NJ ASSP's Alex Ruiz for coordinating!



Kari Lyons and Rob Ortiz



Thomas Hobbs and Caitlin Root



Left to Right - Patrick Mulrooney. Rory Grube. Joe DelGreco. Peter Mendonez. Kari Lyons. Leonie Wedderburn



April Full-Day PDC

NJ ASSP PDC TO HELP YOU PREVENT INJURIES FALLS FROM HEIGHTS AND MORE!!

April 25, 2019

Crum & Forster Conference Center, 305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ

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Worker Fall Protection and Contractors/Maintenance

Safety Full Day PDC

- Silica Awareness Certificate Course – Philip Taylor, MS Rutgers School of Public Health, Center for Public Health Workforce Development
- ASSP-IHPS Silica Guide for Contractors – Joe Kapp, Hillmann Consulting
- High Voltage Electrical Hazards Tabletop Demonstration – Al Saharic, Partner, Power Train, LLC
- Fall Protection Solutions – Frank Conidi, Miller Fall Protection/Honeywell Industrial Safety
- Roof and Walking Surface Fall Protection – Leonie Wedderburn, Palisades Electric Division
- Risk Transfer – Best Practices to Protect Your Company, Matt Hayes - Legal Counsel, Crum & Forster

Special Early Bird Registration March 1st - March 31st \$35! April 1st on - \$55. Conference fee kept low so you can attend! Will be a sell out – so register soon! Register at; <https://nj.assp.org/>

CSP Question of the Month

According to OSHA 1926.1101, types of asbestos include:

- a) chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite, and actinolite
- b) anthracite, amosite, bakelite, tremolite, stalactite, and actinolite
- c) chrysotile, amosite, granite, stalagmite, anthophyllite, and aeschynite
- d) amethyst, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite, and uranium

Seeking Employment or have a job or article to post?

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Submit resume and/or job or career-related postings to news@nj.assp.org.

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Answer to CSP Question of the Month

Correct Answer: a) chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite, and actinolite

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