ASSE meets with the descendants of the 146 women and men who lost their lives in the March 25, 1911, Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire to discuss the 100th efforts to have a permanent memorial put at the Asch Building site of the fire, now known as the Brown building. The family members also met with descendants of the owners of the building that locked the doors of the factory and the great-granddaughter of the lawyer that represented the owners in court and won the case.

The meeting took place the morning of March 25, 2010, at the New York University Silver School of Social Work. One of the organizers of the event Leigh Benin noted three key points: 1) that a permanent memorial be placed at the site; 2) that children be taught about the tragedy and the lessons learned; and, 3) of the good things that resulted from the tragedy such as the formation of the American Society of Safety Engineers 7 months after the fire in New York and of the occupational safety, health and environmental profession and their commitment to preventing injuries and illnesses worldwide.

ASSE participated in the March 25, 2010, Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire remembrance event at the Asch/Brown building on the NYU campus. About 1000 people attended the event along with descendants of the 146 women and men victims of the factory fire, the NYFD, elementary students from several NY City schools and representatives from the state and city government. Saturday, March 25, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory -- due to the fact that the doors were locked, there were no sprinklers in the building and limited amount of water to put the fire out -- workers were trapped on the top floors of the Asch building. The fire department ladder at the time could not reach the floors to help the workers escape. Many died after jumping from the building and down the elevator chute. Descendants of some of the families noted that many of the victims had returned to help the others escape, but died while trying. Thousands of people looked on helplessly as the fire raged and as a result workplace safety rules and regulations were soon adopted in the state and countrywide and ASSE was formed in NY City 7 months later with a focus on preventing work injuries and illnesses.

Once again, help us celebrate and recognize North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) week, May 2 - 8 and Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day on May 5. While not actually during NAOSH week this year, our Spring PDC will be offered on May 25 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville, NJ. The topic will be Emergency Preparedness and Response so keep an eye out for our "Save the Date" flyer with additional details soon! On May 5, each and every one of you should take a moment to reflect on and appreciate your contributions and successes in keeping employees, our roadways and the public safe through your ongoing efforts. This is your day!

Finally, I would like to announce and welcome to our Executive Board our 3 newest Chairpersons. Each of these people have committed themselves to getting more involved in our Chapter activities, and as such will provide additional offerings and benefits to our members and the communities we live and work in.

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In 1989, April 28th was designated Workers Memorial Day to direct attention to workers who have been killed or injured on the job. This day was chosen because it is the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). The first Workers Memorial Day was observed in Canada also on April 28th. Today, labor unions, employers, community groups and others around the world now mark April 28th as an International Day of Mourning.

The goal of Workers Memorial Day is to remember those who have suffered and died on the job. As we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered diseases due to exposure to toxic substances or been injured because of dangerous conditions, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the need to revitalize our commitment to improving health and safety in the workplace. For this reason, the day has special significance to those who are dedicated to addressing occupational health and safety issues. Despite the difficulties and challenges we face in achieving the goal of reducing and eliminating workplace hazards, we must remain ever vigilant. Since the passage of OSHA, the job fatality rate has been cut by 60 percent and thousands of lives have been saved. However, too many workers remain at risk. In 2008, 3.7 million workers were injured and 5,071 were killed as a result of job hazards. It is estimated that another 50,000 died due to occupational disease. While this year’s number of fatalities represents a decline from the preceding year (5,657), fatal work injuries among all workers, particularly Hispanic workers (795), continue to be unacceptably high. Additionally, in 2008, economic factors likely played a role in the decline in fatalities. Average hours worked at the national level fell and some of the industries that have historically accounted for a significant share of worker fatalities, such as construction, experienced larger declines in employment or hours worked. That is why workers, employers, unions, community leaders, city council, state legislative representatives and others commemorate and publicize this important day. OSHA’s past efforts have demonstrated that worker safety and health is directly linked to the existence and effectiveness of a safety and health program in a workplace. Join OSHA this year in reflecting on the successes we’ve had in addressing workplace hazards as well as the challenges that we face ahead.

April 28th—Workers Memorial Day

TIDBITS

One in ten men grind their teeth while sleeping.

Every year around 3,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized after tripping over laundry baskets.

According to a study by Visa, most identity thefts are perpetrated by someone the victim knows.
Safety Matters

Volume 04.10

Featured Product Safety Recall

INFANTINO “SLINGRIDER” and “WENDY BELLISSIMO” BABY SLINGS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission warns parents and caregivers on the use of slings with infants younger than four months of age due to a risk of suffocation. This recall includes all Infantino “SlingRider” and “Wendy Bellissimo” infant slings sold at retailers nationwide and online at Amazon.com from January 2013 through March 2016 for between $25 and $50. CONSUMERS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY STOP USING THE SLINGS AND CONTACT INFANTINO FOR A FREE REPLACEMENT PRODUCT, AND A REFUND.

(866) 860-1361
(Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm PST)
Or register online at www.infantino.com
Please join me in welcoming aboard Robert Ortiz, Gina Mannino and Jean Kristensen! Below is a brief biography of each.

Robert Ortiz - Hispanic Outreach Chair
Robert Ortiz, OHST is a Safety & Occupational Health Specialist for the biopharmaceutical company Celgene Corporation. He is responsible for Contractor Pre-Qualification, Construction Safety, and has been the Corporate Administrator of accident, incident and environmental health and safety metrics since 2007. He draws his safety experience from military aviation, having retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve in 2005. He has also worked in public sector mass transit with MTA NYC Transit (Subways), NJ Transit (Rail), and the Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100 where he was a Safety Representative and coordinator of Safety Education and Training.

Gina Mannino - Community Outreach Chair
Gina Mannino has been working in the biopharmaceutical industry for ImClone, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eli Lilly and Company, as a Senior Safety Specialist since 2008. She began her EHS career in Arizona as a Construction Safety Representative for Intel in 2000. After receiving a Master of Environmental Health and Safety degree in 2003 from the University of Minnesota in Duluth, MN, she was hired by 3M to join their Corporate Safety Department. Her responsibilities included travelling to various 3M plants nationwide to assist in the implementation of many different EHS programs and was also a member of the Corporate EHS Auditing group. She later became a Safety Engineer for plants in 3M’s tape division (in MN) and their industrial minerals division (in NJ).

Jean Kristensen - Healthcare Chair
Jean Kristensen, RN, COHN is a Healthcare Industry Specialist with Liberty Mutual Group, working for Liberty Mutual since 1999. Prior to her current position, Jean worked as a Service Director for Liberty Mutual Group, responsible for consulting with customer management at the corporate level on continuous improvement in their safety processes and conducting customer training sessions for healthcare customers. Jean is a Registered Nurse with a Certification in Occupational Health Nursing. Her health care career spans thirty years prior to joining Liberty Mutual Group. Her health care experience includes specialization in Pediatrics and Pediatric Intensive Care in her early career at Kings County. In addition, she worked in acute care and long term care services at Saint Clare's Hospital in Northern NJ. She held a variety of managerial and education positions including Staff Development and Nursing Management. As part of her responsibilities, she developed and managed Community Education Programs, as well as the Corporate Health Program for the hospital system as well as area businesses in Morris, Warren and Sussex County.

Sincerely,

Frank Gesualdo, CSP
President, New Jersey Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers
Illustrating the importance of being safe at work, Jessica Prevette, age 12, of Budd Lake, NJ, recently won third place in the eighth annual American Society of Safety Engineers’ (ASSE) kids’ “Safety-on-the-Job” poster contest for children aged 5-14 in the 11-12 age category. The winning posters were selected from five age groups and first place posters are featured on the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH, May 2-8) 2010 poster, distributed worldwide as part of the ASSE NAOSH Week and May 5 Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day celebrations.

Prevette’s poster, titled ‘Proper Hazardous Waste Disposal is a Must...Put it Somewhere You Trust,’ won for best depicting “Safety on the Job.” In addition to drawing, Jessica enjoys playing soccer. She attends Mount Olive Middle School. ASSE Professional Member John Marci sponsored Jessica.

In addition to winning a savings bond, Jessica and all poster contest winners and entrants will be recognized at the NAOSH 2010 kick-off events Monday, May 3, 2010 in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Labor, the Smithsonian and during the ASSE recognition event at the U.S. Capitol. ASSE, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) officials and more than 60 OSHA Alliance Partner program members, representing more than 150,000 businesses, are participating. In addition, there will be a special brunch hosted by ASSE’s Region III on Sunday, May 2, at the U.S. National Zoo in Washington D.C. for poster winners, participants, their families and ASSE members. Lamar Outdoor Advertising has also donated billboard space to feature the winning ASSE posters and runners up in locations throughout the U.S.

The ASSE kids’ ‘Safety-on-the-Job’ poster contest is for members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as member-sponsored schools, company employees and organizations and is aimed at educating children at an early age on the importance of and how to be safe at work. In addition, participants learn more about what their parents and relatives do daily as safety, health and environmental professionals in preventing workplace injuries and illnesses. Winning posters best illustrate being safe at work. Posters will also be displayed during NAOSH Week in D.C. and at the June ASSE Safety 2010 conference in Baltimore.

For NAOSH 2010 participation information please go to www.asse.org/naosh10. To order a copy of the NAOSH 2010 poster contact ASSE at customerservice@asse.org.

ASSE
A whistleblower investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration found that New Jersey Transit violated the Federal Railroad Safety Act when it retaliated against an employee for reporting a work-related illness. According to OSHA’s findings, in February 2008, the railroad brought an employee up on charges for missing work after suffering a work-related illness from witnessing a fatal accident involving another worker. The railroad also retaliated against the worker by cutting his pay and then suspending him. These retaliatory acts caused the employee significant financial and personal losses. The employee filed a whistleblower complaint with OSHA, alleging that the railroad had retaliated against him for reporting his work-related illness. OSHA’s Whistleblower Protection Program conducted an investigation under the whistleblower provisions of the FRSA, found merit to the complaint and ordered relief.

"Railroad employees have the legal right to report work-related injuries and illnesses without fear of retaliation," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Dr. David Michaels. "This case sends a clear message: Railroads that retaliate against employees for exercising their rights will be held accountable."

As a result of its findings, OSHA has ordered New Jersey Transit to take corrective actions, including expunging disciplinary actions taken against the employee and references to them from various records as well as compensating the worker for back pay, lost benefit payments, interest, compensatory damages and attorneys’ fees totaling almost $500,000. In addition, OSHA has ordered the railroad to pay the complainant $75,000 in punitive damages. The railroad must also post and provide its employees with information on their FRSA whistleblower rights.

New Jersey Transit and the complainant have 30 days from receipt of the findings to file an appeal with the Labor Department’s Office of Administrative Law Judges. Under the FRSA, employees of a railroad carrier and its contractors and subcontractors are protected against retaliation for reporting on-the-job injuries and illnesses, as well as reporting certain safety and security violations and cooperating with investigations by OSHA and other regulatory agencies.

OSHA enforces the whistleblower protection provisions of the FRSA and 16 other whistleblower statutes protecting employees who report violations of various workplace safety, securities, trucking, airline, nuclear power, pipeline, environmental, public transportation and consumer product safety laws. Detailed information is available online at http://www.osha.gov/dep/oia/whistleblower/index.html.

OSHA orders NJ Transit to Pay More Than $500,000 to Worker for Violation of Railroad Whistleblower Law
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...

Safety Manager

Reporting to: Human Resources Manager
Position Summary:
A newly created position in the company, this role is an exciting opportunity to make an impact on the plant’s risk management strategy and safety initiatives. Plant operates out of four separate facilities, all of which support fresh food manufacturing. Performs safety-related duties at the manager level and in conjunction with corporate organizational initiatives, may carry out responsibilities in some or all of the following functional areas: employee and customer relations, training, loss control, and safety programs. Facilitates programs, initiatives and grievance resolution in the best interest of customers, employees and the company. Responsible for maintaining OSHA compliance. Improve the quality of workers’ compensation claim handling practices and insure that this quality of claim handling is consistent for all claims. Must be able to create a team environment and instill safety standards as one of the organization’s key cultural values. Maintains the utmost integrity, professionalism and strict confidentiality at all times.

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Safety Director

Location: Lucerne, Switzerland
Reports: Direct Report to: CFO, Dotted Line Report to: Heads of Purchasing
Overview:
1. Promote safety and avoid accidents impacting our customers and staff.
2. Be well equipped to manage such incidents and emergencies that, despite our efforts, may occur to protect the well-being of our customers and staff as well as their families.
3. In addition to the two previous objectives, ensure that the team minimizes safety liability, other financial impacts and bad-will to Company as an organization.
4. This is a newly created position that provides significant opportunity to be engaged and impact a global organization that is situated in over 50 countries. Furthermore, this position will test the talents of the individual to create, develop and implement a World Class Safety & Risk Control Program.

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Environmental Health and Safety Specialist

Location: Morris Plains, NJ
Dendreon is seeking an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist to participate in the implementation and administration of environmental health and safety programs for staff and facilities. The successful candidate will use professional concepts and company policies and procedures to solve a wide range of difficult problems in imaginative and practical ways. This is a great opportunity to become part of the team trusted to operate the first ever commercial facility designed for production of personalized medicines.

Performs a wide variety of activities in a cGMP environment, which may include one or more of the following:
- Monitors and evaluates occupational safety and health concerns including physical, chemical and/or biological hazards.
- Performs safety training and ergonomic evaluations.
- Evaluates safety inspections, investigates incident reports, and recommends appropriate changes. Participates in emergency response team.
- Administers company-wide environmental, health and safety programs, policies and procedures in accordance with regulatory agencies.
- Improves the safety culture of the company, ensuring that all implemented programs are enforced and followed throughout the company.
- Implements new company-wide safety, environmental and emergency management programs designed to respond to potential situations within the biotech industry in order to improve overall safety.
- Works on problems of diverse scope in which analysis of data requires evaluation of identifiable factors. Exercises judgment within generally defined practices and techniques for obtaining solutions.

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Network Health & Safety Program Manager

Location: Basking Ridge, NJ
Responsibilities:
The successful candidate will report into the Environmental, Health and Safety organization with responsibility for overseeing and supporting Health & Safety for Network personnel across the country, and the company-wide Vehicle and Radio Frequency (RF) Compliance Programs. He/she will serve as the single point of contact providing subject matter expertise in all aspects of Health, Safety, DOT and RF compliance while interfacing with HQ/Area/Regional employees, management and senior staff to meet defined program objectives and foster program advocacy. The individual will participate in company-wide program activities, including but not limited to regular EHS conference calls, workshops, compliance audits, reporting and vendor management. They will monitor OSHA, DOT, and FCC RF requirements, and update existing policies/procedures as necessary to comply with applicable changes in regulation. He/she will define and oversee employee-training requirements and develop programs necessary to comply with applicable regulations and internal company policies. He/she will conduct periodic audits to measure regional compliance and overall program effectiveness.

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Facility and EHS Engineer

Cooper Industries is a $6.5 billion manufacturer of electrical products and tools with manufacturing, operations, and sales offices in over 50 countries. Cooper operates nine divisions across the globe including 12 growth platforms. Cooper Notification is one growth platform within the Cooper Safety division that manufactures and installs products and solutions within the fire and mass notification industries.
Cooper Notification is currently looking for a high-energy, results-oriented professional for a Facility and EHS Engineer opportunity.
Primary Job Responsibilities:
- Direct supervision of production and facilities maintenance employees; identify, prioritize and assign work, deal with emergency requests and adjust schedules accordingly.
- Evaluate facility condition and suggest replacement of current equipment when necessary due to technology advance or age/reliability of equipment.
- Develop and schedule periodic maintenance of key facility mechanical and production equipment.
- Accountable to develop and sustain all OSHA safety programs related to maintenance and facility repairs in accordance with corporate, federal and local guidelines; LOTO, confined space, electrical safety, machine safeguarding, emergency preparedness, etc.
- Develop and sustain programs that will ensure compliance with all local, state EPA regulatory and corporate environmental requirements.
- Establish and maintain chemical records and MSDS’s to ensure OSHA and EPA compliance. Develop and maintain chemical inventory and database.
- Prepare and submit all applicable mandated reports on environmental activities TIER II, SARA Title II, Wastewater, Storm Water etc. to ensure compliance.
- Conduct periodic training programs for plant personnel in handling of hazardous materials, emergency response, RCPA, DOT and associated EHS compliance activities.

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Safety Manager

Location: Trenton, NJ
At McMaster-Carr, we have grown our business by providing companies with a variety of products, creative solutions and responsive service since 1901. With an intense focus on operational excellence, our team has made it possible to manage an inventory of more than 465,000 maintenance and repair products, shipping 98% of orders from stock. We move quickly, delivering material to our customers within 24 hours, so safety has to be a top priority.
Our company is seeking a Safety Manager to incorporate safety ideals into our facility in the Trenton, New Jersey area. The fast-paced nature of our business demands an individual with the dedication and flexibility to devise practical, yet innovative solutions for injury prevention in both an office and distribution environment. We will challenge the right candidate to:
- Serve as the in-house expert on all work-related safety issues and injury prevention;

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The above listings may have been condensed at the newsletter editors discretion — for a complete description and listing of these and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org. This is a free service offered to NJASSE chapter members, their employers and supporters of NJASSE. We charge “recruiters” to post position announcements with possible exception to postings within the chapter’s geographical area.
Our good neighbors to the north score again with this entry from a health and safety coordinator in Alberta. One of his company’s businesses is a recycling depot which attracts a variety of customers. “If you look closely, you may notice a well-maintained half-ton attached to an engineering marvel,” he writes. “Note the quality materials and well-thought-out design, including the system of retaining ropes and the suspension on the trailer.” He shot this photo on a windy day, and says that even though protected by a building, the trailer was rocking from side to side as it was unloaded. “The owner had driven this thing for about 30 miles along a 4-lane highway in windy conditions and was returning 30 miles after unloading,” he adds.

Just curious: a “junk truck” isn’t actually supposed to be made from junk, is it?

Schedule of Events

4/14 — Safety Executives of NY PDC — NYC, NY
4/20/09 thru 4/22/09 — 26th Annual Mid-Atlantic Region Safety, Health & Wellness Expo 2010 — Trump Plaza, Atlantic City
4/20 — Joint Meeting with Metro NY and Penn Jersey Chapters
4/28 — Workers Memorial Day
5/5 — Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day
5/13 — ASSE New York Chapter Golf Outing
5/18 — Joint Meeting with Penn Jersey — Newark, NJ

Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

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