

## ASSE New Jersey Chapter



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### December Meeting

Past Presidents Dinner

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Location:

Portofino's Restaurant  
29 Mills St  
Morristown, NJ

Topic: The Past Presidents Dinner is a way to recognize the contributions each of our past presidents have made to the chapter and society. This year's dinner will honor John Vogler, our newest alumnus. This is a BYOB event.

In keeping with tradition, please bring an unwrapped toy for our annual Toys for Tots drive. The chapter will also be participating in Bears for Hugs this year.

### Upcoming Webinars

A full listing of Webinars is available on the [NJ ASSE](#) and [ASSE](#) websites.

Topic: Protecting Temporary Workers

Date: November 25, 2014

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Topic: Process Safety Management

Date: December 3, 2014

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30 pm

### Chapter Visits Chubb Insurance Fire Lab

*Patrick Delaney*

Our Chapter's October meeting was a combined meeting with the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals and was hosted by Chubb Insurance in Warren, NJ. Ms. Michele Schedlock, Director of the Chubb Fire Lab provided a presentation in which she discussed and demonstrated the differences between various fire suppression systems. The highlight of the evening occurred when Ms. Schedlock started a fire in the lab's testing chamber and demonstrated how quickly a fire grows in intensity and the amount of time it takes for the fire suppression system to activate and extinguish the fire.



*Director Schedlock identifying various fire suppression systems.*

### Chapter Visits Merck and Co. in Rahway

*Judith Neidorff*

In November the Chapter's meeting was hosted by Merck and Co. in Rahway, NJ. Brian Petuch, Merck Corporate BioSafety Officer, presented on the fundamentals of biosafety and biosecurity, starting with a discussion of what biosafety is and moving onto infectious disease transmission. An open question session throughout the presentation led to a spirited discussion on what precautions industries currently are and should be using to handle the current pandemic with contributors in the audience from many industries.

## Regulatory Affairs Update

Louise Vallee

This monthly update provides a quick overview of new or in progress regulatory issues and helpful resources. Entries are grouped by Topic Category and include links where pertinent. Information is obtained from OSHA, NIOSH, EPA, CSHS, and C2ES web sites unless otherwise noted.

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## EPA

EPA Honors Freight Carriers for Superior Supply Chain Efficiency

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/...OpenDocument>.

EPA Invites Eligible Non-Profit Groups and Tribal Communities to Apply for 2015 Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/...OpenDocument>

EPA Releases Guidance to Improve Schools' Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/...OpenDocument>

## Attracting Young Professionals

Judith Neidorff

Union, NJ – On Thursday, October 16, five chapter members participated in the 12th annual Environmental Health & Safety Fair at Kean University. In today's world of vast internet resources and a very competitive job market, it can be difficult to stand out as an organization to potential members. By promoting the ASSE as primed to assist today's newest job-seekers in both personal and professional development, we attract members in the earliest stages of their careers, bringing them into our diverse support network and guiding them so that they can invigorate the industry with new methods and ideas, leading to greater opportunities for all.



Students crossing by the ASSE table at the Kean University EH&S Fair.

## Welcome to NJASSE

Patrick Delaney

The Chapter Members and Officers would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members who joined this past month:

- Donald Colarusso
- Joe Curau
- Kevin Fitzhenry
- Rory Grube
- Kevin Meinert
- Janki Pandya
- Jeffrey Schwalje
- Robert Tipton
- David Twigg
- Xu Zhang

We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.

## NJ ASSE Professional Development Conference

Judith Neidorff



Al Saharic about to light up his 15,000 volt power line.

Piscataway Township, NJ – ‘Construction Safety for the Non-Safety Professional’ was the topic of the day at the November 12 PDC, attracting NJ ASSE members from many fields and filling the Rutgers University training center to near capacity. Tri-State Industrial Supply and ISNetworld attended both as vendors and corporate sponsors, with representatives ready to showcase both merchandise and services.

Mike Corbett, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist, was the first speaker, announcing to applause and laughter that his presentation was going to be ‘old school’ and lamenting the lack of mimeographs and projectors. Corbett’s talk was on status updates for current and upcoming OSHA focus points, including:

- Superstorm Sandy LEP for storm affected areas
- Ebola LEP
- Temporary worker protection
- Inspection focus on communication towers and trenching accidents
- New cranes and derricks construction standard
- Active shooter schematics for ERPs
- Workzone partnership between the NJPD, OSHA, and Rutgers
- Silica partnership

Denis Crayon, CHST, followed with a series of presentations showcasing both the need for and importance of safety standards in construction work. Using photographs, stories, and video demonstrations, he emphasized the extreme dangers inherent in excavation and crane work and the importance of markout. With lectures engaging to attendees no matter their industry, it was no surprise that his presentations lead to questions, comments, and applause.

Bob Sagendorf, CHST, CSP, and past ASSE president teamed up with Al Saharic to discuss electrical safety, leading to what was undoubtedly the crown jewel of the day. To accurately show the capacity for destruction inherent within power lines, Saharic brought a homemade diorama of a power line with the capability to run at a full 15,000 volts. The meeting’s attendees were stunned by the demonstrative reminder of just how dangerous power lines are.

For a flyer containing the full list of topics covered, [click here](#).

### Silica

Aaron Trippler, AIHA

“Following the extensive public hearings and comment period, OSHA is presently reviewing the thousands of comments to determine whether the agency should make any changes to its proposed silica rule. Insiders say it may take the agency another six to nine months or longer before the agency gets through all of the material it has gathered on this proposed rule. The proposed rule would reduce the exposure level in general industry and construction as well as lower the proposed action level.” This rule appears to have White House support.

### [OSHA Hazard Alert: Worker Exposure to Silica During Hydraulic Fracking](#)

[https://www.osha.gov/dts/hazardalerts/hydraulic\\_frac\\_hazard\\_alert.html](https://www.osha.gov/dts/hazardalerts/hydraulic_frac_hazard_alert.html)

## Upcoming Regional Events

Mark your calendars and hold the dates, because these upcoming conferences promise to be great ones.

### New England Area PDC 2014 “Learning From Each Other”

Sponsored by: Region VIII ASSE

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 through Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Place: Crown Plaza  
801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886

Cost:

	Member	Non-Member	Full Time Student	One Day
Regular Registration	\$299	\$349	\$50	\$200
Walk-In Registration	\$325	\$375	\$100	\$225



National and local speakers will cover topics ranging from OSHA updates to emergency response, fleet safety, fire protection, workplace violence, and many more. There will be a full day vendor exhibition, networking events, door prizes and raffles, and a silent auction to benefit safety research, scholarships, and grants. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### North East Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference

Sponsored by: Metro New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia AIHA chapters

Date: Friday, December 5, 2014

Place: Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village  
201 Village Boulevard, Princeton, NJ 08540

Cost: Up to November 21: \$200 general | \$100 student  
After November 21: \$240 general | \$125 student



Topics include the state of the AIHA/IH profession, lessons learned from Sandy, industrial hygiene and the environment, Ebola, and many more. Networking opportunities will be available and there will be a vendor exhibition. For a full speaker lineup, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

### Hudson River Valley Professional Development Seminar and Trade Show

Sponsored by: Hudson River Valley ASSE chapter

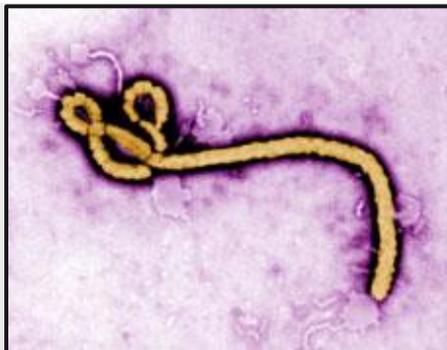
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Place: Rockland Fire Training Center  
35 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY 10970

Cost: \$10, \$15 for Pay Pal registrations after January 15



Ed Jerome, past Area Director for OSHA's Albany office will present the Keynote speech to all participants, after which the conference breaks into smaller technical sessions. There will be a large vendor exhibition and 0.5 CEUs will be awarded for attendance. For more information and to register for the event, [click here](#).



## Ebola

The CDC has developed Ebola prevention and control recommendations for healthcare workers, laboratory workers, airline workers, and humanitarian workers. Healthcare workers and airline workers may be at risk if they are exposed to infected people who have the signs and symptoms of Ebola. Laboratory workers and other healthcare workers may be at risk if they collect or handle infectious specimens. They are also at risk if they are directly exposed to the blood or body fluids of a patient with Ebola or objects (such as needles) that have been contaminated with infected body fluids. Other workers with potential exposure to Ebola include transportation workers, funeral and mortuary workers, and first responders such as firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and police officers.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ebola/>

[OSHA Ebola Guidance](#)

## Emergency Response

How prepared are you for a worst case scenario? Visit the [NIOSH Emergency Response Web Site](#) for disaster, severe weather, and terrorism worker protection resources from NIOSH and OSHA.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/responders.html>



## It's All About the CoPS!

*Joseph M. Schwed, CSP, FMA, RPA*

That's right, folks! If you are a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, then you should be part of the Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS)! Whatever industry you work in there is a Practice Specialty that can help you network, have exposure to service and leadership opportunities, technical and educational resources, publication opportunities, and access to leadership guidance and advice.

There are currently nineteen (19) practice specialties ranging from Academics, Construction and Healthcare to Mining, Public Sector, International and many more. There is plethora of information available to you as member of ASSE, however, as a member of a practice specialty the real excitement is coming with the Digital Expansion Project.

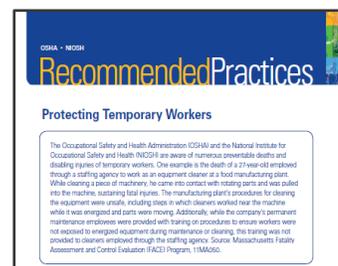
The Digital Expansion Project will further enhance the digital publications and a Members Only mobile web portal is under development. Each practice specialty will have a blog containing a hot topic or a highlighted story, will have a Q&A tool, plenty of content, tips, news and other activities and will foster cross-communication amongst other practice specialties.

So go to the National ASSE website as there is an entire section devoted to CoPS! You will find it on the main page right between Professional Development & Events and Government and Professional Affairs. What are you waiting for?

## Temporary Workers

OSHA and NIOSH (2014-139) recommend best safety practices to staffing agencies and host employers so that they may better protect temporary workers through mutual cooperation and collaboration.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2014-139/>



## Spotlight on: Safe Driving

W.I.S.E. and  
Regulatory Affairs



want to take this month to remind us to keep a spotlight on safe driving through the following programs:



The time period between thanksgiving and New Year's includes the most dangerous accident trend days of the year. MADD runs a Tie One on for Safety campaign during this season. Tie a red ribbon somewhere prominent and make sure you have a designated driver for holiday parties and events. You can learn more about Tie One on for Safety and MADD [here](#).



November 17-23 is National Teens Don't Text and Drive Week. Talk to your teenagers and young adults about the dangers of texting and driving. Consider writing an article for your local high school's newsletters (these typically go out to parents and teenagers). Learn more about teen driving and how you can help create safer teen drivers [here](#).



## ASSE 2014 Leadership Conference

Lauren Cranmer, CSP, CHMM, MBA

The October 2014 leadership conference entitled 'Where the Pieces Come Together' in Lombard, IL was a successful gathering of ASSE leadership including representation from local, regional, and national levels. ASSE leaders helped one another to develop their skills and leadership potential within ASSE and in their careers.

John Spence talked about the role of safety professionals in leadership and led inspirational and educational workshops and lectures regarding personal and professional leadership and communication. There were breakout sessions for all leadership roles including treasurers, presidents, delegates, vice presidents, secretaries, etc. Other topics included the following:

- Leading successful volunteer organizations
- Creating engaged memberships
- Strategic planning
- PDC planning
- Chapter communications strategies
- Public relations
- ASSE's Body of Knowledge
- Chapter reporting
- Financial leadership
- Getting to know your council

All the materials from the conference can be found [here](#) after logging into the ASSE website.

The link to John Spence's lectures can be found [here](#).

For any questions, please contact [chapterservices@asse.org](mailto:chapterservices@asse.org).

## OSHA QuickTakes

[Subscribe](#) to OSHA QuickTakes: free OSHA e-newsletter delivered twice monthly to more than 70,000 subscribers. Receive latest news about OSHA initiatives and products to assist employers and workers in finding and preventing workplace hazards. Past issues available.



## Member Highlights

### Russell Del'Re Awarded Grant



Russell Del'Re, Safety & Risk Manager at Dressbarn has been awarded 2014's Safety First Grant for presenting the most creative risk control solution related to an identifiable and quantified loss source.



*Russell Del'Re receiving the 2014 Safety First grant.*

Ladder use has created several problems in Dressbarn's retail stores. Heavy ladders stowed in back store rooms have to be carried to the front every time a sign needs to be hung. The actions involved in hanging signs are physically demanding. Reductions in hours have led to employees attempting to hang signs without the required spotter.

In 2013, Del'Re began looking into existing safety solutions specific to window marketing. Upon discovering no solutions existed, he approached vendors at a safety conference with his idea for an alternative to ladder use. The vendors came back with a retractable signage system that allows a single employee to attach a poster and position it without requiring a ladder.

The Safety First Grant will allow Del'Re to purchase and create a test market for the solution developed. He anticipates that the system will help prevent injuries, save time and use less labor.

*For full article, including link to a video demonstrating Del'Re's innovative solution, please [click here](#).*

### 2014 America's Safest Companies



On October 28, EHS Today honored eighteen companies as recipients of the 2014 America's Safest Companies award. We are pleased to report that two companies containing NJ ASSE chapter members, Dressbarn and SBM Site Services LLC, have been recognized for safety excellence.

Dressbarn is a specialty retail women's apparel company with 8,000 employees, 400 corporate employees, and almost 850 stores. They have three EHS professionals, including ASSE member Russell Del'Re, who is responsible for all sites as Safety & Risk Manager. Del'Re describes his company's safety philosophy as "centered around our motto of 'Inspiring Women to Look and Feel Beautiful.' We recognize that our associates are our most important assets and we stand behind that. We recognize that even the smallest of accidents can be a less-than-inspiring experience."

SBM is a multi-national facility services provider servicing over 400 sites with clients ranging from banks and universities to major manufacturing and pharmaceutical companies. Their crew of 6,800 employees is overseen by ten EHS professionals, including three chapter members. Brian Anderson, Vice President for EHS, Risk, and Sustainability and president elect for the NJ ASSE chapter states that "EHS is operationalized at SBM meaning that it is embedded into every process across the business. It is not just a priority, but a core value at SBM driven by empowerment, education, and trust."

*For a complete listing of companies that received this year's award, please [click here](#).*

## Construction

### ***OSHA seeks proposals for online OSHA Outreach 10- and 30-Hour Training Program***

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is seeking proposals to provide OSHA 10- and 30-hour Outreach Training Program online courses in the construction, general, and maritime industries, and targeted training for young workers.

The OSHA Outreach Training Program provides training for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in workplaces. The program also offers information on workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint. Workers can participate in 10- or 30-hour classes delivered by OSHA authorized trainers. The 10-hour class is intended for entry-level workers, while the 30-hour class is more appropriate for workers with some safety responsibility.

Applications must be submitted in writing to OSHA by 4 pm CST on Dec. 12, 2014. Applicants must submit one signed original and three copies of the proposal, plus one CD-ROM or USB Flash Drive of the complete proposal identical to the hard copies by the stated deadline. Additional information on submission requirements, frequently asked questions and the OSHA Outreach Training Program is available at <http://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/ootpp.html>.

## New York Programs

New York – City of New York has adopted a final rule creating a voluntary Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician registration program.

Local Law Number 3 for the year 2014 amends Title 24 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York by adding a new Chapter 10 in relation to the creation of a voluntary master environmental hazard remediation technician registration program. The law requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a program that provides for the voluntary registration of persons as master environmental hazard remediation technicians.

### ***Master Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician Registration Program***

New Rules which take effect on September 24, 2014 allows a person to register with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection after successfully presenting to the commissioner current documentation of having completed required environmental remediation training programs or courses from a department approved training provider as demonstrated by a certificate of completion.

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/asbestos/hazard\\_remediation.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/asbestos/hazard_remediation.shtml)

## Permissible Exposure Limits

The U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA on October 9, 2014 announced it is launching a national dialogue with stakeholders on ways to prevent work-related illness caused by exposure to hazardous substances. The first stage of this dialogue is a request for information on the management of hazardous chemical exposures in the workplace and strategies for updating permissible air contaminant exposure limits.

OSHA's PELs, which are regulatory limits on the amount or concentration of a substance in the air, are intended to protect workers against the adverse health effects of exposure to hazardous substances. Ninety-five percent of OSHA's current PELs, which cover fewer than 500 chemicals, have not been updated since their adoption in 1971. The agency's current PELs cover only a small fraction of the tens of thousands of chemicals used in commerce, many of which are suspected of being harmful. Substantial resources are required to issue new exposure limits or update existing workplace exposure limits, as courts have required complex analyses for each proposed PEL.

"Many of our chemical exposure standards are dangerously out of date and do not adequately protect workers," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "While we will continue to work on updating our workplace exposure limits, we are asking public health experts, chemical manufacturers, employers, unions and others committed to preventing workplace illnesses to help us identify new approaches to address chemical hazards."

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=26841](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26841)

## Smoking

### *NIOSH seeks comments on Draft Intelligence Bulletin that includes E-Cigarettes*

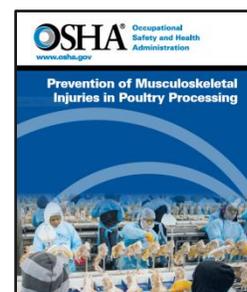
The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) sought public comment on a draft Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) 'Promoting Health and Preventing Disease and Injury through Workplace Tobacco Policies.' The public comment period was open for 30 days, closing on September 15, 2014. Occupational safety and health practitioners, healthcare professionals and the general public are encouraged to review the document by visiting [here](#).

"While public health efforts to prevent disease and injury caused by tobacco use have had substantial beneficial impact, millions of workers still use tobacco products and smoking is still permitted in many workplaces," says NIOSH Director John Howard, M.D. "This draft document is aimed not just at preventing occupational injury and illness related to tobacco use, but also at improving the general health and well-being of workers."

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-19384>

## Poultry Processing

In August, 2014, the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sent letters to poultry employers supporting effective efforts by the poultry industry to protect the safety and health of employees. The letters stated that it "is the employer's responsibility to provide a safe workplace for employees. This starts with knowing what processes or substances in your workplace could hurt workers. That is why we are writing to provide you with a



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tool to help you fulfill that responsibility by preventing musculoskeletal disorders.

“Musculoskeletal disorders are injuries to the nerves, tendons and muscles and are common among workers in the poultry processing industry. There are many such disorders, including carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, epicondylitis and “trigger finger.” Earlier this year, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health completed an investigation at one poultry processing plant and reported that more than 40 percent of production line employees had evidence of carpal tunnel syndrome.

“Preventing musculoskeletal disorders is good for your workers and makes good business sense, too.

“To assist you in your effort to keep workers safe and reduce the prevalence of these disorders, we are sending you OSHA’s updated guidelines on the [“Prevention of Musculoskeletal Injuries in Poultry Processing”](#).”

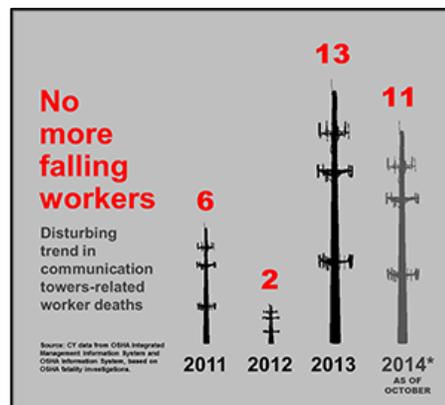
“These guidelines provide recommendations for the poultry industry that, if implemented, will reduce the number and severity of work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The heart of the guidelines is the process that will help you identify and address workplace hazards.

“Small and medium sized employers may request that an experienced health and safety professional visit your workplace for a free and confidential consultation through OSHA’s On-site Consultation Program. OSHA also has compliance assistance specialists throughout the nation to help answer questions.”

[https://www.osha.gov/dep/poultry\\_letter.html](https://www.osha.gov/dep/poultry_letter.html)

## Telecommunications Industry

*Cell Tower Fall Related Death Prevention and Apprentice Training Program October 14, 2014 Working Group Announcement*



The announcement event featured a morning workshop led by the OSHA, comprised of two panel discussions featuring representatives from OSHA, the FCC, AT&T, and The National Association of Tower Erectors. The first panel discussed the root causes of the high fatality and injury rates, while the second explored solutions. During the discussions, OSHA shared steps taken to curb these injuries and fatalities, including public outreach and enforcement, as well as the agency's emphasis on worker training.

"The fatality rate in this industry is extraordinarily high – tower workers are more than 10 times as likely to be killed on the job as construction workers," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "But these deaths are preventable. OSHA has developed a comprehensive initiative to ensure that safer working conditions and best practices are not just recommendations, but the law of the land. We look forward to the help FCC and industry can provide in making this a reality."

Following OSHA's workshop, members of the Telecommunications Industry

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### **Telecomm. Industry** *(continued from p.10)*

Registered Apprenticeship Program, Assistant Secretary of Labor Dr. Michaels, Chairman Wheeler and Secretary Perez participated in a signing ceremony for the new apprenticeship program. It was spearheaded by the telecommunications industry, with the advice and assistance from the Department of Labor, and will provide high-quality skills and safety training for telecommunication tower technicians.

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=26853](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26853)

### **How to submit an article**

Did you attend an event that you can't wait to let the world know about or have an area of expertise that you love discussing? What about a question on a safety topic or a personal highlight? Want to brag about your company's EHS accomplishments? The NJ ASSE chapter newsletter focuses on news relevant to you and welcomes all submissions. To enter an article or a personal recognition for publication, please send to the Editor at [newsletter@njasse.org](mailto:newsletter@njasse.org). Articles must be submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in that month's newsletter.