



THREE RIVERS CHAPTER ASSE

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The best is yet to come!

Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety.

~William Shakespeare

In December we joined the NEIL chapter for our annual GIVING to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.
This worthy cause provides food and support throughout our region to needy families.
As you can see we sorted and processed 4539 pounds of food.



Fellow Three Rivers ASSE Members & Visitors:

The Executive Board and the Chairs of the Three Rivers ASSE Chapter has planned another great year of events and meetings. We will be kicking off an active 2014-2015 Chapter Year on Friday October 17, 2014! Unless otherwise noted, chapter meetings will be held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532. The general meeting agenda goes from 11:30 am-1:00 pm and includes a delicious networking lunch and then the guest speaker. Please check out the event page

(<http://threerivers.asse.org/events>) for the most current schedule and to register. There is a nominal admission fee to cover the cost of food and venue. Admission fees can be paid upon event registration through PayPal or during check-in at the event via cash, check, or credit card.

- ASSE Member \$25.00 (Proof of membership is required)
- Non-member admission \$40
- **FREE – college students that show a current academic year student ID.**

ASSE members, are do you need CEUs? You can **earn CEUs** by attending our chapter meetings! To learn more go to <http://threerivers.asse.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Earning-and-Redeming-CEUs-Member-Instructions.pdf>

As President, I would like to personally invite you to attend our chapter meetings. Please join us and bring a colleague or friend! We look forward to seeing you!

Brenda Allard, *Chapter President*

Dates & Topics for 2014-2015 Chapter Meetings

January 9, 2015 Chapter Meeting

Topic: Protecting Yourself Under New IL Laws

Are you a safety consultant or wish to be a consultant one day? SB 3287 is new legislation that strips independent safety consultants of the immunity they had under the Illinois Workers' Comp Law. Even if you are not an independent consultant, you may want to be one day and understanding how this new law can impact you and methods to protect yourself is critical. Join us on January 9th to learn more about this new Illinois law.



Speaker: Gene Keefe, Partner at Keefe, Campbell, Biery & Associates, LLC

Bio Gene has been practicing law for more than 30 years and is current the owner of Keefe, Campbell, Biery & Associates LLC. He is currently a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Worker's Compensation Lawyers Association, Worker's Compensation Claims Association, Arbitrator, Cook County Mandatory Court Annexed Arbitration. In addition to being an adjunct Professor of Worker's Compensation Law at the John Marshall Law School he routinely presents at numerous location, regional, and national conferences on a regular basis.

Venue:	Date:	Time:	Price:
Hilton 3003 Corporate West Dr. Lisle, IL 60532 Map and Directions	Date: January 9, 2015	Start Time: 11:30 am End Time: 1:30 pm	ASSE Member (\$25.00) Non-member (\$40.00)

Space is limited so register today!

<http://threerivers.asse.org/events/?ee=36>

Great meetings to look forward to:

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
1/9/15	Lunch	Learn how IL SB 3287 Amends the Workers' Compensation Act	Gene Keefe 312-756-3700 GKeefe@keefe-law.com
2/13/15	Lunch	OSHA Update	North Aurora Office
3/13/15	Lunch	Machine Safety & Alternatives to LOTO	Jeff Winter 773-318-0528

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4/10/15	Lunch	Disaster Preparedness for Business	DuPage Office of Homeland Security
5/8/15	Lunch	Round Table	Everyone

Did you enjoy the 2014 golf outing? Save the date for 2015: August 21, 2015!

Three Rivers Chapter Meeting Basics

- Meeting dates are from October thru May, the 2nd Friday of the month (except as noted)
- Networking followed by our meal and then our guest speaker.
- Watch your emails and future newsletters for location details.
- We will be filing for CEU's this year, as we have in the past
- Professional Development Grant launch up to \$1k has been budgeted for dispensing to 3Rivers Members in good standing. Email ThreeRivers.ASSE@gmail.com for application information.
- Go to our NEW LINKEDIN Site, this member benefit is restricted to members to protect your privacy while providing the broadest possible benefit.
Go to www.linkedin.com, create a profile and email ThreeRivers.ASSE@gmail.com to officially join.
- LIKE us at our NEW Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/ASSE-Three-Rivers-Chapter/251391814903691>
- First timers don't forget to bring your free meeting coupon-looking forward to meeting you. So come on over and enjoy a fun filled presentation and filling breakfast.
- If you would like, we can send an email to your superiors at work thanking them for allowing your participation and summarizing the meeting subject matter. Just see one of the board members before you leave.

ARE YOU ON THE MOVE? Let us know, and be sure to Update Your Personal Information.

To update your mailing address, phone, fax, or most importantly, your e-mail address, please go to the following link: www.asse.org. Click in the upper left hand corner on "Address Change." Log-in using your member number and your last name.

Welcome to our New Members!

Saeed Aljarrah, NIU Student
Benjamin Deresinski, ISU Student
Shana Harris, NIU Student
Sruti Unni, NIU Student

Volunteering has many benefits, such as building and practicing leadership skills, networking with colleagues and of course, having fun. There is still time to volunteer in our Chapter. We welcome your questions. Please refer to our website for more information. I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

ELECTIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD? Start small by joining the leadership team of your ASSE Three Rivers Chapter. Now is the time to indicate your interest in elected offices and/ or volunteer appointed chairperson positions. All positions are up for consideration. At the bottom of this newsletter you will see a list of the current office holders. feel free to contact any for a discussion of roles and responsibilities, or contact one of the members of the nominations committee:

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OUTREACH

Any chapter members participating in outreach activities to promote safety in general, the safety profession or the ASSE should advise the board. We would like to recognize you.

In March and April 2015 NIU will be looking for volunteers for their SHADOW PROGRAM. Watch for additional info to come, or contact William J. Mills, Assistant Professor, Department of Technology at Northern Illinois University

CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Three Rivers Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers offers sponsorship options to help your organization reach the safety, health, and environmental professionals in the Chicagoland area. With more than 300 local chapter members in EHS field, we offer sponsors a way to directly target the people that buy their products and services. Your support enables the Three Rivers Chapter to provide assistance to develop our chapter members in the field of environmental, health and safety

What's In It for You?

- Exposure to the community of EHS professionals in our area
- Demonstrate your commitment to the development of the EHS profession
 - Align your organization with a specific topic or safety event
 - Expand your base of professional contacts
- Reinforce your presence to a dedicated group of EHS professionals
 - Direct target marketing your company's products or services

Register your company to for chapter sponsorship today!

Contact Greg Meyer Gmeyer1@orcpg.com or Jeff Winters jeff.winter@grantek.com for additional information





LET'S GET TECHNICAL

Want to get published? Provide a page or two of a camera ready word document and we will select one or more as available. Copyrighted material "©" will not be acceptable. Once submitted we will consider it available for publication and once published consider it the property of all members for their use promoting safety in their organizations. If these conditions are acceptable to you, we would love to have your input.

New OSHA reporting requirements take effect January 1, 2015.

Dr. Michaels noted that when employers call in to report a reportable event (fatality, amputation, in-patient hospitalization, or eye-loss) that OSHA will engage in a conversation with the employer. According to Dr. Michaels this is a new approach for the agency, however, he claimed that the agency's objective is to help employers. When OSHA is notified of a reportable event the agency will inquire as

to how the event occurred and what type of investigation the employer is or will do to determine the cause. Additionally, Dr. Michaels stated that OSHA will have a new website up by January 1st which will allow employers to report online.

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/>

Winter according to OSHA:

Workers should be trained on how to recognize changes in:

- Environmental and workplace conditions that cause cold stress including exposure and frost bite.
- How to determine if a person is suffering from cold stress.
- How to prevent cold stress.
- Emergency procedures for those who are affected by cold stress.

As expected this training should be documented and include the selection of personal protective equipment.

Employers should ensure that work conditions are safe for workers by:

- Evaluating their physical condition.
- Implementing administrative (i.e. buddy systems, breaks, and the provision of warm beverages (decaffeinated are best)).
- Engineering controls (i.e. the use of heaters &/or a warm environment for breaks).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has no standard that addresses working at cold environments under the OSH Act of 1970. However, even if it's not written or set in stone, employers are mandated by the Act to ensure a safe and healthful environment for workers any season or weather.

Never underestimate the importance of training!

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Interested in helping out? Contact any board member or committee member.

More information about each position and the officers can be found on the chapter website at www.threerivers.asse.org. There are many open positions, such as Historian, and Public Relations. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Chapter Delegates represent our chapter at the ASSE Society level. If anyone has concerns or suggestions for the Society please don't hesitate to contact one of them. For the latest news check out the delegates page on ASSE.org officers central