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Paul Kendall: Construction Safety:

Paul J. Kendall PE, CSP is a Project Safety Manager, Museum Park Projects for Kenny Construction. The tour will consist of a brief visitor's safety orientation and then a tour of the building (probably the 21st floor for a quick peek at the penthouse conditions, 15th floor for enclosed space, and 7th floor for build out. Get a view of Soldier Field under final construction.

You must wear a hardhat, safety glasses and work boots! All attendees must bring their own equipment. No dress shoes or tennis shoes will be permitted!

Due to the size limit to accommodate the tour, only Advanced Registration will be accepted.

Meeting Cost will be \$10.00

Meet at construction site:	11:45 p.m.
Safety Tour:	12:00 p.m.
Pizza Lunch:	12:45 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting:	Immediately following lunch

Museum Park Design Center
1259 South Indiana
(847) 417-2313 to contact Paul Kendall for further directions.

Parking is limited. We can only accommodate 8-10 cars in the Kenny Lot and the Design Center can handle another 8-10 cars. A pay lot is located at 13th and Michigan. Public transportation is highly recommended: i.e. cabs, buses and the CTA trains, all of which stop at Roosevelt Road. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presidents Corner

Dear Members,

Reflecting over the Chapter's year of growth with the accomplishments and changes, I find myself appreciating and having to applaud the participation, cooperation and support of everyone.

Facility tours, guest speakers, and many other opportunities have resulted in positive feedback and expanded recognition. During our December Chapter meeting we presented Nancy Cowles with a check for \$1,000 in order to assist the organization *Kids in Danger* to provide outreach on dangerous children's products.

I would really like to extend my appreciation to the Chapter's Executive Board and other active members whose participation has been paramount to the successes we have enjoyed. We have had to make some hard decisions in the attempt to improve what our Chapter has to offer each one of you. I believe that we have made progress and will continue to make progress through the coming year!

Finally, I wish you all good health and prosperity throughout the coming year!

Maribeth A. Anderson
President
Greater Chicago Chapter

December Meeting Summary

On December 10, 2002, the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE had two excellent speakers. The first speaker was Kids in Danger (KID) executive director, Nancy Cowles. The second speaker was Stephen D. Kopecki, CSP, Director of Corporate Safety for Landis Plastics, Incorporated.

Nancy Cowles spoke to our chapter about children's product safety.

During the presentation, Nancy outlined current issues with children's product safety and stressed solutions -- both those that individual families and caregivers can adopt and those that require regulatory change.

At that time, the Chicago Chapter presented a financial contribution to KID's cause (photo below).



Our second speaker, Stephen D. Kopecki discussed the importance of "Off-The-Job" safety and how the busy full or part-time safety professional can incorporate "Off-The-Job" safety into their "On-The-Job" safety training.

Government Affairs Update

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is delaying the effective date of three provisions of the Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Requirements rule published January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5916-6135).

The provisions being delayed define "musculoskeletal disorder (MSD)" and require employers to check the MSD column on the OSHA Log if an employee experiences a work-related musculoskeletal disorder, state that MSDs are not considered privacy concern cases, and require employers to enter a check in the hearing loss column of the OSHA 300 Log for cases involving occupational hearing loss.

The effective date of these provisions is delayed from January 1, 2003 until January 1, 2004. OSHA will implement the hearing loss column requirements on January 1, 2004, and will continue to evaluate the MSD provisions over the next year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Maddux, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone (202) 693-2222.

A Special Thank You To Our New Volunteers

We would like to extend a special thank you to our new volunteers. The new volunteers that have jumped in to help our organization are:

Sanobeia Christmas-interim secretary
Mary Adamchik-newsletter committee
Scott Trisoliere-chapter volunteer (transferring from student membership)

Although the Chicago Chapter has gotten some new volunteers, the chapter continues to search for safety professionals that would like to volunteer one or two hours of their time per month to continue to bring all members useful information, knowledgeable speakers, and general safety updates that they need to remain current with the profession.

Once again thank you to all the current Greater Chicago ASSE volunteers. Without your interest and dedication, our chapter would not succeed.

OSHA Information

OSHA recently posted the following facts on their web site:

1. OSHA conducted 35,778 inspections in Fiscal Year 2001.
2. OSHA's budget for Fiscal Year 2002 is \$443 million.
3. Since OSHA was created in 1971, deaths on the job have been cut in half.
4. OSHA's Strategic Partnership Program includes 139 partnerships.
5. OSHA's Strategic Partnership Program covers more than 6,200 sites and 216,000 employees.
6. OSHA's priorities are: leadership; strong, effective and fair enforcement; outreach; training and compliance assistance.
7. More than 30,000 stakeholders have received OSHA training on the new recordkeeping rule.
8. OSHA covers 111 million workers at 7 million workplaces.
9. On-the-job deaths declined 2 percent in 2000.
10. President Bush has requested a \$437 million budget for OSHA for Fiscal Year 2003.

Statement by U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao on 2001 Workplace Injury and Illness Rates (December 19, 2002)

WASHINGTON - "Today's announcement of continued decline in workplace injuries and illnesses is good news for America's working men and women, their families, and their employers," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "Workplace injuries and illnesses have dropped for the ninth consecutive year, reaching an all-time low. Construction injuries are down. And there has been a 10% reduction in repeated trauma injuries, such as carpal tunnel syndrome and other musculoskeletal disorders."

"There were 500,000 fewer job related injuries in 2001 than the year before, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This year's rate of 5.7 injuries per 100 full-time employers reflects an eight percent drop in cases from the previous year.

"While we are encouraged by this news, much remains to be done. One injury or illness is one too many. As we approach the coming year, we are renewing our commitment to reducing workplace injuries and illnesses even further. And we are asking our partners -- employers, trade associations, labor unions, safety and health professionals and others -- to join in renewing their commitments as well. Together we will make the coming year the safest and most healthy ever for our nation's workers."

Website Corner

<http://www.nsc.org> This address is for the National Safety Council. They have four major areas of operation: training, educational programs and materials, consulting, and advocacy leadership.

<http://www.bcsp.com> This website is the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. You can verify that someone has achieved the Certified Safety Professional designation by visiting this website.

<http://www.nfpa.org> This link is for the National Fire Protection Association. NFPA is an international nonprofit membership that develops, publishes, and disseminates timely consensus codes and standards intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other risks.

The New Newsletter: A Reminder

As a reminder, the Greater Chicago ASSE Chapter has developed a newsletter that is distributed via e-mail. We will be using some new sources such as evite.com to assist in our efforts to keep the ever busy safety profession better informed of our meetings.

As we mentioned in last month's e-mail newsletter, anyone that does not have access to e-mail or doesn't provide the chapter with a current e-mail address will receive a reminder card delivered by the US Postal Service as was the previous tradition. If you have any questions with regard to the new format, please contact any board member.

January Speaker Biography

Paul J. Kendall PE, CSP

Mr. Kendall has 18 years experience in the insurance industry as a Loss Control Consultant. He has been involved with large construction wrap-ups, specialty contractors, and industrial/commercial accounts. He currently has 2+ years as a Project Safety Manager on ComEd substations, Midway Terminal expansion, and Museum Park high-rise construction. He is Past-President of the Greater Chicago Chapter and a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers for 20 years. He is currently the Greater Chicago Chapter Liaison for the ASSE Construction Division.