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Upcoming Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 2007

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Brady's Landing

8505 Cypress, Houston, TX 77012

[Map to Brady's Landing](#)



Presenter: Gregg Ruben - SAIC

Topic: **Business Continuity – Is Your Organization Prepared?**

Gregg Ruben is a professional with over fifteen years of business consulting and systems integration experience, with a primary focus on oil and gas. Currently, Mr. Ruben serves as business continuity planner, crisis management advisor, and project manager responsible for the integrated Business Continuity Plan (BCP) / Pandemic Response Plan (PRP) covering the Houston campus of a global super major oil and gas company.

November

While those who died are also remembered on Veterans Day, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

November is a month of celebration, honor, and thanks for many people and families around the entire world. In November, Americans gather to celebrate and honor many days of significance, including Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

While researching the meaning of Veterans Day I learned that Armistice Day was first commemorated in the United States by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. On November 11, 1953, the citizens of Emporia, Kansas staged a Veterans Day observance in lieu of an Armistice Day remembrance. The name change was enacted on June 1, 1954, to honor those who served.

The Gulf Coast Chapter will be holding its luncheon on November 1st at 11:30 and we welcome everyone to come and if possible bring a Veteran or a prior service member with and thank them for their service to our country.



It is a wonderful thing to give thanks every day of our lives. On November 26 each year American families and friends come together to enjoy a delicious finger licking good turkey or ham, some mashed potatoes, corn bread, some turkey stuffing, and don't forget desert. The purpose behind this wonderfully delicious day is to give thanks for all that one has received; knowledge, family, love, health, and just life.

As I look back to the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday, I find that as a nation we didn't exactly start out on the right foot. However, in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving was declared a Federal holiday as a "prayerful day of Thanksgiving".

We should all give thanks and be grateful everyday that we live in a country that actually embraces safety the way we do as a nation. So in closing, thank a Veteran for allowing us to live free and safe and give thanks that you live in the greatest nation in the world with the greatest laws that allow us to work safely. Hope that you all have a great and safe holiday season. I don't think we can thank our Veterans enough for all that they have done to keep our nation safe and free. So pat them on the back and shake their hand and show them how they are appreciated.

Thomas Ross
ASSE GCC President

Government Affairs Update

Clicking on the links below will take you to the latest on government affairs-related activities impacting the SH&E profession on ASSE's website. You can also access this information by going to ASSE's website at www.asse.org , clicking on the government/professional affairs tab at the top of the page, then clicking on GA Updates on the right. Thanks for your interest.

ASSE Shares Views of NIOSH in NAS Review

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=646>

BLS Says Workplace Injury/Illness Declined in '06

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=647>

OSHA Exits A10 Committee as Ergo Standard Debate Continues

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=652>

Coal Mine Owner in Dispute with MSHA Takes Own Life

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=653>

OSHA Lookback at Lead in Construction Finds Need for Standard

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=654>

Germans Issue Draft Nano Guidance

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=655>

NAS Recommends Enviro/Gene Link Consideration in Regs

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=656>

Tales from the Front: Senate HELP Hearing on Crandall Mine Disaster

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=657>

Harwood Grant Awards Announced

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=658>

Recent NIOSH FACE Reports

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=659>

OSHA Releases New Animal Rescue QuickCard

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=660>

Washington State Holding Crane Safety Stakeholder Meetings

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=661>

NIOSH Holding Meeting on Truck Driver Safety and Health Survey

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=662>

EPA Goes With Guidelines for Paper, Film, and Foil; Metal Coatings

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=663>

OSHA Seeks Paperwork Comments on Powered Platforms for Building Maintenance Standard

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=664>

CSB Begins Investigation of Fatal Colorado Hydroelectric Plant Fire

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=665>

EPA Seeks Amendments to Oil Spill Prevention/Control/Countermeasure Rule

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=666>

FMCSA Seeks Comments on NAFTA Trucking Provisions Demo Project

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=667>

NHTSA Releases Preliminary Motor Vehicle Theft Data

<http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/?issue=2007-10-18&article=668>

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Tuesday, November 6, 2007 7:30 AM -

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 1:00 PM

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9999 Westheimer Road

Houston, TX 77042

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Speaker \$200

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\$450.00 for a limited time

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Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Membership Recognition

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2008 CALL FOR SPEAKERS

ASSE Region III
Professional Development Conference
August 2-6, 2008
Houston Marriott Westchase

Speaker & Presenter Guidelines

Region III invites those interested in presenting at our 2008 Professional Development Conference to submit an application for review by the Conference Planning Committee. The objective of the 2008 Conference is to give the attendees the opportunity to:

- Determine the key safety and health issues facing our profession.
- Improve their professional skills and knowledge.
- Prepare for the wide variety of challenges in the health and safety fields.

The Conference Planning Committee will be looking for beginning, advanced, technically oriented and practical presentations that fulfill the needs of our safety and health attendees. Lecture, roundtable discussion and demonstration sessions are requested to enhance attendees learning opportunities.

E-mail submissions must be sent by to **both** 2008 PDC Speaker Chair, Mike Gonzales at mgonzales3@yisd.net and to Jan Little, JB Meetings, at janl@jbmeetings.com. Be sure to include all of the required information in the order listed at the bottom of this form. In the subject line of the e-mail, include "ASSE Region III 2008 and (the topic area)" in your submission. **Deadline for topic ideas is October 31, 2007.**

For more information go to <http://www.asse-gulfcoast.org/>. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Gonzales, mgonzales3@yisd.net Speaker Committee Chair, Gerry Luther, 2008 Conference Chair or Greg Smith, Region III Vice President.

Announcements

The 2008 meeting schedule for the Houston Downtown Section has changed to the fourth Thursday of each month. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 24
February 28
March 27
April 24
May 22
June 26
July 24
August 28
September 25
October 23

The location of the meetings is Conference Room C in the Basement (Tunnel) of the El Paso Downtown building, 1001 Louisiana Street. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" 2008 Poster Contest

Beat the last minute rush and get your ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest entry in now. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is urging its members' children to pick up their crayons and enter its 6th annual kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest for ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The contest opened September 19 and runs through Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008. It is open to children 5 – 14 with top prizes to be awarded to those in each of the five age groups that best illustrate being safe on the job in their poster.

ASSE members and chapters can also sponsor schools, community organizations or children from their workplace in the contest. The contest is aimed at educating children on the importance of safety and health at work and better acquainting them with the job their parents and ASSE members do as occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners.

Children in five age groups -- 1) ages 5-6; 2) ages 7-8; 3) ages 9-10; 4) ages 11-12; and 5) ages 13-14, are invited to create and submit posters no larger than 11 x 14 that best illustrate being safe at work. The first place winner in each age group receives a \$1,000 savings bond, the second place winner receives a \$500 savings bond and the third and fourth place winners receive a \$200 savings bond. All entrants receive a prize and are invited, along with their families and all ASSE members, to attend the ASSE poster contest awards ceremony and North American Occupational Safety and Health Week events in Washington, D.C., Monday, May 5.

[Click here to visit the NAOSH Poster Contest site](#) for contest rules, news release and entry form or contact ASSE's PR Manager Diane Hurns at dhurns@asse.org. All first place posters will be featured in the annual NAOSH poster distributed worldwide for the May 4 - 10, 2008 NAOSH Week.

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15th – 16th
Crisis Management
Symposium

December 2007

1st – Thursday
General Chapter Meeting
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8505 Cypress, Houston
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

January 2008

1st – Thursday
General Chapter Meeting
Topic: Business Continuity
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Brady's Landing
8505 Cypress, Houston
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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