

# American Society of Safety Engineers National Capital Chapter



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## *January Meeting* **Indoor Air Quality~ Mold and Asbestos Review**

*This is a joint meeting with the  
Metropolitan Washington Federal Safety and Health Council*

This will be a panel discussion on Mold and Asbestos topics. We will have three speakers: Vicki Hawkins from Aberdeen Proving Grounds; Mike McCullion from SMACNA; and Vic D'Amato from Atrium Environmental Health & Safety. Included will be in-depth discussions on:

- Asbestos Awareness
- Asbestos in Drywall Materials
- Asbestos—Now and Then
- Indoor Air Quality During Construction
- Mold Remediation Review.

**DATE:** January 18, 2007

**TIME:** 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**COST:** FREE

**LOCATION:** Library of Congress, Madison Building, West Dining Room—6th Floor

**RESERVATIONS:** Mike Kerns, 202-454-5982, [mkerns@sscw.com](mailto:mkerns@sscw.com)

### **How to get there:**

Metro—Orange/Blue line—get off at Capitol South. Walk 1/2 block uphill to the corner of 1st and C Sts, SE. Cross at C St., SE, head right and cross 1st St to reach the James Madison building. Enter the building at the back entrance at 1st and C Sts, or walk 1 block up 1st St and turn right on Independence to access the main entrance.

## President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone !

It is hard to believe it is already the year 2007. As we reflect on 2006 and look forward to 2007, let us make a resolution to include the youth in our profession. With the recent passing of the Christmas season, many of us took delight with the excitement on the faces of children. The joy over a new toy and the excitement of learning new electronic gifts. It is that excitement of learning that we must harness. Our lives can become so busy, but as we look to the future, we must try and set aside some time to teach those younger than us about our profession. Young minds – what a great place to start getting the word of safety, health and environmental out, let's not waste the opportunity. We should talk often to children, teens, and young adults about what we do. We pride our profession on preventing exposures, but in this case we must expose the younger generations to what our profession is all about.

As a human being, I believe one of the most worthwhile things we can do is “get involved”. If we get involved, we can start opening eyes up to the wonders of our great profession. By talking about it more, we may also have an impact on the “value” of safety in their lives. Not every child will want to be a safety professional, but they may end up being a safe worker in another profession. We should not wait until they ask a question, we should shout about what we do from the roof tops. What we do is save lives and prevent injuries, it may be less glamorous than being a doctor, but we have a positive impact on people lives.

All members can start right now, by encouraging your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters to get involved in the poster contest. It's a great way to involve them. It is a positive impact that they will easily remember, especially if they win. So go ahead and encourage a child to take part in the contest, kids posters are due in by February 14, 2007.

Have a terrific 2007 !

*Mary Winkler, CSP*  
ASSE-NCC President

## Awards & Honors



- Coming Soon - **Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)** Award nominations! Watch for details in the next newsletter and on the chapter's website at [www.ncc.asse.org](http://www.ncc.asse.org).
- **Dr. William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator Award:** The American Society of Safety Engineers' has announced a **January 10, 2007** entry deadline for the Dr. William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to recognize exemplary achievements in Safety, Health and Environmental Education. To be eligible, nominees must be actively engaged as a tenure track faculty member in a safety or related program and must be a Professional Member in good standing for at least five years prior to this nomination. Nominations may be made by a Chapter, a colleague, the immediate supervisor or student of the nominee. For additional information and a copy of the nomination form, please go to the ASSE website—[www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)
- We are looking for a good location to hold the Awards and Honors Dinner in June. If you have a suggestion for a nice place, not too expensive and conveniently located, please contact Maureen Kotlas at [mkotlas@umd.edu](mailto:mkotlas@umd.edu).

## 2007 'Safety-On-The-Job Kids' Poster Contest

- North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (May 6 – May 12, 2007)
- Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (May 9, 2007)

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is sponsoring the fifth annual 'Safety-on-the-Job' Kids Poster Contest for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of our members as part of the North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week tribute to the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment. The poster contest competition kicks off Wednesday, September 19, 2006 and ends on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2007. **All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 14, 2007.**

The contest will be broken down into five age groups with the winning poster from each category to be featured on the NAOSH Week 2007 poster. The posters entered will be displayed in Washington, D.C. during NAOSH Week at the U.S. Department of Labor. The Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA along with the ASSE President and a representative from the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) will introduce the poster contest winners at the national NAOSH kick-off in Washington, D.C.

The posters will also be displayed at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to be held in Orlando in June. An independent panel of judges will select the five winning entries that best illustrate the theme 'Safety-on-the-Job.' Prizes will be awarded to all entrants and **each age group winner will win a \$1,000 savings bond.**

Be sure to read all the rules carefully so that all posters/drawings will be eligible. Before the children begin drawing, we urge you to talk to them about workplace safety and provide examples of what risks occupational safety, health and environmental professionals address every day on the job, and if possible, provide them with examples of workplace situations. Visit [www.asse.org/naosh06/](http://www.asse.org/naosh06/) for examples of children's workplace safety posters and ASSE's "Safety Through the Decades" timeline. Have fun!

Visit ASSE's website [www.asse.org/naosh06/](http://www.asse.org/naosh06/) for the latest poster contest information, appli-



cations, rules sample posters and past winners.

## *Just For Fun—History of the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball*

•In 1907, the New Year's Eve Ball first descended from a flagpole at One Times Square, constructed with iron and wood materials with 100 25-watt bulbs weighing 700 pounds (318 kg) and measuring 5 feet (1.5 m) in diameter.

•The Ball has been lowered every year since 1907, with the exceptions of 1942 and 1943, when its use was suspended due to the wartime "dimout" of lights in New York City. The crowds who still gathered in Times Square in those years greeted the New Year with a moment of silence followed by chimes ringing out from One Times Square.

•Between 2000-2006, the Ball gets an overhaul for the new millennium celebrations with a design from Waterford Crystal and new technology. It weighs 1070 pounds (485 kg), measures six feet (1.8 m) in diameter and installed with 504 crystal triangles, illuminated externally with 168 halogen light bulbs and internally with 432 light bulbs of clear, red, blue, green and yellow colors.



• Each year there is a theme in the Waterford crystal concept with a particular chunk of designed crystals being called something, and in previous years there have been for example, 'Hope for Fellowship,' 'Hope for Wisdom,' 'Hope for Unity,' 'Hope for Courage,' 'Hope for Healing,' and 'Hope for Abundance'. There are strobe lights and mirrors to create bursts of excitement and special effects for the audience.

•For New Year 2007, the Ball will remain a Waterford Crystal ball as in 2000-2006 (described above), but will be lit by LED lights provided by Phillips instead of halogen bulbs for the 2007 edition and all future years.



**We wish you the best in 2007**

## Get your budgets ready! Upcoming Conferences & Events



- **SeminarFest**—January 21-27, 2007, Las Vegas, NV
- **Safety 2007**—ASSE National PDC—June 24-27, 2007 Orlando, FL
- **ASSE Region VI PDC**—September 17-21, 2007—Myrtle Beach, SC

Would you like to attend the Regional PDC for **FREE**? Submit an application to be a presenter, and we'll pick up one night hotel and your conference registration! Log onto <http://www.asse-region6.org/CallforSpeakers.htm>

### What's wrong with these pictures?



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