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NEWSLETTER

The ASSE Hawaii Chapter's Executive Board wishes each and everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR... and a Safe, Happy and Very-Very Productive VALENTINE'S DAY too!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We are already in the year TWO THOUSAND & SIX! Our kids are growing up faster than we'd imagined, and at the same time we too are getting older and wiser. I've come to realize that how I look at life, affects how much I enjoy whatever I do. Watching my daughter grow has taught me this. What is it about our work that we enjoy? Making the workplace safer for others? Reducing indirect costs? Teaching people? Acting like a parent?? Or could it just be the challenge? But whatever it is, that's why we do what we do and enjoy doing it, right? Make 2006 the year of enjoying life!

Cooperation, partnerships, collaboration, and alliance: These are some of the terms used for working together for a common goal that has mutual benefit for all. This is what I find most rewarding when doing projects of any kind. So when I think about what to say to people when they ask me what I enjoy about being part of ASSE that will be my answer. So, ask me.....

Speaking of projects, don't forget, the Governor's Pacific Rim Safety & Health 2006 Conference is happening May 10-12. We have many qualified speakers lined up with new, up-to-date interesting topics that will give you ideas and increase your knowledge to do your job even better. See the *largest* displays of the latest and greatest *new* safety & health-related products and services in Hawaii. Look for the Registration Form in the mail coming out in late February.

Aloha & Be Safe,
Joanna Clark
President, ASSE Hawaii Chapter
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*“MALAMA O PA”***UPCOMING PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES:**

The ASP Study/Refresher class is still being worked on... most likely this will be sometime in May. We also have the Hawaii State Science & Engineering Fair coming up on April 3-6. The volunteer judges for this annual event are John Ramos & Mary Silva. Neil also is busy trying to line up some speakers or other activities for our Monthly Chapter meetings. The turn-out for the Red Hill Underground Tour on January 19th was one of the better-attended joint ASSE/AIHA activities for the chapter to date. Thank you, Teresa Smart, Dunkin & Bush. Let's hope for more of such show-and-tell type of "meetings." The long-awaited Governor's Pac Rim is just around the corner. The Committee for the 2006 Excellence in Safety Award has been busy these past few months and is just wrapping things up. However, the Special Achievement Award is still open for nominations until the 10th of February. Look into our website for more details, or send an e-mail to webmaster@assehawaii.org. Chapter By-laws can be looked at also on the website, and will up for membership discussion and approval at our next meeting.

FUTURE LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Date	Speaker	Company	Subject
February	Walter Chun	OSHCN	Effective Safety and Health Program Management Elements
March	Barbara Goto	DOL/OSHA	Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts
April	Jim Newberry, Gaylord Yoshimura, Barbara Yee	Island Insurance Co. Visioneers, LLC Visioneers, LLC	<u>½-Day PDC</u> The Island Institute C.A.S.T. for \$ucceSS
May 10-12	Plenty		PAC RIM

If you have any suggestions for speakers, call our VP & Program Chair @ 540-4368.

MEMBERSHIP:

Congratulations and welcome aboard to our newest members, **Daniel K. Ferguson** and **Gina M. Weghorst**. Daniel works for Castle & Cooke and is based on Lanai (daniel_ferguson@lanai-resorts.com). Gina is with ANEW, and is based in Kailua (gina@anewhawaii.com). For your information we've picked up 26 new members since January of last year including one transfer into the Chapter. Many thanks to our hard-working recruiters – we now have several who have brought in at least two during the past year. Did you know that you can win up to \$2,000 just by sponsoring one new full member? ASSE National has the 2005-2006 Membership Recruitment Challenge in progress. Members who sponsor new members will be entered into a drawing. The more members you sponsor the better your chances of winning. The "challenge" will run until March 31, 2006 and the winners will be announced sometime in May. So you still have about two months left. Call ASSE Customer Service at 847-699-2929 for applications. Or you can download from the ASSE website. Just remember to write your name as the sponsor on the Application Form you hand out in order to get credit.

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