

# Just In Times



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Theme: Mid-Summer Break

As is traditional, IISE will be taking a break from its programs for the summer, while the board plans for the new 2024 – 2025 program.



#### Remember!

Chapter members are invited to set up a site tour of their employer's facility for the chapter's membership, in exchange for half off membership dues for a year.

The tour ideally should include at least one topic of interest to IISEs, examples automation, just in time, lean, logistics, etc. The brief proposal should include the name of the employer, the location of the facility, the approximate size of the facility, a sentence or two about the focus of the proposed tour, any date or time suggestions and/or restrictions for the tour, and contact information for a contact person who can arrange such tour

Our Next Program is in <u>September!</u>

## **IISE HQ Changing Chapter Relationships**



Chapter President Kevin Drevik attended an online meeting of IISE leaders where it was communicated that the portion of membership dues that have been earmarked for local chapters will no longer be distributed. Financial pressures, exasperated by covid social rules have resulted in the elimination of these chapter distributions. The IISE model of raising income through training and seminars/conferences had been generally successful until the resulting cancellations and change in social norms associated with covid.

The announcement came as a surprise to the many chapters attending the meeting and was light on details resulting in several open questions regarding options considered and financial details. IISE HQ's main takeaway is the expectation that all chapter become financially self-sufficient. HQ's plan calls for the treatment of all chapters alike; regardless of activity and to closer align professional and university chapters. The SJDV Chapter board discussed the decision at the last board meeting and is finalizing a response for IISE HQ consideration.

Many of the advantages often cited for IISE membership include aspects of local chapters. These include networking, mentoring, and professional & social association. Chapters provide the opportunity for developing leadership skills and a local network. Chapters focus on promoting the profession at the local level. We have a long history of visiting local schools, assisting STEM competitions and providing financial support to local universities and school activities.

IEs are no strangers to change; it in our professional blood line. Industrial Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Integrated Systems Engineering and other versions of nomenclature that describes us (and future versions) needs to be embraced. Industrial Engineering is ever changing and growing and as we need to adjust to new technologies; we need to adjust to new social realities. Without your participation, our group will cease to be a worthwhile and functional entity. The chapter board is always interested in the thoughts and opinions of our membership. If you have any questions or thoughts on this or any other subject; please contact chapter president Kevin Drevik at kdrevik@yahoo.com .

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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Well summer is here, it has been somewhat scorching and dry, but last night we finally had some major rain and thunderstorms blow through. Hopefully my lawn and gardens will survive!

Your IISE chapter board has been busy with a couple of meetings, where we primarily discussed chapter events for 2024-2025. As we have said in the past, I would appreciate it the chapter membership gave us additional ideas on topics they would like discussed, presentations that they would like to see, and site tours they might be interested in. The purpose of the board is to serve the chapter membership, and the more information you share, the better we can perform that role.

Along those lines, I would like to reach out and see if any additional members are interested in serving on the board. We do our elections during the 4th quarter, but its never too early to reach out and see who might be interested. We have had two successful additions for 2024 (Julie and Ryan) and I think the benefits of serving are exceptional. Please contact me if interested.

One of the more challenging topics your board has started to address is something coming from corporate IISE, based in Atlanta. IISE corporate gets most of its funding from training events and conferences. This includes the annual conference (just finished in Montreal) but some of the special conferences you see advertised in the IISE newsletter.

Covid hit the IISE headquarters hard, with money from training events and conferences shut off significantly. IISE "burned" through its emergency funds and, according to a conference call back in May, was not back "in the black" for 2023 – though they said they were close with increased attendance at training and conference events. The decision was made at corporate, to try to preserve funds for cash flow purposes, and so they have chosen to eliminate the membership fees that they were sending back to the local professional chapters. As you can expect, this has put a "hole" in our local chapter budget, and the board is looking into ways to address this.

I will have more info as the year progresses and we move ahead with our program year. In the meantime, I hope everyone is having a great summer and looking forward to the fall programs!

Kevin IISE SJDV Chapter 132 President



# About Our Next Meeting: <u>September Meeting Will Kick-off</u> <u>New Program Year</u>

The board will be meeting over the summer months to plan our 2024-2025 program year.

Tours are becoming a bit more difficult to schedule. If your organization allows tours; please let a board member know for future consideration. Also, if there is a topic that you would like to present, we would be interested in hearing about it!

In the past few years, we've started the program year with an ice-breaker/social event. All ideas are welcome and we hope to see you at one of our future events!

#### Have a great Summer!

# **Brains Teasers**

- 1) What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?
- 2) How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT



Mr. Richard T. Huysie reports a Treasury Balance of \$6,581.08 as of May 23, 2024 for the IISE South Jersey Delaware Valley Senior Chapter No. 132.

#### CAREER CENTER

South Jersey Delaware Valley Chapter Employment Assistance Network

Are You Looking For A Job? Do You Know Of A Job Opportunity? Contact The SJC Employment Assistance Network: Email your name or any hot opportunities to Kevin Drevik at Kdrevik@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 6/30/2024 the SJDV Chapter has 86 Members.

### There are No New Members in July.

Please Don't Go! Time to renew your membership

Alexandra LeeJames CaseyColleen MolczanJoseph BeckHeather ChivinskiRyan DolanLuke PenningtonMike NahasRachael DeCeccoDavid ManleyRichard AubertPaula LagonigroRick SprangerImage State St

Don't forget to renew your IIE Membership!

Your support of your professional society is greatly appreciated. We value your Membership!

"Every person owes a part of his (her) time and money to the business or industry in which he (she) is engaged. No person has a moral right to withhold his (her) support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his (her) sphere." – Theodore Roosevelt Did you know ...

The IIE South Jersey Delaware Valley Chapter will reimburse 50% of Member's Dues if he/she recruits a new full-dues paying member? Please contact the membership director prior to your associate's joining of IIE.

Check out our Chapter's Website!!

http://www.iisesjdvpc.org

# Brain Teaser Answers (Page 3)

- 1) Trouble
- 2) None

### PARTING THOUGHTS from .....

# <u>ANDY ROONEY'S -</u> OBSERVATIONS ABOUT LIFE!

Andy Rooney was an American radio and television writer who was best known for his weekly broadcast "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney", a part of the CBS News program 60 Minutes from 1978 to 2011.

- I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- That being kind is more important than being right.
- That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

- That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for
- That money doesn't buy class.
- That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.

# **IIE EVENTS & TRAINING**

### **EVENTS**

JUL	Technical Leadership/ Engineer to Leader Certificate		
29	Livestream		
	Livestream, GA - 2 Days		
AUG	Introduction to Engineering		
	Analytics Livestream		
5	Livestream, GA - 2 Days		
AUG	MODAPTS Certification		
	Livestream		
12	Livestream, GA - 3 Days		
AUG	Six Sigma Green Belt for		
700	Process Improvement		
19	Livestream		
	Livestream, GA - 3 Days		
SEP	Ethical Decision Quality		
UL.	Livestream, GA - 2 Days		
10			
SEP	Introduction to Supply Chain		
	Management		
12	Norcross, GA - 2 Days		
SEP	Work Measurement		
	Norcross, GA - 2 Days		
19			

For more information: https://www.iise.org/Home/

#### **Career Development**

Temple is offering online professional development courses: Contact: Julie Drzymalski, Ph.D julie.drzymalski@temple.edu

#### LEAN GREEN BELT (\$755 professionals/alumni) Online On-Demand

This three-day course provides an in-depth understanding of lean enterprise principles and how to apply them within your organization. Your lean journey begins with a series of interactive simulations that demonstrate how each lean concept is applied and its impact on the process. Mapping the process flow and identifying the activities that add value from the customer's perspective is the cornerstone of this class. The class is then given a scenario and the students simulate the conversion from traditional to lean in a practical hands-on environment. The course also provides a structure for how to manage a lean process for continuous improvement. Participants will learn how to structure their organizations to support and continuously improve a lean process. Participants will also fully understand how to implement 5S within their plants and how to begin reducing setup time using the SMED process.



# **Enjoy the Summer!!!**



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