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March 2012 Newsletter

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March Meeting – No March Meeting for 2012

No activity is planned for March. We hope to arrange a plant tour in April. Our local section officer election will be in May. Mike Wertz will be the Chairman for 2012/2013 but we need a volunteer for the Vice Chairman position. Please contact me if you are interested or know of a chemical engineer that we may contact.

Officers and Volunteers for Indianapolis AIChE

We are looking for members who would like to become officers for the 2012-2013 year including those wishing to start the climb to the role of Section Chairmanship. There are committee chair openings if you can help or have an interest.

Meeting Activities for Indianapolis 2011 - 2012

Date	Activity
September 20, 2011	Networking and Planning Meeting
October 19, 2011	Plant Tour at SerVaas Laboratories
November 5, 2011	National Chemistry Week at the Children's Museum
December 2011	Holiday – no meeting
January 23, 2012	Indianapolis Section AIChE and Sciencetech Joint Meeting
February 18, 2012	National Engineers Day at The Children's Museum
March 2012	No Meeting – Happy St. Pat's Day
April 2012	Planned Plant Tour
May 2012	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers/ Dinner
June 2012	TBD

From the Chairman ...

Many children stopped by our booth at the National Engineers Day at The Children's Museum on Saturday, February 18th, 2012 to observe soap film shapes and learn about surfactants and the effects of surface tension. Alan Schmidt, Chuck Appley, and Tom Leas were on hand to keep order and answer questions. The IEEE Central Indiana Section and Indiana Council of Engineering Societies (<http://www.cis-ieee.org/eweek.asp>) were sponsors of the event with the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. You may be thinking what can we do for next year?

Opportunities are available for local members to participate in membership outreach efforts. Local Section Grants are competitively awarded by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. They include:

- Program Planning Grant for up to \$800 is available to assist local sections with their membership outreach efforts. Applications are due on March 31st or September 30th.
- John J. McKetta ProjectConnect Grant for up to \$600 is available towards events/activities focused on reaching out to students, recent chemical engineer graduates and new engineers. Applications are submitted on a quarterly basis. Let me know if you have any suggestions and would want to help organize an activity.

Best regards,

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Chairman, Indianapolis Section of AIChE

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We appreciate any comments or suggestions for future activities. Prospective members may join the local chapter through the dues statement of the national AIChE or by paying our treasurer, John Elliott, \$11 to join the local chapter. Also opportunities are available for members to become officers.

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Renew your yearly AIChE membership for 2012 @
<http://www.aiche.org/MemberCenter/Renew.aspx>

Services available from AIChE National

Visit the <http://www.aiche.org/> web site to find information, visit forums, renew membership, or find benefits, career listings, and other advice from our national headquarters. Current items include those shown below;

Job Hunting?

CareerEngineer is still the only job posting system built exclusively for chemical engineers. New listings appear daily. Be sure to visit CareerEngineer at http://careerengineer.aiche.org/c/search.cfm?site_id=1932

Also from AIChE National

- [Carbon Management Technology Conference](#) - February 7 - 9, 2012, Caribe Royale Hotel & Convention Center, Orlando, FL.
- [Sustainability in Biopharma](#) - February 19-22, 2012, Sheraton Old San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- [AIChE Spring Meeting and 8th Global Congress on Process Safety](#) - April 1 - 5, 2012, Houston Hilton and George Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX.
- [SBE's 3rd International Conference in Stem Cell Engineering](#) - April 29 - May 2, 2012; Sheraton Seattle, Seattle, WA.
- [Process Development Symposium](#) – June 5-7, 2012 - HYATT house, King of Prussia, PA; King of Prussia, PA.
- [6th International Conference on Bioengineering and Nanotechnology](#) - June 24-27, 2012; University of California, Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, CA.
- [4th Latin American Conference on Process Safety](#) - July 3-5, 2012; Hotel Sofitel Rio de Janeiro Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

Get Involved

Being an AIChE member allows you to get involved and meet peers in your community and technical specialty. You can also gain recognition through the many awards, including monetary prizes, certificates, plaques, medals, honoraria, and invited lectures administered by AIChE. To learn more, click on the link below!

<http://www.aiche.org/MemberCenter/GetInvolved.aspx>

Fellow Chemists: The **Indiana Section of the American Chemical Society** is proud to announce its newly refurbished Indiana Section Website...

[Indiana Local Section - Home](#) or <http://indiana.sites.acs.org/>

Science and Engineering Presentations:

Sciencetech meetings are held nearly every Monday at the Northside Knights of Columbus just west of Keystone on 71st Street starting at 11:15 am with a buffet luncheon (\$10.00 or \$2.00 for beverages only). Announcements and introductions are at noon, followed by the presentation which continues to 1 pm. Some meetings may be replaced with a tour of some place of interest. Any exceptions are noted in the calendar listing below.

Calendar of Events - Sciencetech

- February 13 - **Yosemite National Park: An Illustrated History** - Bill and Lou Stanley
- February 20 - **New Directions in Medical Education in Indiana** - Dr Paul Evans
- February 27 - **Knights of Malta** - Roger Robison, MD
- March 5 - **The Indiana Institute For Personalized Medicine** - Dr. David A. Flockhart
- March 12 - **Doing Business in China** - Josette C Rathbun, CFP, MBA
- March 19 - **Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Then and Now (Tour)** - Michael Niemeier
- March 26 - **Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy of Steel Production** - Eric Gallo
- April 2 - **Norway, Land of the Midnight Sun** - Bob Sorensen
- April 9 - **Searching for the First Flower in the World** - David Dilcher
- April 16 - **The Logistics of a Traveling Rail Road Circus** - Prof. Vincent Mabert
- April 23 - **Update on Aerospace Industry Programs** - David B. Newell
- April 30 - **Hell Revisited: A Return to Iwo Jima After 70 Years** - Jim Baize

For further details, contact Dr. Alan Schmidt at (317) 233-5190 or 695-5741. For later Monday programs check the Sciencetech calendar at [Sciencetech Presentation Schedule](#) or <http://www.sciencetechclub.org/programs/calendarpagecss.html>

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