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OUR JUNE MORNING SEMINAR

We will not be having a morning seminar in June.

OUR JUNE LUNCH MEETING – 12:00 PM

Our guest speaker will be Charles Geraci, Business Protection Manager for the Pfizer, Incorporated's San Diego Research & Development facility with 1,000 workers. Charles will discuss Pfizer's Emergency Response & Crisis Management Program. He will describe Pfizer San Diego's site Emergency Response, Crisis Management, and Business Continuity Programs and how the company transitions from one program into the other during a crisis event. Charles' responsibilities at Pfizer include Environmental Health & Safety (EHS), Security Management, and Quality Compliance. Charles is also responsible for the site Crisis Management & Business Continuity Programs. He has over 25 years of professional experience in the EHS field and received his Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Safety Sciences from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Charles is also an instructor for the UCSD OSHA Training Institute teaching primarily the OSHA General Industry course and OSHA's 10 & 30 Hour Outreach Training course.



We hope you can join us at:

Lakewood Country Club
3101 E. Carson Street
Lakewood, CA 90712

Our June menu will include:

- Garden Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressing
- Warm Rolls & Butter
- Mango Salsa Chicken
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Chef's Choice Vegetables
- Mango Cake
- Iced Tea

Lunch payment may be made via the “Member Meeting Tickets” PayPal link on our chapter’s website at www.csssp.org/CSSSPTickets.html or you can pay by cash, check, or credit card at the meeting. Dan Leiner will be notified by PayPal if you make your purchase online, **otherwise RSVP to Dan Leiner at danleiner@aol.com or 323-215-7025 by Tuesday, May 31, 2016** to ensure we have enough food.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Unfortunately, our first attempt at a field trip had to be cancelled due to low reservations by the cut-off date of two weeks prior to the meeting. Historically, the majority of our reservations for our meeting at the Lakewood Country Club happen last minute, which works well for most members since the number count needs to be submitted only a couple days before our meeting. So, this month we’re back at the Country Club.

In June we normally have the changing of our Board Members. For this next year (June 2016 – 2017) our Board Members will remain the same. Please let me know if you have any interest in getting more involved with the CSSSP by being a lunch or seminar speaker or by becoming a Board Member in the future.

Sometime in the next few weeks, we’re going to send out an anonymous survey to all members to get your input on everything from meeting times to speaker topics. I’d like to see the attendance grow at our Chapter lunch meetings and seminars. If changing meeting times, cost, location, etc. can make it easier for our members to be more active, then we must change. This survey results will help the Board decide what direction the CSSSP needs to take.

The annual dues notices were sent out by email in early May. The cost of membership will remain at \$50.00 and you can pay via PayPal on the Chapter’s website (www.csssp.org), by US Mail, or in person when you attend a meeting.

I hope to see you at our June meeting.

Dan Leiner
Chapter President

SAFETY & HEALTH HIGHLIGHT



Federal OSHA recently adopted new silica regulations (www.osha.gov/silica/index.html) for both Construction and General Industry with a goal of reducing the risk of silicosis. According to NIOSH (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/pdfs/silicax.pdf>), “silicosis is a disabling, nonreversible and sometimes fatal lung disease caused by overexposure to respirable crystalline silica.

Silica is the second most common mineral in the earth's crust and is a major component of sand, rock and mineral ores. Overexposure to dust that contains microscopic particles of crystalline silica can cause scar tissue to form in the lungs, which reduces the lungs ability to extract oxygen from the air we breathe.

"Each year, more than 250 American workers die with silicosis. More than 1 million U.S. workers are exposed to crystalline silica. There is no cure for the disease, but it is 100 percent preventable if employers, workers and health professionals work together to reduce exposures. In addition to silicosis, inhalation of crystalline silica particles has been associated with other diseases, such as bronchitis and tuberculosis. Some studies also indicate an association with lung cancer.

"Here are some examples of the industries and activities that pose the greatest potential risk for worker exposure:

- Construction (sandblasting, rock drilling, masonry work, jack hammering, tunneling)
- Mining (cutting or drilling through sandstone and granite)
- Foundry work (grinding, moldings, shakeout, core room)
- Ceramics, clay, and pottery
- Stone cutting (sawing, abrasive blasting, chipping, grinding)
- Glass manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Shipyards (abrasive blasting)
- Railroad (setting and laying track)
- Manufacturing and use of abrasives
- Manufacturing of soaps and detergents

"Chronic silicosis, the most common form of the disease, may go undetected for years in the early stages; in fact, a chest X-ray may not reveal an abnormality until after 15 or 20 years of exposure."

Even with the severe danger silica poses, several industry groups have filed lawsuits to stop Federal OSHA's implementation of these regulations. Now it's wait and see what happens in court. In the meantime, Cal/OSHA already has regulations that limits silica exposure in the Construction industry with their *Control of Employee Exposures from Dust-Generating Operations Conducted on Concrete or Masonry Materials* regulation (www.dir.ca.gov/title8/1530_1.html). In General Industry, there are established Permissible Exposure Limits. If the courts allow the Federal changes, Cal/OSHA will be required to develop more detailed and stringent standards.

10 YEAR CERTIFICATE

James Camacho

Daniel Benitez

Fernando Benitez

SECURITY HIGHLIGHT



There is a lot of valuable information on the Internet (for free) that is useful to address security issues in the workplace. While we work in California, companies in other states and world-wide face similar issues to those we face. The Portland (Oregon) Police Bureau has a very useful publication entitled *A Guide to Robbery Prevention and Response to Robbery* available online at www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/31555. This document clearly and simply covers robbery prevention and includes topics such as being alert, visibility, cash control, guidelines for challenging strangers, lighting, signage, doors & windows, key control, and what to do after a robbery. This type of online information can be extremely useful and all it takes is some minor modifications to apply the material to your workplace.

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