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OUR NEXT MORNING SEMINAR - LEAD AWARENESS

Our next seminar will be held on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Lakewood Country Club located at 3101 Carson Street in Lakewood, California 90712. Registration and a continental breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 AM. The presenter will be Mr. Robert Fernandez, RSSP, who is a highly respected professional in the field of lead awareness. Mr. Fernandez is a Professional Member and is a Past President of the CSSSP Chapter. Mr. Fernandez is a Trainer with the OSHA Training Institute at the University of California San Diego, specializing in varied subjects in health and safety. The seminar will provide the knowledge, practical skills and tools to effectively protect the employees in work related settings. Each person who successfully completes the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Completion" and will receive 0.25 CEU credits.

Each Chapter member attending the seminar may bring one guest with them. This will be governed on a first to register with me basis. The seminar is limited to 24 persons and is free for currently <u>dues paid</u> CSSSP members. There will be a \$15.00 charge to each guest attending and for CSSSP members whose membership is <u>not current</u>.

Make your reservations early to assure availability to John A. O'Toole, Seminar Coordinator by phone at (323) 258-2771 or by email at otoole47@roadrunner.com.

OUR NEXT LUNCH MEETING

Our next lunch meeting will be held on Friday, August 7, 2015 from noon to 1:30 PM. Feel free to arrive early and network. Our speaker will be Mark Pisani, Senior Safety Engineer with Cal/OSHA's Enforcement Branch and a CSSSP Past President, who will cover Cal/OSHA's most frequently cited regulation. He, along with Chapter President, Dan Leiner, will also be available to answer any Cal/OSHA-related questions you may have. Together, Mr. Pisani and Mr. Leiner have over 50 years of Cal/OSHA experience. Now is your opportunity to ask anything you've ever wanted to know about Cal/OSHA!

Our lunch buffet will include:

- Chicken Marsala
- Mashed Potatoes
- Garden Salad
- Rolls & Butter
- Lemon Bars

The lunch buffet price is \$25.00 for <u>current dues paid</u> CSSSP members and their guests; \$30.00 for non-members **including CSSSP members whose membership is not current**.

Please RSVP by August 4th with John A. O'Toole by phone at (323) 258-2771 or by email at otoole47@roadrunner.com to confirm your attendance so we have enough food.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CSSSP is run entirely by volunteers. Peter Gin, our newsletter editor, has voluntarily been producing, emailing and mailing hard copies of our newsletter, six times per year, for over 15 years! This month, we are making a change to the newsletter we're accustom to. Welcome to the new newsletter format! Our newsletter will be solely sent by email and will include useful, current information and will include hyperlinks to useful information. You'll notice that each newsletter will have a relevant topic on safety and health and on security. Speaking of volunteers, if you know of any great internet resources or timely safety, health and/or security topics, please get involved and contribute a story or article for our newsletter.

Speaking of getting involved, we have a wealth of knowledge among our membership. Have you ever considered sharing your knowledge with our members by being one of our lunchtime guest speakers or be our featured morning seminar speaker? We're always interested in how our members improved safety, health and/or security at your workplace. If you're interested in being a speaker and sharing your knowledge, please feel free to send me a message at danleiner@aol.com.

There are other ways you can get involved in our chapter. We are always in need of donated raffle prizes. We'll even provide you a receipt for your donation as a tax deduction. Also, even though we're a non-profit, voluntary organization, keeping your membership dues current helps us maintain our website (www.csssp.org) and supports much of the behind-the-scenes costs of running an organization.

I look forward to a great year as president of our chapter. I hope for some exciting speakers, more membership participation, our second annual vendor's day, and hopefully a "field trip" lunch meeting.

Dan Leiner Chapter President

SAFETY & HEALTH HIGHLIGHT

Did you know that on August 3, 2015, that a new Federal OSHA Confined Spaces for the Construction Industry goes into effect? Confined spaces can present physical and atmospheric hazards that can be avoided if they are recognized and addressed prior to entering these spaces to perform work. The new standard, Subpart AA of 29 CFR 1926 will help prevent construction workers from being hurt or killed by eliminating and isolating hazards in confined spaces at construction sites similar to the way workers in other industries are already protected. This new regulation is very similar to the existing General Industry Confined Spaces regulation, though there are five key differences:

- 1. More detailed provisions requiring coordinated activities when there are multiple employers at the worksite. This will ensure hazards are not introduced into a confined space by workers performing tasks outside the space. An example would be a generator running near the entrance of a confined space causing a buildup of carbon monoxide within the space.
- 2. Requiring a competent person to evaluate the work site and identify confined spaces, including permit spaces.
- 3. Requiring continuous atmospheric monitoring whenever possible.
- 4. Requiring continuous monitoring of engulfment hazards. For example, when workers are performing work in a storm sewer, a storm upstream from the workers could cause flash flooding. An electronic sensor or observer posted upstream from the work site could alert workers in the space at the first sign of the hazard, giving the workers time to evacuate the space safely.

5. Allowing for the suspension of a permit, instead of cancellation, in the event of changes from the entry conditions list on the permit or an unexpected event requiring evacuation of the space. The space must be returned to the entry conditions listed on the permit before re-entry.

Detailed information on this change, including the regulatory text, may be found at the Federal OSHA Confined Spaces information page at www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/index.html.

State plan OSHA programs, such as Cal/OSHA, have 6 months to adopt regulations that are at least effective. You should check the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's (www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/oshsb.html) proposed rulemaking webpage at www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/proposedregulations.html on the status of California's adoption of this regulation.

SECURITY HIGHLIGHT

While many businesses address security in their workplace, office security is paramount as it is often the entry point for the perpetrator, especially at the front desk. There are many resources available on the Internet such as the USDA's Physical Security Program, which may be found at www.dm.usda.gov/physicalsecurity/workplace.htm.

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