

**NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2016**

Dear Member:

The time is fast approaching for our 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting – with all the stores decorated for Christmas I feel like I should put up my Christmas tree.

Bob Lieckfield, Program Chair has completed an outstanding preliminary program for the January 2017 meeting – it is attached for your information and perusal. Check out the line up of speakers and titles of their presentations. This very well organized program “**Wisdom Gift to the Industrial Hygiene Profession: Thought Leaders Passing on Sage Advice to Future Industrial Hygienists**” promises to be very interesting, educational, provocative, and with good audience participation, it will be exceptionally well received by all attendees.

The registration form is enclosed. Please note if you are registering for the banquet only, you can also join the group lunches by paying the separate lunch fees listed on the registration form. I need to have the completed registration forms with your checks by December 19, 2016 – so why not beat the holiday rush, complete the form, enclose your check and send it now? Remember, registration fees are based solely on meals and expendables. Check out the descriptions of the group tours later in this letter and complete your participation information on the back of the registration form.

Entertainment for the banquet would be very nice – do I hear volunteers out there, please? If not, do you know of any special talent we could hire? Standup comedians, singers, musicians, magicians, etc.?

The hospitality suite will be open Tuesday evening, January 19 for early arrivals and then each night of the meeting.

**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

The theme of the YPSW 2017 conference is – **Wisdom Gift to the Industrial Hygiene Profession: Thought Leaders Passing on Sage Advice to Future Industrial Hygienists**. Since it’s founding in 1975 by the thought leaders of the profession at that time, YPSW membership has included virtually all of the leaders in the IH profession from Corporate and Academia to Government. The YPSW is proud of its unique membership and our stature within the industrial hygiene profession.

The objective of our 2017 conference is to leverage the knowledge and leadership of YPSW members and pass on our wisdom to future generations of industrial hygiene professionals. We want to take the opportunity to “create a legacy” through examination of pertinent topics through the lens of history (good and bad) and use that lens to provide counsel on ways to move forward and improve the profession. The intent is not to lay blame or finger point, but rather use a “lessons learned” approach with the goal of helping the next generation avoid repeating our foibles. Or perhaps emphasizing why the current way is a good way – stay the course.

We are honored by the participation of a distinguished roster of speakers.

- Keynote Speech – The Wisdom Gift (Terry Thedell)
- Revisiting Blind Hog’s Acorn (Barbara Dawson)
- Educating the Next Generation and Professional Standards of Performance (Del Malzahn/Lynn O’Donnell/ Bob Soule)
- Protecting Workers through Government Regulation and Penalties (John Henshaw)
- The Future of Occupational Health – NIOSH Perspective (John Howard)
- Case study in conflict between policy and science -- Diacetyl (Shannon Gaffney)
- Workplace Health Without Borders; Ways to Spread Our Knowledge (Dave Zalk)
- The Future of Industrial Hygiene – Messaging GenX, Millennial, and GenZ (Mike Rosenow)
- Leadership in the Future of the Industrial Hygiene Profession (Carter Ficklen)

It is important to note that audience participation is a must; not that we have to encourage YPSW audience participation. This is an opportunity for the YPSW and the meeting participants to leave a legacy for the future of occupational health and safety. It is our intent to publish our deliberations in the Synergist or perhaps a publication with all proceeds donated to the Foundation.

We will also have updates from AIHA (introducing our new Executive Director, Larry Sloan), ABIH, ACGIH, AIHA Pacific Section, and AIHA Government Affairs.

In addition to our technical program we will have a choice of technical events on Thursday afternoon – “The USS Midway Tour” or “The Worst Plant: A Virtual Health & Safety Audit”. Both events will focus on industrial hygiene professional development education.

### **USS Midway Tour**

A three-hour “Docent Tour” of The USS Midway — Experience Life at Sea Without Leaving Port. During the course of our tour, general safety and industrial hygiene concerns will be pointed out and discussed amongst our group. Imagine experiencing life at sea aboard one of America’s longest-serving aircraft carriers. Visitors to the USS Midway Museum enter a floating city at sea and walk in the footsteps of 225,000 Midway sailors who served our country and upheld the American ideals of strength, freedom, and peace. The USS Midway Museum is an unforgettable adventure. There are more than 60 exhibits with a collection of 29 restored aircraft. **The estimated cost, including transportation, will be ~\$45/person.**

### **The Worst Plant: A Virtual Health & Safety Audit**

Ramboll Environ will present a three-hour collaborative and audience-participation-focused virtual health and safety (H&S) training experience. We will be holding this in conjunction with the San Diego Local Section. This will be a condensed version of their AIHce PDC. The training will guide participants through a virtual tour of “the worst plant in the world,” using digital renderings of real-world H&S regulatory compliance issues. The overall goal of the session is to educate participants about hazard and risk assessment techniques, and various compliance audit and assessment scenarios. This session may be eligible for 0.5 certification points. If the event is not at the hotel, transportation will be provided as part of the event cost. **The estimated cost, including transportation, will be \$75/person based on a minimum of 20 participants. If there is more participation, the fee will be less.**

Visit the following links to check out this tour:

[http://download.ramboll-environ.com/environcorp/The\\_Worst\\_Plant\\_Flier.pdf](http://download.ramboll-environ.com/environcorp/The_Worst_Plant_Flier.pdf)

[http://download.ramboll-environ.com/environcorp/The\\_Worst\\_Plant\\_Overview.pdf](http://download.ramboll-environ.com/environcorp/The_Worst_Plant_Overview.pdf)

## **MEAL INFORMATION**

Breakfast will be on your own each day – **it is NOT included in the room rate or meeting registration.**

Morning Breaks will be coffee and assorted teas; Afternoon Breaks will be Cookies and Soft Drinks.

Lunch on Thursday will be an Italian Buffet: Caesar Salad; Grilled Vegetable Salad Tossed with Balsamic Vinaigrette; Halibut Piccata (filet of halibut sautéed with butter, garlic and lemon, topped with capers and parsley); Fettuccini Alfredo; Rosemary Garlic Bread; Coffee, Iced Tea; Chocolate Decadence Cake.

Lunch on Friday will be a Baja Buffet: Homemade Chips with Salsa Fresca & Guacamole; Chicken Fajitas; Snapper Vera Cruz; Refried Beans; Spanish Rice; Cheddar Cheese; Tomatoes; Grilled Onions; Warm Flour and Corn Tortillas; Coffee; Ice Tea; Carrot Cake.

Friday Banquet: This year we again have three selections to choose from: (1) 10 oz Cut Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon and Finished with a Béarnaise Sauce; (2) Filet of Salmon Finished with a Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce; or (3) a Petite Cut Filet Mignon Finished with a Béarnaise Sauce Served with Three Jumbo Shrimp. All banquet entrees include a Caesar Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes with Beef and Wild Rice with the Salmon; Steamed Vegetables, Bread and Butter; Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce; Coffee and Iced Tea. Wines to be served with the banquet: La Crema, Sonoma Coast Chardonnay, and Tobin James, Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. *Courtesy of Chris Laszcz-Davis, The Environmental Quality Organization, LLC*. Thank you Chris for your generosity.

## **MEMBERSHIP BOOK CHANGES**

Denise Daggett: Retired from Scripps Research Institute. New Contact Information: 2563 South Camino Real, Palm Springs, CA 92264; Cell: (858) 204 5252 (Delete land line (828) 784-8502)

Donna Doganiero: Retired from Army Public Health System. New Contact Information: Delete Work Phone (410) 436-4171; Email: [ddoganiero@msn.com](mailto:ddoganiero@msn.com). All other information remains the same.

Nola Kennedy: Correct address to read 18111 Nordhoff Street

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Chris Laszcz Davis was recently accepted to the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This Board is the Federal Advisory Committee assembled to provide independent advice and guidance to the Director of NIOSH. The primary activity of the Committee is to provide advice on NIOSH's occupational safety and health research prevention programs. The Board also provides advice on standards of scientific excellence, current needs in the field of occupational safety and health, and the applicability and dissemination of research findings. The Board is comprised of 15 national experts in occupational safety and health – occupational medicine, occupational nursing, industrial hygiene, occupational health and safety engineering, toxicology, chemistry, safety and health education, ergonomics, epidemiology, biostatistics and psychology. Chris' term begins January 1, 2017 and runs through December 31, 2019. Congratulations, Chris!

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

The YPSW Bylaws have been approved by AIHA. Attached please find pages 5 and 6 (one page, front and back) containing the authorized signatures. Please destroy the previous page 5 and 6 sent to you for voting and insert this authenticated copy of the YPSW Bylaws for your personal files.

It was with great sadness that we received word of the passing of O. Gordon Banks, Past AIHA Executive Officer and member of YPSW. If you missed his obituary, it is reprinted here.

In Memory of O. Gordon Banks  
June 6, 1936 - September 5, 2016

O. Gordon Banks, age 80, passed away after battling cancer for almost five years. Gordon left this world peacefully on September 5, 2016 and was welcomed into the arms of his Heavenly Father. Pain and tears have been replaced with eternal peace and joy!

Gordon was born in New Bern to Mildred Tyson Banks and Otis M. Banks. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia "Pat" Watson Banks; his daughter Amy Banks Elliott, son-in-law Don, son Kevin Glen Banks, daughter-in-law Dana, and beloved grandchildren Tyson Elliott, Erin Elliott, Abigail Banks, and Carson Banks.

Gordon was a graduate of Cary High School, class of 1954 and UNC-Chapel Hill, class of 1958-Go Heels! After leaving UNC, Gordon attended OCS and entered the US Navy serving on the USS Kemper County LST854 in San Diego. In 1961 he entered submarine school in Groton, CT and served on the USS Redfin out of Norfolk, VA. He retired from USNR with the rank of Captain.

After active duty Navy, Gordon began a very successful 35 year career in Association Management in the Washington D.C. area. He retired in 2001 and returned to Cary, where he immediately became active in the First Baptist Church, chairing a Habitat for Humanity building project, singing in the choir and substitute teaching for T.H.A.T. Class. He was active in the local Tarheel Base of Submarine Veterans of NC. He served as Base Commander, organized the submarine singers, and delighted in singing with them.

Gordon was an ordained deacon, and a faithful, active member serving the Lord in each Baptist church wherever he and Pat lived. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Shrine.

A visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2016 at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Cary. Burial will be private in Wake Memorial Park in Cary. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 10, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Cary, followed by a reception at the church.

Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to the Choir Fund, First Baptist Church Cary, 218 S. Academy St. Cary, NC 27511, or Deaf Missions 21199 Greenview Rd. Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

Condolences to [www.brownwynnecary.com](http://www.brownwynnecary.com)

[View Complete Guest Book \(28 entries\)](#)

**NOTE:** YPSW Sent a condolence fruit and snack basket to Pat and the family. I received the following card from Pat: "The family of Gordon Banks acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy". Pat wrote "Dear Friends: Thank you for the lovely basket of fruit and snacks. It was most thoughtful of you and most appreciated. I have so many fond memories of YPSW meetings in and around San Diego. It was a wonderful way to start the new year. I especially remember the fellowship and camaraderie on tours or dinners and banquets. YPSW was one of Gordon's favorite meetings. Thanks for the happy memories. Love, Pat"

## WEBSITE

Frank Hearl has updated the Clayton Award page so please check out all the pictures. Also, do review the Member pages where Frank has posted the scrapbook pictures from the last four meetings. Many thanks, Frank for all your work in keeping our website up to date.

When completed, I'll send Frank the current membership letter, registration form and preliminary program to post.

A final “nudge” for those who have not yet done so, **please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible so, if needed, we can request additional rooms at the group rate.** To make room reservations call The Bay Club Hotel and Marina at **(800) 672-0800 or (619) 224-8888 (Hotel Operator).** Whichever number you use **you must identify yourself as part of the YPSW-AIHA group attending the Jan 18-20 2017 meeting to receive the special negotiated rate and have the reservation counted in the YPSW-AIHA room block.**

Congratulations Denise and Donna on your retirement.....enjoy this new exciting phase of life!

I hope each of you had a great Halloween – I am surprised at what a big “holiday” this had become. So many adults have very elaborate Halloween Parties – guess I am “out of the loop” on this hilarity.

Wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember, I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your travels, celebrating special occasions or any type article you think would be of interest to disseminate to our membership in these letters.

I look forward to seeing you all in January in beautiful San Diego.

Very truly yours,

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Anna V. Davis  
Secretary-Treasurer

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