Upcoming Meetings

- February 5th - Arlene Edwards, Region VI Area B Director (Topic TBD), Dilworth Grill
- March 5th - Tracy Beaudry, Risk Management (EHS Risk Assessment), Dilworth Grill
- April (actual date TBD) Charlotte Knights Baseball Game, BB&T Stadium

To register please visit us on the web: Tarheel ASSE Events

December: IDG and Toys for Tots

We ended our year in the holiday spirit giving to Toys for Tots as IDG hosted our last meeting of 2014. Ret. Marine Bill Starr was very grateful for the amount of toys that were provided and the consistent generosity of the Tarheel Chapter. IDG’s partner, DuPont Protection Technologies, kept us engaged with a presentation on “Changes and Updates to Electrical Safety Standards” … and also kept us full with a wonderful lunch that included beautifully decorated holiday cupcakes which were the hit of the day! Thank you IDG!!

January: Safety Certifications and Carbon Monoxide

Now you set your goals for 2015 does one of them include getting a professional safety certification of some sort? Dan Collins and Kevin Earp gave an outstanding presentations giving members an inside look on their journey of obtaining safety certifications as well as providing information on certifications the Board of Certified Safety Professionals offers. Dan recently obtained his CSP and Kevin has ARM.

Also we had Emily Earnest, from the NC Dept of Public Health, who is in the process of developing materials designed to increase manufacturing employees’ awareness of CO, potential CO exposure sources, and cost-effective means to prevent CO exposure. They are looking to partner with businesses to help them as they build and implement the program. Please contact the chapter if you would like more information.

“Welcome” to our newest members: William Boozier, Morgan Laney, Marcus Mentzer and Gary Nesbit

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**Student Safety Awareness Art Contest**

The Student Safety Awareness Art Contest promotes the importance of workplace safety and the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) profession. Winning art work will be selected based on how well the student artist expresses “Workplace Safety” in his/her poster. Local 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category will receive cash prizes and be recognized at an awards ceremony during the Mecklenburg County Fire & Life Safety Bowl. The contest is open to children ages 5-12. Three winners are selected from each group. Students, children, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, etc., are invited to participate.

Age groups:   
Group 1 (Ages 5-6)  
Group 2 (Ages 7-8)  
Group 3 (Ages 9-10)  
Group 4 (Ages 11-12)

*Entries must be received by March 6th*

Charlotte-area winners will be invited to and recognized at the 37th Annual Fire & Life Safety Bowl, to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the Friendship Baptist Missionary Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, N.C.

For rules and entry forms, go to [ASSE Tarheel Chapter website](#) or email safety@cms_k12.nc.us.

**37th Annual Mecklenburg County Fire and Life Safety Bowl**

March 19, 2015 - Friendship Missionary Baptist, 3400 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, NC

This year, the Bowl consists of 33 public and private Charlotte/Mecklenburg schools with teams of 4th and 5th graders. Students compete against each other teams using injury prevention study materials in a *game show* format. The objective is to score as many points as possible by answering questions based on the study materials provided.

Participants receive certificates, lunch and prizes. Winning schools receive cash awards for their schools, plus “bragging rights.” The top 3 teams move on to compete in the Annual NC Fire & Life Safety Bowl Competition.

The program consists of 33 schools, or 165 students, plus (66) coaches and parents. Nearly 400 people participate as students, coaches, parents, observers, staff or volunteers. The Bowl is not funded with any taxpayer money, but with financial or in kind contributions raised by us from sponsors.

**WISE is looking for YOU!!**

If you are a women-owned business that offers safety related products or services, WISE is interested in adding you to their directory. In addition, if you know if any vendors or business that offer a significant selection of female safety products, WISE would like to hear from you as well.

Please contact Jennifer Law, WISE Liaison, for more info at wise@tarheel.asse.org.
Health and Safety News

New Congress begins with safety committee leadership changes

Washington – Retirements and a new Republican majority in the Senate have elevated certain Congress members to leadership positions in House and Senate safety committees for the 114th Congress.

Senate Republicans on Jan. 7 elected Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) to chair the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Alexander previously served as the committee's ranking member.

His counterpart on the HELP Committee is Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), who becomes ranking member following the retirement of Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), who chaired the committee during the 113th Congress.

In the House, Democrats selected Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) to serve as ranking member of the Education and the Workforce Committee. Scott replaces former Rep. George Miller (D-CA), who recently retired following 14 years as the committee's top Democrat.

On the other side of the aisle, Rep. John Kline (R-MN) will resume chairmanship of the Education and the Workforce Committee. He previously served two terms as committee chair and half a term as ranking member.

Member/Company Spotlight

President Obama Splices Fiber with 70S

On January 14, U.S. President Barack Obama viewed a demonstration of the Fujikura 70S Fusion Splicer at Cedar Falls Utilities in Iowa during a visit to speak of plans to increase access to affordable high-speed broadband internet service across the nation. The town of Cedar Falls has built their own private high-speed internet network and runs it like a public utility. Cleaves-Bessmer-Marietti Inc., one of AFL’s sales agents, first met with Cedar Falls Utilities on October 24, 2013 to demo the 70S and soon thereafter the utility made the purchase.

In this photo President Obama inspects a piece of fiber optic cable during a demonstration of the 70S Splicer alongside Robert Houlihan (2nd left), chief technology officer of Cedar Falls Utilities; David Schilling (center), communications services manager; and U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker (right).

compliments of AFL (America Fujikura Limited)
25 years of ASSE Membership

Tarheel Chapter recently recognized members who have given 25 years of service to ASSE.

Debra E. Beaven
Robert A Brooks
Randall W Byrum
Walter J Fournet
J P Lieck
Walter S Price

Debra E. Beaven was presented her 25 year recognition certificate by her mentor, Fred Freiberger and Dan Collins, President.

2014-2015 Tarheel Chapter Executive Team

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