

Hello and Howdy

We have the normal meetings planned on the second Tuesday of each month (Snuffies in Scotch Plains or Rolf's in Warren, NJ) with our executive committee meeting on the first Tuesday at Paisanos at Watchung Square Mall.

As usual we are looking for volunteers to help run the section. Please contact any officer or just show up at Paisanos. The New Year will see more joint meetings with North Jersey.

Reservations can be made by phone to 908-604-2670. Our email reservation is unchanged.



2015 New Section Officers

Chairperson:

Chandra Nair

Chair-Elect:

Jacqueline Sibbles

Treasurer:

Patricia Forgang

Secretary:

Andrew Soos

Past Chair:

Todd Salamon

Directors:

Phil Messina

Laura Turci

Ken Carlson

David Greene

Howard Stamato

Director Emeritus:

Frank Dittman



XMAS 2014 PARTY

This year we had a new place at Rolfe's in Warren NJ. This is a fine German restaurant. As is our want we played games and had fun.

XMAS 2015 Rutgers Student Awards

This year we went to The Busch Campus in Piscataway, NJ (The Cove) for a delicious Mexican meal and a networking session with the local students. Awards went to;

Researcher-Scholar Award - Ingrid Paredes (senior) (adv. Glasser) and Jacob Massa (junior) (adv. Celik)

NJ AIChE Leader-Scholar Award - Derek McIntosh (senior) OXE president and Jared Forman (junior) AIChE president

Presenting the awards are Chandra Nair (AIChE) and Fuad Celik (Rutgers)

Jared Forman



Jacob Massa



Ingrid Paredes



Derek McIntosh





VARIOUS AIChE EVENTS

2015 Spring Meeting and 11th Global Congress on Process Safety

April 25-29, 2015

Hilton, Austin; Austin Convention Center

The AIChE Spring Meeting is the year's key technical conference for practicing chemical engineers. A wide range of subjects relevant to the current needs of industry is covered.

ICOSSE 2015

May 25-28, 2015

Balatonfüred, Hungary; Anna Grand Hotel

The purpose of the Congress is to exchange emerging ideas about ways and means of protecting the environment and its resources so that humans can achieve sustainable development and societal benefits throughout generations.

CCPS Middle East Process Safety Conference

May 19-21, 2015; Ritz Carlton, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Organized by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and its Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), MEPSC is the definitive Middle East conference for stakeholders in the process industries who are committed to process safety as a strategic priority and core value in all their operations.

2015 Mid-Atlantic Student Regional Conference

April 10-11, 2015

University of Maryland, College Park

The 2015 Mid-Atlantic Regional AIChE Conference will be held on April 10-11 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The highlights of the conference include Professional Workshops and Presentations, the annual Regional ChemE Car Competition, the Research Paper Competition, and ChemE Jeopardy.

2015 Synthetic Biology: Engineering, Evolution & Design (SEED)

June 10-13, 2015; Boston Park Plaza

SEED 2015 is focused on advances in the science and technology emerging from the field of synthetic biology. We broadly define this as technologies that accelerate the process of genetic engineering.



JOKES!!!!?

Once upon a time there were three men: a doctor, a city planner, and an engineer. For some reason all three offended the king and were sentenced to die on the same day.

The day of the execution arrived, and the doctor was led up to the guillotine. As he strapped the doctor to the guillotine, the executioner asked, "Head up or head down?"

"Head up," said the doctor.

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner raised the axe, and z-z-z-z-ing! Down came the blade--and stopped barely an inch above the doctor's neck. Well, the law stated that if an execution didn't succeed the first time the prisoner had to be released, so the doctor was set free.

Then the city planner was led up to the guillotine.

"Head up or head down?" said the executioner.

"Head up."

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner raised his axe, and z-z-z-z-ing! Down came the blade--and stopped an inch above the planner's neck. Well, the law stated that if the execution didn't succeed the first time the prisoner had to be released, so the planner was set free.

Finally the engineer was led up to the guillotine.

"Head up or head down?"

"Head up."

"Blindfold or no blindfold?"

"No blindfold."

So the executioner raised his axe, but before he could cut the rope, the engineer yelled out:

"WAIT! I see what the problem is!



An engineer took a cruise to the South Pacific Islands. It was wonderful; the experience of his life. But, alas, a cyclone came up unexpectedly and the ship went down. He was swept onto the shore of an island. No people, no supplies, nothing.

He explored but found nothing other than some bananas and coconuts. He was desperate and forlorn, but what could he do? For the next four months he ate bananas, drank coconut juice and looked for a ship to come to his rescue.

One day, he spotted a rowboat coming from what looked like the other side of the island. In it was a gorgeous woman. She was tawny and tanned, and her hair flowing in the breeze gave her an ethereal quality. When she reached him, he asked excitedly, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

She said, "I rowed from the other side of the island. My cruise ship sank four months ago."

"Amazing," he said, "I didn't know anyone else had survived. How many of you are there? You are really lucky that a rowboat washed up with you."

"There is no one else--only me," she said, "and the rowboat didn't wash up. I built it out of raw material I found on the island. The oars I whittled from gum tree branches, I wove the bottom from palm branches, and the sides and stern came from a eucalyptus."

"But--but," asked the man, "What did you use for tools?" "Oh, no problem," replied the woman, "On the south side of the island there is a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into forgeable iron."

"But enough of that," she said. "Where do you live?" The man confessed he had been sleeping on the beach.

"Let's row over to my place," she said. So they got into the rowboat and left for her side of the island. The woman tied up the rowboat with a beautifully woven hemp rope. They walked up a stone walk to an exquisite bungalow. "It's not much," she said, "but I call it home. Would you like a drink?"

"No," he answered, "One more coconut juice and I will puke." "I have a still," said the woman, "How about a Pina Colada?" Trying to hide his amazement, the man accepted, and they sat down on her couch.

After a while, the woman asked, "Tell me, have you always had a beard?" "No," the man replied, "I was clean shaven all my life." "Well, if you would like to shave, there is a razor in the cabinet in the upstairs bathroom." The man, no longer questioning anything, went to the bathroom. In the cabinet was a razor made from a bone handle, two shells honed to an edge were fastened to its end inside of a swivel mechanism. The man shaved, showered and went back downstairs. "You look great," she said. "I think I will slip into something more comfortable."

After a short time, she returned wearing strategically positioned fig leaves and smelling faintly of gardenia. "Tell me," she asked, "We have both been out here for a very long time with no companionship. Have you been lonely? Is there anything that you miss? Something that all men and women crave? Something that would be really nice to have right now?" "Yes there is," the man replied, and moved closer to her. "Tell me, do you have an Internet connection?"



An engineer, a physicist, and an accountant were being interviewed for a position as chief executive officer of a large corporation.

The engineer was interviewed first, and was asked a long list of questions, ending with: "How much is two plus two?" The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the boardroom and announcing, "Four."

The physicist was interviewed next, and was asked the same questions. Before answering the last question, he excused himself, made for the library, and did a great deal of research. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced, "Four."

The accountant was interviewed last, and was asked the same questions. At the end of his interview, before answering the last question, he drew all the shades in the room, looked outside the door to see if anyone was there, checked the telephone for listening devices, and asked, "How much do you want it to be?"

Rolf's Restaurant & Pub

Rolf's is the new place where we will have at least some meetings. Snuffies is not gone. Rolf's is a fine German restaurant located in a quiet area of Warren, NJ: 65 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059 and phone: 908-754-5500



