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MAY MEETING: John Kayser, Alliant Energy – Winter Storm Effects – Quad Cities Botanical Center.

John Kayser of Alliant Energy will be our May 2007 presenter with a topic focusing on the February 2007 ice storms that blanketed much of the Rock Island District with a heavy coating of ice and winds. Alliant Energy's utility operation covers 54,000 square miles in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin with over 9,700 miles of electrical transmission lines servicing over 1 million customers. Mr. Kayser's presentation will address the widespread electrical service outages resulting from the ice storm, the emergency assessment of damages to Alliant Energy's transmission system and the restoration of electrical service to their customers

John graduated from Iowa State University with a BSEE in 1992. After graduation John spent five years as an officer in the US Air Force. In the Air Force, he was stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY for two years where he held positions as an electrical engineer, Chief of Readiness and Chief of Maintenance Engineering. After Griffiss AFB, he was assigned to Hurlburt Field, FL where he spent three years as an Electrical Project Engineer in a RED HORSE Squadron. John has been employed at Alliant Energy for the last eight years and currently holds the position of Team Leader - Delivery System Planning. The planning department is responsible for developing long range plans for the distribution and sub-transmission systems. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Florida and Iowa.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2007

LOCATION: The Quad Cities Botanical Center
 2525 4th Ave
 Rock Island, IL 61201

AGENDA: 11:00 Board Meeting
 11:30 am Social Hour
 12:00 pm Lunch and Program

COST: \$10/person

MENU: Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
 Whipped Potatoes
 Glazed Baby Carrots
 Assorted Salads, Dinner Rolls, and Luncheon Beverage

Note: Special plate orders are available on request.

RESERVATIONS: Contact Heather Cross at crossheather@stanleygroup.com or 563.264.6779. Cost is \$10 and is payable at the door. Please sign up by Tuesday, May 8.

BUSINESS BRIEF: Robert Beinstein with CH2M Hill, Inc.

March Meeting Summary – Small Business Conference & Commander Briefings

The Annual Small Business Conference & Commander Briefings were held on April 11-12, 2007 at the Isle of Capri Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. The Small Business Conference was on Wednesday, April 11, with an icebreaker reception following. The conference featured a Small Business Administration update, presentations on women owned small business, and a small business success story.

The Commander Briefings were on Thursday, April 12. The day featured the District Engineers from Omaha, Chicago, Louisville, St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Rock Island Districts. They described their FY 2007 & 2008 Engineering and Construction Programs. The Keynote Luncheon Speaker was Mr. Alan G. Wilson, Garrison Manager for the U.S. Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. Mr. Wilson became the first Garrison Manager when the U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal, was established on October 1, 2004. Mr. Wilson's discussion addressed the continually increasing significance of the Rock Island Arsenal to the Army and to the Quad City Community.

During the luncheon, we welcomed Congressman Bruce Braley, who is the representative to the House from Iowa's first Congressional District. Bruce Braley was elected to the US House of Representatives in November. He serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Small Business. He is also the chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology.

National Security Committee Meeting

Please join us at our next National Security Committee Meeting. The National Security Committee will have a short meeting directly following the regular post meeting on May 10. The meeting will be led by LTC Michael Clarke, and will last approximately 20 minutes.

ASM International Golf Outing

ASM International will be hosting a golf outing at the Pinnacle Golf & Country Club in Milan, IL. The date for the event is Monday, May 21 and payment and registration is due on Friday, May 11. The cost is \$60 per golfer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact Barry Murchie at BTMurchieQET@yahoo.com or 563.359.7771.

Sustaining Member Companies

Heather Cross is organizing the student chapter meeting sponsorships for the 2007/2008 school year starting in August. Student chapter meeting sponsorships are \$100 and cover the cost of pizza at the monthly student meeting; the sustaining member sponsor is invited to present a business brief at the start of the meeting. There are slots open, please contact Heather Cross at crossheather@stanleygroup.com for more information.

Engineering & Construction Camps for Local High School Students

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Rock Island Post is the proud sponsor of three Engineering and Construction Summer Camps designed to provide qualified high school students with hands-on experience in the field. Our goal is to promote engineering excellence and increased awareness among local high school students. The SAME Rock Island Post will pay the full tuition and airfare for three students who best fit the selection criteria. This is an opportunity for exceptional local students to meet similarly interested and talented youth from around the world.

The camps are being held at the U.S. Army Camp in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the U.S. Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California. The respective dates of the camps are June 10-16, July 5-11, and July 29-August 4, 2007. See the SAME national website for applications and the most current information about the SAME summer camps. The Rock Island Post point of contact for summer camps is Cory Haberman. Please feel free to contact Cory with any questions or concerns by phone at 309.794.5129, or email Cory.J.Haberman@usace.army.mil.

Sustaining Member Briefings for 2007

If your company is interested in signing up for a sustaining member briefing for 2007, please contact the Post Executive Secretary, Dean Cerny at 563-386-0572 or by email at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil. Sustaining member briefings are presentations held at regular luncheon meetings, usually scheduled before lunch that last 10 minutes. The presentations are a good opportunity for sustaining member firms to let the membership know what your company does and what type of projects you have accomplished. Sustaining Member Briefings are available for the following meetings: August 9th, November 8th, and December 13th.

The University of Iowa Student Chapter Events

The University of Iowa Student Chapter will hold its final meeting of the 2006/2007 school year on Thursday, April 26. The event will be a social event at Colonial Lanes Bowling Alley in Iowa City from 6-8pm. If anyone would like to attend this event to network with the student chapter, please contact Heather Cross at crossheather@stanleygroup.com. Three student post scholarships will be awarded and the post will elect officers for next year. The student post will reconvene again in September for the 2007/2008 school year.

SAME 2008 National Conference Update

Sustaining Member firms in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post and the Rock Island Post can now make reservations for Exhibit Booths. SM firms of the two host Post's have first opportunity before reservations are opened up to everyone at the Philadelphia Conference in May.

Registration flyers are available for downloading at the 2008 Conference Website:

http://www.same-2008.org/Exhibitor_Sponsor_Info.htm

Also, members of the Sustainer Committee will be selling event sponsorships and exhibitor booths for the 2008 conference at the 2007 conference in Philadelphia, May 1-4. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth during registration and breaks throughout the 2007 conference. Post members who plan on attending the conference and are willing to help out at the exhibitor sales booth should contact Heather Cross at 563.264.6779 or crossheather@stanleygroup.com.

UPCOMING SAME EVENTS:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
May 10th	Alliant Energy – Winter Storm Effects	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
Wednesday, June 13th	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
July 12th	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
August 9th	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
August	X-Stream River Clean-up	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
September 14th	Scholarship Golf Outing	Heather Cross, Ph 563.264.6779 Email: crossheather@stanleygroup.com
October 17th	Training Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph 319-841-4391 Email: mryan@hrgreen.com
November 8th	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
December 13th	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil

Date	Other Events	Event Information
May 1 to May 4, 2007	Joint Engineer Education and Training Conference and Expo, Philadelphia, PA	www.phillysame2007.org
August 15-17	Ohio Valley & Great Lakes Regional Conference	www.same.org

