

October, 2008



# Philadelphia Section AIHA/ Philadelphia Chapter ASSE Newsletter



## **October Breakfast/Lunch Meeting Thursday, October 23rd “Creating And Sustaining A Strong Safety Culture”**

As Occupational Safety and Health Professionals, we strive to create a world-class safety program for our companies and our employees. As we face the challenges of an aging work force, a strained economy and tightening purse strings, we need to be sure to communicate to upper management that safety is not a top-line expense, but rather a bottom-line savings opportunity. Hanging a sign at the entrance of the plant that says "Safety First" is not going to promote the culture that we all desire. It is essential that employees believe that upper management is committed to their quality of life by providing the tools to educate and the support to sustain a strong safety culture.

The presentations from our guest speakers, Jack Edgington and Michael Topf, will cover the different elements and steps to creating a strong and sustainable safety culture, as well as getting management and employee support for the long haul. You will hear methods of selling safety to management and concepts on getting the employees engaged.

With their many years of experience in turning safety cultures around and saving companies millions of dollars, our speakers will pass along their wealth of knowledge with you. Come prepared with questions and experiences to share with the group, and anticipate going back to your place of work with many new ideas and a new excitement for safety.

Philadelphia Chapter ASSE/  
Philadelphia Section AIHA

October 23, 2008 Breakfast/Lunch Meeting

**“Creating and Sustaining a  
Strong Safety Culture”**

Agenda

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Greetings, Introductions and Announcements
8:15 - 10:00 AM	Jack Edgington
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break/Networking Opportunity
10:15 - 11:45 AM	Michael Topf
11:45 - 12:00 AM	Break/Networking Opportunity
12:00 Noon	Lunch

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Price: **\$50** (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

All payments to be made at the door (cash or check only, checks payable to “Philadelphia Section AIHA”)

**Due to the anticipated popularity of this meeting, and limited meeting space, pre-registration for this meeting is MANDATORY. Registration will end, without notice, when all available spaces have been filled.**

To register, please send an email, with your name, company affiliation, and your association affiliation (Phila. AIHA, Phila. ASSE, both or neither) to [tmueller@saferemployees.com](mailto:tmueller@saferemployees.com).

The deadline for pre-registration is **Friday, October 17th**.



## Jack Edgington: RCI Safe Solutions



Jack Edgington is the Founder and President of RCI Safe Solutions, a nationally recognized leader in Safety Awareness, Recognition and Motivation.

Jack has 18 years of experience and is recognized as a pioneer in the development of Safety Awareness and Recognition programs for a broad range of industries. His achievements include multiple patents, copyrights and trademarked concepts and products in the areas of Safety Awareness and Education, Cultural Assessment and Development and Safety Recognition and Motivation.

In 1990, Jack was credited with creating the first scratch off recognition system for safety. Scratch Safe® quickly became a national success and changed the way that employees were recognized for safety performance. Today, there has been an astounding 1,500,000 employees participate in the program.

Shortly after the launch of Scratch Safe®, Jack realized that reducing accident frequency and severity is the result of an integrated combination of efforts such as training, awareness, and then recognition. The reason incentives and recognition are an integral part of safety programs is that they effectively secure an employee's attention to management's goals. A well-designed recognition program encourages and rewards positive safety-related behavior. From that ideology spawned a revolution in the ability to create impactful training posters and graphics with our cutting edge Power Tools for Safety™ awareness programs.

Today, his programs currently impact 400,000 employees on a daily basis. His award winning programs have created dynamic, sustained results while saving America's largest employers an estimated \$175,000,000 in incurred costs.

As a recognized keynote speaker, Jack speaks to annual audiences in excess of 10,000 participants. His audiences include some of the country's most active, influential safety professionals from organizations such as AIG, Marsh, Frito Lay and others. Jack's presentations are dynamic, passionate and will completely empower your group to support and steward a successful safety culture. His approach will engage your team to perform meaningful cultural assessments, while driving successful safety initiatives through peer support and Effective Safety Committees.

From emerging companies to the Fortune 500, many organizations have been greatly impacted by Jack's concepts and methodical approach. Here are just a few ....

AIG, American Airlines, ADS, Blockbuster, PepsiCo, Ecolab, Michaels Stores, FedEx Kinko's, Miller Brewing, Haggar, Brinks, Michelin, Loomis Fargo, Weston Bakeries, IESI, Mission Foods, LSG Sky Chefs, E & J Gallo, Schneider National, Imerys, Cargill, Darling International, Kerry Foods, Rubber Maid, TXI, TGI Fridays, IESI, Entenmanns Brands, Tropicana, Sally Beauty.

Jack has created an extensive library of safety related study guides and materials in multiple industries. He has published articles published in Facility Safety Magazine, as well as many industry specific newsletters and periodicals. He is the author of *The Effective Safety Committee™*, *Recognize, Don't "Incentivize"* and *Steps to a Sustained Safety Culture* with a combined print circulation of in excess of



## Michael D. Topf: Topf Initiatives

Michael D. Topf is the Founder and President of TOPF. Michael has extensive experience in consulting as well as designing and conducting training courses in Executive Leadership, Management & line Employee Development and other areas of Organizational Effectiveness.



Michael has pioneered a holistic, integrated methodology to assist all levels of employees in creating an organizational culture committed to safety, health and environmental excellence thru developing safe attitudes and behaviors to prevent errors and resulting accidents, injuries, health and environmental incidents.

Michael has a BS in Biology and Chemistry, as well as, a MA in Applied Psychology and a MA in Theology. He was an Instructor in the Graduate Program in Health and Safety Administration at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and has published many articles in a variety of safety and health publications. He has been a speaker and presenter at numerous corporate, as well as, national and local ASSE, NSC and specialty conferences over the past 25 years on the topics of organizational and personal effectiveness, safety, health and environmental culture change and attitudinal and behavioral approaches to preventing errors and improving safety, health and environmental performance.

Michael was employed as a Research Assistant for the State Department of Health in NJ and at NYU Medical Center. He worked as a Hospital Administrator for Mt. Sinai, Montifiore and Beth Israel Medical Centers in New York City and at John Runnels Hospital in Berkley Heights, NJ. He became a Mental Health Counselor and worked in Rehab and private practice. He founded TOPF in 1980, conducting Organizational Effectiveness Training and Consulting Services. TOPF specialized in SH&E Culture and Attitudinal and Behavioral Improvement and Incident Prevention in 1983.

## Upcoming Meeting Information

### Philadelphia Section AIHA:

Tuesday, November 18th: *"Combustible Dust"* (time/location to be announced)

Friday, December 5th: *Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition* (Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, NJ)

February (date to be announced): *"Global Harmonization/REACH"*

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### Philadelphia Chapter ASSE:

Thursday, November 13th: *"Workplace Violence"* (Maggiano's King of Prussia)

Thursday, December 18th: Social Event/Past Presidents' Dinner (time/location to be announced)

Thursday, January 15th: *"Preparing for an OSHA Inspection"* (time/location to be announced)

## Maggiano's Little Italy

205 Mall Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA  
610-992-3333

<http://www.maggianos.com>

*Maggiano's Little Italy is located in the south-west corner of the King of Prussia Mall complex, off Mall Boulevard.*

For directions from your location, [click here](#).

### **From PA Turnpike (I-276):**

Take exit #326 at Valley Forge; follow this road to exit #327 onto N. Gulph Rd.; take a right at the second light onto Goddard Boulevard; Follow this road to the mall.

### **Traveling I-76:**

Take 76 W towards Valley Forge; take exit #327 onto Mall Boulevard; this puts you directly at the mall.

### **Traveling Route 202:**

King of Prussia Mall is located directly off Route 202; turn onto Mall Boulevard to enter the mall.

### **Traveling Route 422:**

From 422 E, Take First Avenue exit; turn Right onto N. Gulph Road; turn Left onto Goddard Boulevard and follow this road to the mall.

### **Traveling I-95 (from Delaware and Points South):**

Follow 95 to 476 N; from 476 N, Take exit #16B onto 76 W; follow 76 W toward Valley Forge to exit #327; this puts you on Mall Boulevard, directly at the mall.

### **Traveling I-95 (from NJ, Bucks County and Points North):**

From 95 S, take Rt. 1 S; take PA Turnpike W; take exit #326 at Valley Forge; follow this road to exit #327 onto N. Gulph Rd.; take a right at the second light onto Goddard Blvd.; follow this road to the mall.

