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**Greater Detroit Chapter's 50th Anniversary**



**Friday, August 25th  
The Harbour Report  
Luncheon**



**Speaker: Michelle Hill**, Director of Benchmarking - North America, Harbour Consulting

The Harbour Report is a comprehensive annual view of how North American automobile manufacturers stack up on clearly defined metrics of productivity. Specifically:

- \* Who are the best and what separates them from the rest?
- \* Which automakers are improving the most?
- \* What strategies are different companies pursuing to raise productivity?
- \* What does the data show about the future?

**Early registration before August 12** Everyone = \$15

**Late Registration on or after August 12** Students \$20, Members \$25, Non-member \$30

11:30 am	Lunch
12:10 pm	Past President Recognition
12:15 - 1:30	Harbour Report Presentation

**Location:** The Gazebo, 31104 Mound Road, Warren, MI, 48091, (586) 979-6030

**Note: RSVP required.** Please RSVP by emailing [gdaltman@gmail.com](mailto:gdaltman@gmail.com)

**For Early Pre-Pay:** Please mail check or money order to (post mark before 8/15/2006):  
IIE Detroit Chapter, PO box 4294, Troy, MI 48099-4294

**Tuesday, September 5th  
Detroit Tiger Baseball Game**

with the U of M Dearborn student IIE membership

Game starts at 7:05 pm, Detroit vs Seattle

**Contact:** Vito Wasniewski at [vitowas2000@yahoo.com](mailto:vitowas2000@yahoo.com) for reservations.

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## President's Message

By Victor Lloyd

I attended the IIE National event's VOLT leadership training as the President Elect. It was just wonderful in giving me a unique opportunity to meet leadership within the IIE National Office and to get a great perspective on how to help move the chapter and our organization forward. This was a truly rewarding experience for me to see and interact with so many highly talented IEs. I was humbled by the examples of great leadership, presentations and the quality of services being carried out by those of us in the field as practitioners. It was truly a great experience.



In getting down to business, there have been several recent vacancies on our board:

- **Bijay Nayak** has taken a position as Chief Lean Promotion Officer at American Standard Companies. Bijay indicates he will first spend 2-3 years in Panama City, Florida followed by Pueblo, Colorado and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bijay noted, "Thank you very much for all your help, support and cooperation in past 6 years. I hope you will continue to keep IIE-GDC strong, healthy and active. Wish you all the Very Best, Good Luck and God Speed."

- **Jayant Trewn** has taken a management team position as VP of Quality and Process Re-engineering at Lason, Inc. It will take up much of his spare time and we will miss him.

- **Vidyasagar Murty** has taken a new position with Limited Brands in Columbus, Ohio as a Project Engineer. "It was great working with you all and getting to know you guys. I wish the board all the best - both with the board's activities and your individual endeavors."

- **Tej Jhamb**, who previously retired from the Budd Company, has left for personal reasons. His leadership and performance set new standards. Tej mentioned, "I thank all of you for your support and kindness. I enjoyed working with all of you. I will still be available on a professional level."

We wish them all the best.

These vacancies have left openings on our board of directors. We offer you to join our Officers / Board in any Vice President position.

- **VP of Information Technology (Webmaster)**
- **VP of Public Relations (send News Releases to Media)**
- **VP of E-mail (meeting notices to Chapter members)**

Come join the team.

Contact Victor at vlloyd71@comcast.net

Victor

## Chapter Activity Report

By Kristen Cavender

The Greater Detroit Chapter has held 7 board meetings so far this year.

The IIE-GDC has received the Gold Award for the scoring of our Chapter activities at the National IIE Conference and Exposition.

The Chapter provided Community Service at the Cass Corridor neighborhood with landscaping projects. See article on Page 5.

Several Detroit Chapter IIE members met with other Region IV IIE members at Put-In-Bay for a picnic BBQ. See article on Page 5.

We are looking to fill several leadership positions on our board as Vice President Officers.

### Would you like to:

\*\*\* Run our Detroit Chapter website?

\*\*\* Prepare our Chapter News Releases to the press, trade magazines, Universities, etc.?

\*\*\* Handle our Chapter e-mail distribution?

Contact Victor Lloyd at vlloyd71@comcast.net



# Harbour Report Presentation

Friday, August 25, 2006

At Noon



## Harbour Report Presentation

Date August 25, 2006 (Friday)

### Agenda

11:30: Lunch

12:10: Past President Recognition

12:15 - 1:30: Harbour Report Presentation

## The Harbour Report 2006

Efficiency and productivity are key elements to any successful manufacturing endeavor. The Harbour Report is a comprehensive annual view of how North American automobile manufacturers stack up on clearly defined metrics of productivity. The evening's discussion will focus on The Harbour Report 2006 and the story behind it. Who are the best and what separates them from the rest? Which auto-makers are improving the most? What strategies are different companies pursuing to raise productivity? What does the data show about the future? Which companies have the most unused capacity and what are they doing about it? Some of the findings will surprise you.

### Location

The Gazebo Banquet & Conference Center  
31004 Mound Road  
Warren, MI 48092  
Directions: <http://www.gazebobanquets.com/Map.html>

Lunch is provided, buffet style.

Please RSVP by emailing [gdaltman@gmail.com](mailto:gdaltman@gmail.com)

### Speaker

Michelle Hill  
Director of Benchmarking -  
North America  
Harbour Consulting  
[www.harbourinc.com](http://www.harbourinc.com)



Michelle Hill  
**Director of Benchmarking - North America**

Michelle Hill, Director of Benchmarking – North America, joined the company in 1999. Michelle's primary responsibility is the development, management and execution of *The Harbour Report North America*, competitive analysis and cooperative benchmarking studies. She has more than 12 years of experience in the auto industry, both with original equipment manufacturers and suppliers. As The Harbour Report project leader, Michelle secures each company's participation, collects, verifies and analyzes data, coordinates plant visits and trains participating companies in methodology. She is working to expand The Harbour Report to South America and Asia. In addition, she has worked on a variety of projects and market research studies for OEMs and suppliers. Before joining the Harbour team Hill spent two years as controller of an automotive supplier and two years as controller of an automotive tool and mold supplier. She has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Windsor

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# Membership Activities

## IIE Region IV Put-In-Bay BBQ Picnic on July 15th

**Bob Schroer**, IIE Columbus Chapter president writes:

*It was a beautiful day at Put 'n Bay... Taking Miller Ferry over from Catawba Island to South Bass Island and then a bus to downtown Put 'n Bay we arrived about 1:00 PM at the park. We looked for the Michigan State University Flag but only noticed some smoke coming from the northeast corner of the park. Figured this must be where Vito, Past Region IV RVP, was grilling the burgers.*

*We all enjoyed the burgers, veggies, fruit and drinks that were brought for our enjoyment. We talked a little IE talk, mostly about the companies we work for, getting to know one another better. Afterwards we all took off in different directions to enjoy what the island had to offer.*

*This was our third year making Vito's IIE Region IV Put 'n Bay day an excuse to go to the island. Wish more IIE members would show up. This is really a fantastic place, time and reason to visit. It truly was a beautiful day at Put 'n Bay!*

**Vito Wasniewski** noted that Patrick Wilson (another Columbus chapter member) was able to find the "University of Michigan" flag. **Patrick Wilson** is a former Wayne State Student and previous winner of our Irv Otis Scholarship Award.

### Brainard Street Clean-up, Community Service Day, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> by Vito Wasniewski

*You know what - I worked hard all that day - I think we moved like 3 truckloads of mulch. I was sore later that day - and did not go out with my friends and went to bed early that night. I was bummed that I did not cut my grass - because we had a break in the rain - and it looks like I might not be able to cut it till Wednesday - that's 10 days!!!*

*But you know what? It felt good to be doing something like this - and meet some new people. Afterwards we went to Honest John's Bar - and had a great meal and adult beverages. And we learned a lot about each other.*

*I highly recommend everyone try this. It's not what you expect - you get a lot out of it - and you sleep well that night. I am really looking forward to the next one.*



*We really should have gotten some before and after pics of the sites we improved.*

Photograph by Gary Altman.

# Career Development



Company: GE Healthcare (\$14billion division of GE)  
Division: Clinical Systems Division (\$3.5 billion division)  
Location: Milwaukee, WI  
Position: Global Lean Leader  
Contact: Craig Lemmon, *Vertex International Group*  
214-432-0682, [www.vertexig.com](http://www.vertexig.com)

Company: PMC, Production Modeling Corporation  
Positions: Line balancing experience and MODAPTS  
PMC will train in MODAPTS if you have line balancing exp.  
Contact: Victor Lloyd at [vlloyd71@comcast.net](mailto:vlloyd71@comcast.net)

Location: Greater Milwaukee area  
Position: IE solutions to logistics functions for plants, warehouses and third party distribution centers.  
Requirements: BA BS degree, 5 years related experience.  
Contact: Michael Klass, Joan Leslie Search, div. of Joan Leslie Personnel, Inc., [michael@jlstaffing.com](mailto:michael@jlstaffing.com), 732-494-6650, fax 732-549-8508

If any Chapter member would like to post a job opening or situation wanted, please contact: Greg Andrysiak at (248) 442-8607 [greg.andrysiak@trw.com](mailto:greg.andrysiak@trw.com). Please see our website at [iiedetroit.org](http://iiedetroit.org) for the latest job openings or situations wanted.

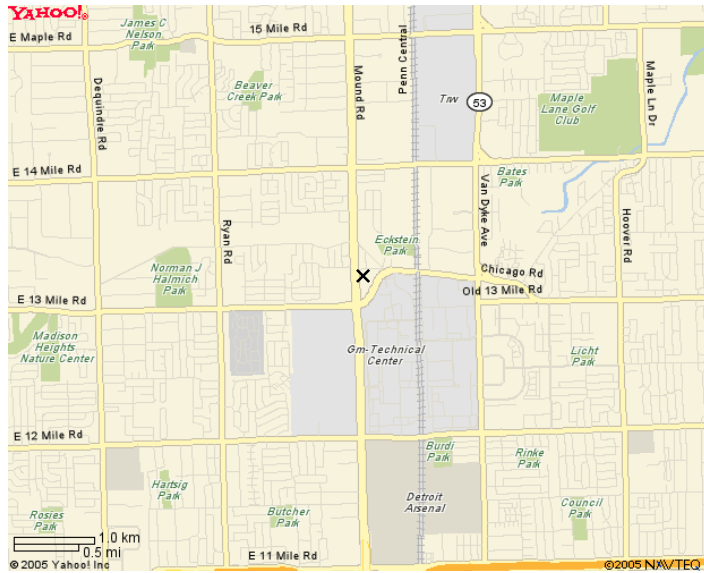
# Membership Report

**Greater Detroit Chapter of IIE**  
**TOTAL MEMBERS = 229**  
**From 4/4/06 to 8/3/06**

## NEW MEMBERS, TRANSFERS INTO THIS CHAPTER, AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Jeffrey T. Arnold | Jacqueline A. Chestnut |
| Gregor Ciccia     | Rommel C. D'Souza      |
| David Hyatt       | Susan Khoubyari        |
| Rich Leonard      | Dana Y. Meah           |
| Bilal A. Memon    | Chip Napier            |
| Joseph Nowak      | Lawrence M. Seiford    |
| Michael P. Thomas | Munisamy Vedanayagam   |
| Walter von Roth   | James P. Witzerman     |

## Friday, August 25th The Harbour Report



The Gazebo, 31104 Mound Road, Warren, MI, 48091

### General Directions:

From Interstates I-75 and I-696 Interchange:  
Take I-696 East to the Mound Road exit, exit number 22 (3.2 miles)  
Keep Left at the fork in the ramp  
Merge onto Mound Road (1.8 miles)  
Entrance is off Mound Road on the North East corner

## Upcoming Events in 2006

August 25th - Harbour Report

September 5th—Detroit Tiger Baseball Game  
with the U of M Dearborn IIE

September - Student Outreach/ Oakland University

October - Tools Simulation for Healthcare  
presented by PMC

November - U of M and OSU Challenge

November - Detroit News & Free Press facility tour

December - Holiday Dinner & Board Installation

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The IIE-GDC plans to stop sending newsletters through the postal mail in 2007. Instead, there will be an email notification when the newsletter is posted on our website.

### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

Make sure that you have your latest email address on the IIE national database. You can do this by going to "Manage Your Membership", and "Update your member profile", at:

<http://web.iienet.org/memberupdate/login.asp>

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## DATED MATERIAL