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2009 IIE GDC Awards Announced

The Institute of Industrial Engineers-Greater Detroit Chapter announced its 2009 award winners.

The 2009 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Victor Lloyd and the 2009 Irv Otis Scholarship recipient is Vanda Ametli, Wayne State University.

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2008 Holiday Dinner

The Greater Detroit Chapter Holiday Dinner and Officer Installation was December 11 at Loco's Bar and Grill in Detroit, MI. We had a good turnout of both members and officers to enjoy each other's company and welcome the new officers. Jeff VandenBoom, 2009 President, gave a concise and motivated acceptance speech thanking the officers for their commitment and looking forward to 2009 and the great opportunity we have with the Greater Detroit Chapter. Thank you to all that attended.

Outgoing President, Gary Altman handing over the 2009 Chapter Stewardship to incoming President, Jeff VandenBoom



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2009 Officers

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2009 Programs

Upcoming Programs

Wed Feb 25 ESD Annual Affiliate Council Dinner
Feb 28 to March 1 IIE Great Lakes Regional Conference at Wayne State University

Check out details at Greater Detroit Chapter Website at:

www.iiedetroit.org

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Gary Altman

“One of the new programs will be our “Wednesday Mixers”. Join us for these and other social events that allow you to meet fellow IIE members and other professionals in a less formal setting.”

Chapter Presidents Message

IIE Greater Detroit Chapter,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the chapter during 2008. It has been an extremely trying year for many of us in Michigan and I am very proud of our membership for your support of IIE. Our Greater Detroit Chapter officers remain committed to providing programs and resources to our members in an effort to strengthen the image of IE's and meet your membership needs.

Many of our 2008 officers will be returning in 2009 with some new faces to help the chapter grow stronger. As you attend programs throughout 2009 please take a minute to introduce yourself to the chapter officers and ask them about their goals for IIE and the IE profession. Your new officers are listed on the chapter website at www.iiedetroit.org.

Back in January of 2008 my goal for the chapter was to strengthen our relationships with student chapters. I am especially excited to head into 2009 with the establishment of our Student Outreach Team. This team has allowed us to stay in closer contact with our student chapters and better mentor their membership, who will be our future leaders.

Thank you to all of the IIE GDC officers who volunteer to help with this team! This is also a good time to remind everyone that the IIE Regional Conference will be at Wayne State University at the end of February (<http://www.ime.wayne.edu/iie/>).

As we look forward to the program year in 2009 you will notice that we have a new Six Sigma Symposium on April 24 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, MI. This came in part from the success of the original IIE/ Beaumont Symposiums. Word is spreading that IIE is the organization to partner with when educating about performance improvement. We should all take pride in the recognition our profession is receiving and work to promote it further. This will be the 7th year for the event and it is growing stronger and larger than ever!

I look forward to seeing the great work of our new officers and hope to see all of you at programs during 2009. Have a safe and enjoyable New Year!

Sincerely,

Gary Altman

President

IIE – Greater Detroit Chapter

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The IIE Detroit Chapter #047 has 270 members in the greater Detroit metropolitan area. See our website at <http://www.iiedetroit.org/>.

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2008 Program Updates

IIE Careers Symposium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

The 2nd Annual IE Careers Symposium at Wayne State University was held on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The president of the IIE Student Chapter at Wayne State University, Vanda Ametlli, opened and closed the event. The IIE Greater Detroit Senior Chapter (IIE-GDC) arranged for four speakers to discuss their profession and career path with alumni and current students in IE programs of local universities (Wayne State University and Oakland University). Each speaker represented a different area of work: manufacturing, healthcare, IT, or research/ergonomics. The speakers focused their presentations on their individual career path (How did I get here?), an overview of their current position (What do I do?), and some insight on what skills have made them successful in their career. In addition to the careers speakers, Gary Altman, President of the IIE-GDC, presented the benefits of being an active IIE member. After the presentations, a panel discussion took place where all the speakers answered questions from the audience.

2008 Holiday Dinner. Thursday December 11th, 2008

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Holiday Dinner Attendees





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Chapter Activity Report

V.P. Chapter Development, Brent Gillett

There are always areas we have an opportunity for points in our Gold award scoring:

- Membership activities
- Membership recruitment activities
- Increase member attendance at meetings
- Increase member /chapter/institute support



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www.iiedetroit.org**

Would you like to assist the Chapter?

- Run our Detroit Chapter website?
- Prepare our Chapter News Releases to the press, trade magazines, Universities, etc.?
- Handle our Chapter e-mail distribution?

**Newsletter questions:
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Contact Gary Altman at president@iiedetroit.org

KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATED

The IIE-GDC will send an email notification when the newsletter is posted on our website. 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", <http://web.iienet.org/memberupdate/login.asp>

Jobs

Careers In Lean Six Sigma.

Director, Corporate Quality Assurance

Client in Nashville, TN with an immediate need for a Director, Corporate Quality Assurance. Pharma/CRO industry experience is NOT required, however at least 5 years in a regulated clinical research environment is required e.g., clinics or hospitals conducting clinical trials). Minimal travel (<10%) is required for the position. Relocation assistance to Nashville will be provided for the right candidate.

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StraNexus Apprentice Program - 2008



After a successful pilot last year, we are pleased to announce the expansion of the StraNexus Apprentice Program 2008 in the State of Michigan, and surrounding areas of Buffalo and Rochester in New York. We are inviting you, as company representatives to take part in this truly unique opportunity.

Over the years, as we hired high calibre Industrial Engineering students and graduates from various universities, we found that while they were great in creating specific solutions, there were a couple of key skill sets around organizational 'buy-in' and practical implementation of projects that took a couple of years of truly honing. Helping the high-calibre students and graduates accelerate this learning curve, became the driving force in forming this truly 'win-win' StraNexus Apprentice Program.

This initiative is a partnership between our team of senior engineers, executives, 'dream-team' of trainers, apprentices, universities and a not-for-profit organization to deliver a high intensity consulting project at heavily subsidized rates over the course of 16 weeks commencing April / May 2008. Apart from obtaining this high-calibre team at less than one fourth our industry standard rates, some key benefits to partnering organizations include, sourcing high-calibre resources, tangible implementation of key industrial engineering related projects, and creating consensus and 'buy-in' at all levels of the organization.

Our company executives will be in your area for select days in March and early April, 2008 to discuss applicability of this program with select companies. To find out more information or to set up a time for such a discussion please contact Prince Kumar. Tel: 416-602-6398 or email: prince.kumar@stranexus.ca