



March 2012 & Beyond

As I write this I stare out my window at bright sunny skies with no snow on the ground or in the immediate forecast, what a difference a year makes!

Speaking of forecasts, the outlook is strong for metalcasters according to the January issue of Modern Casting, Sales are projected to grow to pre-recession levels all the way through 2015. I don't know if all of you are experiencing this yet, here in the New England area we seemed to have taken a harder hit than some of the other areas of the country, but it definitely feels as if the economy is coming back. Also the recent trend to re-shoring or on-shoring which means the return of products or processes to our own soil is growing, and this will continue to provide a needed boost to our growth. Things are beginning to look up. It would appear that the worst is over, so let's get on to making castings.

We will be holding our chapter meeting in March in conjunction with the CMI course (Safety in the Foundry, sponsored by the Chapter) and I challenge the Ocean Staters to show their numbers! Date and time will be Wednesday March 28 at 5:00 P.M. at the Hampton Inn, 2100 Post Rd. in Warwick, RI. The cost of the dinner is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. Any chapter members attending the 2 day seminar will receive their dinner free. The presenters of the course will be holding a roundtable discussion regarding Safety so this is a great chance to ask those tough questions and be prepared for the possibility of an OSHA visit. If you are planning to attend please call me at 203-305-6274 or emarczyszak@burndy.com to register, or Kevin Vecchiarelli at 860-749-6171 or Kevin@YankeeCasting.com

We are happy to announce that on May 8th, we will have a meeting in Nashua, New Hampshire at Bronze Craft, located at 37 Will Street. Jim Bernard, President and CEO of Bronze Craft AND a former New England AFS Chapter Chairman, has graciously agreed to open his facility for tours from 2:00 to 4:00. This tour will be followed by a dinner meeting at 5:00 P.M. at the Country Tavern, 452 Amherst Street. At dinner, Jim will discuss "Smart Window Hardware, How Castings Can Help Reduce Energy Usage." The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members, again we will need an accurate headcount so contact either me or Kevin Vecchiarelli our Vice-Chairman to confirm your attendance.

Mark Johnson has once again agreed to chair the annual golf outing with the assistance of Tom Perkins and Steve Liff. They will be putting together another great affair. It will take place June 8th, and details will follow in our next newsletter as well as updates on our website.

Scholarship applications are now available on our website and must be completed and submitted by May 1, 2012 in order to be considered for this year's award. The winner of the scholarship will be asked to be our guest at the golf outing dinner and will be presented with their check there. If you know of anyone who meets the criteria for application, have them download the application and submit it as soon as possible. Our goal is to help someone who is interested in, is working in, or has worked in the foundry fields.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics, the chapter remains strong through the efforts of our members.

Anyone interested in joining the board please e-mail me at emarczyszak@burndy.com, we welcome your interest and participation.

Don't forget to visit our website, www.newenglandafs.com

Thanks for your continued support,
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman