

Mass. Again another valuable presentation for our members as safety can't be emphasized enough in our industry.

We will also be working on the golf outing again for June, so our calendar is filling up quickly. Circle these dates and do your best to attend. Your chapter needs your support.

As I noted in last month's newsletter, we are looking to grow the chapter not only in membership but in our presentations, and in our ability to communicate to our members. I created a New England Chapter of the AFS Group on "Linkedin" the social networking site for business men and women. I have sent out invitations to everyone on our list. If you did not receive one, or if it was kicked into your spam file, send me your e-mail address and I will issue another invitation. We are using this site to help get out meeting notices and also topics of interest to our members.

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 email me at emarczyszak@burndy.com, we welcome your interest and participation. Thanks for your continued support.

Ed Marczyszak
Chairman

*"Too bad Lassie didn't
know how to ice skate,
because then if she was
in Holland on vacation
in the winter and some-
one said "Lassie, go
skate for help," she
could do it." - Jack Handy*



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By the time this newsletter reaches you I hope that the groundhog will have come out of his burrow and predicted an early spring! I'm afraid, however, that he may have to borrow a shovel or snow blower to make good his exit. It has been one nasty winter so far and it may not be over yet.

This is one of the reasons why we had our first webinar meeting in January. It was an attempt to keep the chapter members in contact and also offer a presentation to the membership. This technology offers the opportunity for members to share ideas, opinions and advice without facing the tremendous and dangerous ride to a chapter meeting. Those who participated were amazed at the ease and the ability to interact. We will try another webinar meeting in the future. If there are any topics that you would like to have presented, please let myself or any of the other board members know.

Our new AFS New England Chapter website is up and running! If you haven't visited yet, please do so! The web address is www.newenglandafs.com. It is a work in progress, but our webmaster is doing a great job and is always looking for suggestions! Kudos to Webmaster Tom Vecchiarelli of

Yankee Casting for his hard work and efforts.

We are holding a board meeting on March 10, 2011. This will be a tele-conference meeting and all board members should have received an Outlook invitation with the call in number and access code. If you haven't received it let me know and we will resend.

Big news for April! We have been successful in obtaining a commitment from the CT State Police, Lt. Vance, to be a speaker at our April meeting. His presentation will be "General Information for Employers" which will include the hot topic of Workplace Violence. As most of you are aware, there was a terrible workplace violence event that took place in CT recently resulting in numerous deaths. There are many clues or hints that a worker can become violent and every employer should educate himself as to what those are. The date is Tuesday, April 5, 2011, and the location is yet to be determined, but it will be at a Connecticut site. I would urge everyone to attend, especially my fellow nutmeggers, as this topic is important for every employer large or small.

On May 10, 2011 we have been able to secure Greg Barber of Inductotherm to do a presentation on "Induction Melting Safety & Techniques". This meeting will be at the Publick House in Sturbridge,

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