



December 2012 & Beyond

Seasons Greetings to all our Chapter members and friends!

Our November meeting was a success as our guest speaker, Anna Shapiro, of The Steel Yard of Providence, RI, presented on the role and mission of her organization. The organization is a non-profit industrial arts group that hosts Iron Guild events, and educates students and supporters about the iron casting industry. It also allows opportunities for at-risk youths to work on site at the various crafts and manufacturing facilities. This endeavor provides these young people with genuine work experience, exposure to the crafts, and helps build their self-esteem and marketability. They also sponsor community events like their "Iron Pour" which allows the general population to be exposed to the actual process of melting iron, sand molding, and pouring of the metal. All the attendees agreed that they did a great job of presenting and they are worthy of our support.

I have asked Anna to pick a couple of dates in September 2013 and we will schedule another meeting next year at her organization's site in Providence RI. As soon as I have further details I will follow up with a mailing.

The next chapter event is our annual holiday party. Our treasurer, Karl Nye, of Marlborough Foundry has arranged for us to attend the Fireplace Feast at Salem Crossing Inn on December 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.. The Inn is located in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, and the cost is \$55 per person. The food is cooked on an open hearth fireplace in the traditional colonial style. In addition, they have sleigh rides or carriage rides dependent on the weather, and honestly what can be more fun than bundling up with a bunch of foundrymen and going off on a sleigh ride? All joking aside, it looks to be a fun event and well worth attending. Please let Karl Nye or Kevin Vecchiarelli of Yankee Casting know if you plan on attending. We need an accurate headcount by 11/30/12. More information regarding this event is available on our website, www.newenglandafs.com

Our chapter is looking into sponsoring another CMI course next year. As we iron out the details we will follow up with further information in future newsletters.

The board has also met electronically via webinars and will schedule some of our membership meetings in this format. As soon as we have details regarding the next meeting schedule we will post it on our website and send out an electronic notice to all members. If we don't have your e-mail then please send it to me emarczyszak@burndy.com or kevin vecchiarelli at Kevin@Yankeecasting.com so we can add you to our list.

Also a reminder that we have a New England Chapter page on LinkedIn and also a Facebook page both of which are being used to announce upcoming events. If you aren't able to connect on either let me know and we'll get you set up.

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.

Finally on behalf of myself and all the board members, we wish all our members and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thanks for your continued support,

See you in the New Year.

Ed Marczyszak

Chairman