



## Season's Greetings Everyone,

It seems like just a few weeks ago we were celebrating the New Year and beginning 2016.

The year has passed by quickly and the holidays are upon us, a New Year is right around the corner and your officers and Board members are already working on potential meetings, visits and tours. As always we'll try and schedule events in various locations to give everyone an opportunity to participate. Also we will continue to look for relevant

and valuable presentations that will help keep you up to date on regulatory compliance, technological advances in our industry and general business issues to help you run a safe and profitable business. In order for us to be successful in our efforts, we need your help, let us know if there are pertinent or relevant topics you want addressed. Give us your suggestions and we'll do the best we can to find an Expert to present at one of our meetings. Or we can try and schedule a webinar so that we can reach a greater audience while minimizing the travel time for all that wish to participate.

There is one critical ingredient that is necessary to make these events a success, and that ingredient is **you**. Please take the time to schedule and attend a meeting or event, the time you spend at a meeting can pay in dividends such as: scrap reduction, safety improvements, increased sales, or exposure to new methods to keep you competitive in our industry. I'll be looking for you, **don't let me down.**

This past year we had a total of 6 events.

In April we met in Sturbridge, MA for a presentation from the EPA, the presentation was, "An Inspector's View" by Joseph Conzano of the EPA. An excellent presentation with a great deal of useful information for foundries.

May saw the chapter meeting again in Sturbridge, MA to hear Joseph Puffer, LEAN Engineer from Burndy LLC present on "LEAN Fundamentals and how they can improve your business's profitability." Again well received with a good amount of value to help keep your facility productive and profitable.

June we were in Charlton, MA for the annual golf outing, once again Mark Johnson and Brian White of DW Clark did a great job. Kudos to these guys for putting it together, this takes a lot of time and effort and we really appreciate their doing it for the chapter.

September saw the Chapter meeting in Sturbridge for a presentation on the new OSHA regulations regarding Silica Sand presented by Brian Harms of TRC Environmental Corporation and the distinguished author of the "AFS Silica Control Manual". It was the best attended meeting that I can remember, an excellent presentation and valuable information for anyone using Silica Sand for molding.

In October the chapter met again in Sturbridge, MA, this time we had the pleasure of a presentation by Leo Baran, Director of Membership Services for the AFS. He spoke about outreach to students, clubs and businesses, the message was to get involved and reach out these groups. Show them the benefits of metal casting and the excellent careers that are available. As expected Leo did a great job of presenting and kept everyone's interest and improved everyone's outlook and motivation.

Filled with the gospel of Leo, the Board Members travelled to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA and met with Lori Friedman, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

The members were introduced to the 2016 Herbert Klein Memorial New England AFS Scholarship recipient who accompanied us during the tour of the school's foundry and manufacturing centers. We were all impressed with this young gentleman.

The Board agreed to make an additional contribution to the scholarship fund so that we can continue to assist deserving students working towards a degree in Manufacturing or Design Engineering. As well as a complimentary one year AFS Student membership to the scholarship recipient and a one year complimentary AFS Instructor membership to Jason DiPietro the foundry and manufacturing instructor. He's doing a great job at Wentworth and certainly deserved it.

All agreed that it was well worth the visit. The students we met were excited and eager using the latest equipment and procedures combined with the "tried and true" methods. We look forward to a continued relationship with Wentworth Institute of Technology. They have offered their technical support and services with any problems we may encounter at our own shops as well as placing students via the coop program. We will keep you informed of our future plans to visit other technical colleges and universities. Please join us; they are interesting and energetic events.

Our last event of the year was the Holiday Party; It took place on Friday December 02, 2016 at Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Theater in Newport, RI.

The group enjoyed an excellent buffet dinner followed by the presentation of "Nana's Naughty Knickers" it was a G rated event. Nobody really wanted to see Nana in a Naughty Nighty, but all agreed it was a funny and entertaining production. After the play the group returned to the dining room for an additional cabaret presentation of holiday songs presented by the cast. Everyone I spoke to said it was really a great night and they all enjoyed it.

Whew! After all of that I'm tired and can use the rest, we will not schedule any meetings again until April, but I am considering the possibility of a webinar presentation or two during the winter months.



I will discuss with the Board members and if we do plan a webinar I would strongly encourage your attendance as the topics may result in saving you some money from either governmental agencies or reduced production costs.

On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the New England Chapter of the AFS, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I look forward to meeting you all at a future meeting, but that can only happen if you attend. Please send me any ideas or suggestions as it is your chapter and your dime.



Happy New Year, hope to see you all next year.

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

Thanks for your continued support,  
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