



## KANSAS CITY SECTION NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

#### Balancing Act

It is sometimes difficult to decide what takes priority in our busy lives. There are demands at work that shift on an hourly basis, depending on what fire might be burning the hottest. There are issues at home that can take precedence over all others, such as when you have to be at the school play when your daughter is "the tree". We all have faced these dilemmas when we must stay late at work to meet a deadline and still try to make it home at night to make dinner and help with our children's homework.

Growing up, I had wonderful parents. My mother stayed at home with me during my early years and packed lunches, went on school field trips, and coached my soccer team. Meanwhile, my father worked to support the family. Now that I am older, I have learned about the sacrifices they both had to make just to support us.

Those days are just a distant memory now. If you are lucky enough to have both of your parents under the same roof, each parent must work to support the family. But is money enough, or is time more important? That is where the Balancing Act comes into play. Most of us have gotten pretty good at this, while some of us still need help.

Alysen....

### **ASEM-KC January General Meeting**

Cindy McCann, P.E., from HNTB will speak to ASEM on "Engineering Management and Gender".

Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 5:30PM  
KU Edwards Campus, Regnier Hall, Room 152

### **ASEM-KC Annual Management Workshop**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ASEM-KC Management Workshop was held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the KU Edwards Campus. Many members and guests enjoyed the presentations by Herb Tuttle, Darryl St. Aubin, and JD Biggs.



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## **ASEM-KC Upcoming Meetings and Events**

ASEM-KC has many exciting events planned. Mark your calendars now for:

January 18: General Meeting, Speaker Cindy McCann, P.E.

February '06 Meeting: Joint Meeting with ASQ, Speaker Cliff Cross

March '06 Meeting: St. Luke's Hospital and the Malcolm Baldrige Award (tentative)

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## ***ASEM Holiday Party***



Eleven ASEM members and guests enjoyed a holiday dinner at Figlio's restaurant on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Italian cuisine was savored by all, as well as wine and other holiday cheer.



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## **2005 ASEM-KC Officers**

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## **WEBSITES**

### **ASEM National**

<http://www.asem.org>

### **ASEM-KC WEBSITE**

<http://emgt.ku.edu/asem>

### **JEC WEBSITE**

<http://www.jec-kc.com>

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## ***ASEM-KC 2006 Officer Elections***

ASEM-KC is now accepting nominations for 2006 officer positions. This is a great opportunity to become involved as a leader in a professional organization. If you are interested in being an officer, contact Cliff Cross [cliff.cross@honeywell.com](mailto:cliff.cross@honeywell.com).

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## ***Member Spotlight***

A regular feature of the ASEM Newsletter...

December 2005 Spotlight: **Bob Chadwick**

### **Current Employer:**

Cerner Corporation, Project Leader

### **How long have you been at current employer?**

14 Years

### **As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

high school history teacher

### **Family:**

Children: Drake (24), Eric (17), Kelly (14)

Pets: Cinnamon and Shy (gerbils, Kelly named them)

### **Activities outside of work:**

cycling, Boy Scouts, rappelling and climbing, vocal music, model railroading

### **Favorite:**

**Books:** Tom Clancy novels, periodicals and current events magazines

**Movies:** Indiana Jones series, Monty Python and the Holy Grail

**Food:** Italian, Greek

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### ***Thought for the day:***

"Don't be too timid and squeamish about your action. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better." - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

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*Season's Greetings*