

NW IEC Regional Conference

“Time is Money”

April 16-17, 2004

Monarch Hotel/ Conference Center
Portland, OR

Many of us are going to this conference and would welcome your company’s participation in attending this local NW event/trade show/speakers and educational forum. The Oregon IEC has worked very hard to put this together for us in the NW. Don’t miss this bi-annual conference!

Take a look at the conference registration packet sent to you about two weeks ago. That had the complete hotel reservation information and Conference Schedule in it. Or call 360-876-1299 for a brochure to be sent to you.

When making your hotel reservation, which you need to do immediately, call The Monarch Hotel at (800) 492-8700. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$89.00 plus tax for attendees. Refer to our chapter name to ensure your room location is close to the partying!!

Chapter Dinner Meeting

Remember: Make your Dinner reservation by April 30, 2004!

Email your reservations to:
PugetSoundIEC@cs.com or call the office at 360-876-1299.

****Beyond your two complimentary dinner tickets**, company employees, spouses and other contractor guests are welcome at \$21.36 per person, inclusive. *Remember, all employees are IEC members and welcome! Make checks payable to PSW-IEC and mail to P.O.Box 1186, Olalla, WA 98359. It will be a winning night!*

And since we will be at the Little Creek Casino on Friday night, why not make it part of a fun weekend? Make a night of it by making your room reservation at the Casino hotel by calling 1-360-427-7711.



Harvard University announced new fibers which are thinner than the light waves they are designed to carry (about 50 nanometers) which allow coherent light to swirl around them. It is thought that application in sensor technology will allow breakthroughs.

Union membership declined from 20.1% of the workforce in 1983 to 13.2% in 2002, plus they lost 1.5 million jobs in the “slowdown”. However 500,000 workers created new unions last year and it is expected that the medical industry including doctors will add to that in the future. On average union workers allegedly earn \$150 per week more than non-union.

How’d he do that? Sen Kerry was a supporter of a recent bill in the house which allocated \$50,000,000 to build an indoor rainforest in IOWA. Bet Howard Dean would like to have thought of that.

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One of the worst pieces of Legislation to come down the pike in recent times is the Kennedy-Miller bill which would allow unions a card check system of forcing a union shop instead of a secret ballot. Everyone should support IEC’s fight on this one.

Leadership Conference Recap

Pro meeting planner Kathleen Bovello made all the difference in the world from the last RIO meeting at January’s IEC Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. Attendance exceeded staff expectations, programs went without a hitch and great energy was evident under the new IEC President JB Wise. (He was once mayor of El Segundo, CA).

National Future Planning Committee led by ex president Jim Thurman was an energetic, well planned, interesting and productive meeting. A new regional configuration of the association is being worked on as we speak.

New membership chairman Mike Kallmeyer, with handpicked committee, announced a new five year plan to double IEC membership.

PSWIEC members Bob Taylor and Rick Lambert attended.

