

Outgoing President's Message by "Doc" Morris

Season's Greetings to everyone in CNYSTC! For most people of (and influenced by) the Christian world, January 1, 2000 (they insist) will mark the start of the third millennium. But there are those, including Arthur C. Clarke, who believe that won't occur until 1/1/2001. There was no zero year. If you count your fingers and toes they total 20; number 20 is still part of your set. We do have another year to go.

According to the Hebrew calendar, we shall arrive at year 5761 on 30 September. The Chinese began to count on the Yellow River nine thousand years ago; their Year of the Dragon will turn on 5 February.

The Buddhist and Islamic worlds have different calendar counts, as did the ancient Incas, Toltecs and Egyptians. Who knows precisely when the "Big Icing" occurred? why not start counting from then? Whose millenium is it, really?

Zeroing into the finer focus of our own Chapter calendar, our January 2000 Chapter meeting starts our new academic year and the beginning of what we hope will become a new era for us. My presidential term ends with some measure of positive accomplishment to pass along:

Meeting attendance increased steadily and our Chapter took on a new life as **Bob Workman** redesigned our news letter and began helping **Mary Sabin** fill it with revitalized, newsy content. Bob also put us into the mainstream by creating and maintaining our own website and listserv. **Richard Inch** stepped forward and volunteered his help where and when we most needed it. **Jim Hamlett**, Past Chapter President and current Treasurer, guarded our funds. And, **Russell Terry**, past International President, regularly traveled from Rochester to render support. Without those people, my year would have been less than a winner.

Our CNY Chapter is unique in that it has the largest geographic area with the fewest assigned members. Yet, we have two fellows (Hamlett and myself), and (to paraphrase the U.S. Marines), a few good people. Let's continue to "Do it!" ■

CNYSTC is a Membership Drive Achiever!

Our Chapter grew 17.54 percent in size since June '99, making CNY STC the second largest growing Chapter in our size category in the nation! We're coming alive with new programs, new initiatives and interesting speakers. Come to our meetings. Learn. Network. Contribute. Be STC. Everybody benefits!
Next Meeting Wed Jan 19 7pm Betts Lib!

For Our Jan. 19th Meeting: Inficon's Bill Busher to discuss ISO9000 and 14000 Registration

Our speaker for our January 19th Chapter meeting at Betts Library will be Bill Busher, Quality Assurance Engineering Specialist working for Leybold Inficon, Inc., a manufacturer of process control instrumentation in East Syracuse, where he has been employed since 1972. Bill manages and is the lead assessor for both the ISO9000 Quality System and the ISO14000 Environmental System.

Bill is also involved in documentation control, supplier evaluation and surveillance and the electrostatic discharge control program. He is a main contact point for customers desiring information concerning the quality and environmental programs, as well as Y2K issues. In the area of printed circuit assemblies, he performs supplier evaluation and surveillance, as well as being a source of information regarding instrumentation process controls (IPC) and mil-standards.

Other responsibilities have included participation on teams concerned with facility utilization, engineering change control, printed circuit assembly, employee recognition and supplier certification. He holds training courses for employees in quality auditing, ESD control and the environmental management system.

Bill has an Associate's Degree in electronics from Mohawk Valley Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College. He successfully completed certified training for lead assessor for both ISO9001 and ISO14001, and is a Certified Quality Auditor through the American Society for Quality (ASQ). For the Syracuse Section of ASQ, he is a past Chairman, and currently chairs the Education and Program Committees. He is on the board of directors of the Technology Club of Syracuse and is currently first Vice President of that organization.

Bill and his wife Elaine currently live in the Fremont area of East Syracuse. They have three children and a granddaughter. ■

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