

Theme: Human Factors

Date: November 18, 2025

Time: 6:00–6:30pm (Social)
6:30–8:30(Program/Dinner)

Location:

Adelphia Restaurant
1750 Clements Bridge Rd,
Deptford, NJ 08096
(Across from Deptford Mall)

Cost: \$30

RSVP:

By Monday, November 17

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***This is a joint meeting with the
South Jersey Section of ASQ.***

Remember!

*Chapter members are invited to
set up a site tour of their
employer's facility for the
chapter's membership, in
exchange for half off membership
dues for a year.*



Happy Thanksgiving!

November Program

Applying human factors and systems thinking to hospital quality and safety

Human factors engineering is growing in presence in hospitals. Working alongside traditional quality improvement and safety teams, HFE brings additional perspectives allowing for not only reactive improvement but also proactive design of new procedures, spaces, technology consideration, and approaches to safety management in the hospital that focus on making the work fit the humans in the system. CHOP is fortunate to have one of the larger teams of engineers within the institution providing support to their mission of being a world leader in the advancement of healthcare for children.

About Our Speaker:

Ethan Larsen, PhD, is the manager of the Human Factors Engineering program at the Center for Healthcare Quality and Analytics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). In addition, he serves as a human factors engineer in the Department of Radiology. His work is focused on enhancing safety and quality improvement within the radiology department and the hospital at large. Dr. Larsen's projects have encompassed system-based improvements, MRI safety, resilient communication during the pandemic, and the development of a "try without sedation" program for MRI procedures.

Recently, he acted as a subject matter expert to prepare the hospital for a cybersecurity incident and researched the accountability of items in the surgical environment during operations. Furthermore, he collaborates with the Children's Hospital Additive Manufacturing Lab, providing Human Factors engineering support for various development projects and products.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November is here, the leaves are turning (and falling) and your President is a little perplexed, or maybe just disappointed.

Over the last several years, the chapter board has sought to create interesting events, gather good speakers, and provide value to our local membership. From Icebreaker/networking events to dinner speakers to site tours, I believe we have done our level best to represent you. Yet the membership does not seem to be involved and the feedback has been slim. The latest event we had in October, at Dorman automotive, was an excellent tour, with a great speaker and topic – an office and warehouse site recovering from a traumatic event (a fire).

My hat is off to Kayleigh for putting on a great event and allowing us into the Dorman site. It was very informative and will give attendees a good idea of the challenges and the timeline to recover from such an event. However, we had only three attendees out of the whole chapter, and no students – even though they were invited.

I have been a member of IISE since 1996, and I have served over 20 years on the chapter board. Almost all of the board members have similar or longer periods of time serving, and I thank all of them. Yet we are struggling to fill key board positions and bring in new board members. The election ballot (attached to this newsletter) shows this.

I am not sure what to do in this regard, and I'm actively seeking some feedback from our membership. What are you needing in order to attend an event, become more active, or just contribute some comments? Our board is actively seeking some sort of feedback going into the new program year, and I know we could use your comments.

Please take the time to email me or one of the other board members with your thoughts. – Kevin

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About Our Speaker:

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Dr. Larsen earned his doctorate from Virginia Tech in Industrial and Systems Engineering, with a dissertation focused on the interaction and operational maintenance between clinical laboratories and emergency departments during major EHR downtimes. Prior to joining CHOP, he completed postdoctoral training at the Center for Outcomes Research, Houston Methodist Hospital, where he explored telemedicine adoption and burnout among intensive care nurses.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Mr. Fred Raxon reports a Treasury Balance of \$ \$4,817.49 as of September 30, 2025 for the IIE South Jersey Delaware Valley Senior Chapter No. 132.

CAREER CENTER

South Jersey Delaware Valley Chapter Employment Assistance Network

Are You Looking For A Job? Do You Know Of A Job Opportunity?

Contact The SJC Employment Assistance Network:
Email your name or any hot opportunities to Kevin Drevik at Kdrevik@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 9/30/2025 the SJDV Chapter has 74 Members.

There are No New Members in September.

Please Don't Go! Time to renew your membership

Alex Wolf
Daniel Rinck
Julie Drzymalski
Kevin Drevik
Victor Abram

Don't forget to renew your IIE Membership!

Your support of your professional society is greatly appreciated. We value your Membership!

"Every person owes a part of his (her) time and money to the business or industry in which he (she) is engaged. No person has a moral right to withhold his (her) support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his (her) sphere." – Theodore Roosevelt

Did you know ...

The IIE South Jersey Delaware Valley Chapter will reimburse 50% of Member's Dues if he/she recruits a new full-dues paying member? Please contact the membership director prior to your associate's joining of IIE.

Check out our Chapter's Website!!

<http://www.iiesjdvp.org>



Brains Teaser

- 1) Forrest left home running. He ran for a while and turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, and then ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?
- 2) A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?
- 3) In 1990, a person is 15 years old. In 1995, that same person is 10 years old. How can this be?

Answers on Page 4

About Our Next Meeting:

No Meeting In December

The Chapter does not plan meetings in December.

*Enjoy the Holidays!
And early Best Wishes for the New Year!!!*

Good Stuff

Not in time, place, or circumstances, but in the man lies success ...

--**Charles B. Rouss**

Prefer a loss to a dishonest gain; the one brings pain at the moment, the other for all time.

- *Chilon*

It sometimes seems that intense desire creates not only its own opportunities, but its own talents.

--**Eric Hoffer**



Rules for Contentment:

- 1) Be grateful for what you have.
- 2) Value contentment more than things.
- 3) Don't obsess over what you don't have.



Brain Teaser Answers (Page 3)

- 1) The catcher and the umpire.
- 2) The river was frozen
- 3) The person was born in 2005 BCE.

Career Development

IIE EVENTS & TRAINING

UPCOMING COURSES

NOV

11

**Project Management Fundamentals
- Livestream**

Norcross, GA - 2 Days

NOV

17

**Value Management Fundamentals
1- Livestream**

Livestream, GA - 3 Days

DEC

2

Lean Green Belt Livestream

Norcross, GA - 3 Days

For more information:

<https://www.iise.org/Home/>



Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863

It has seemed to me fit and proper that the gifts of God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

Abraham Lincoln

Get The Vote Out *YOURS!*

The IIESJC Officers & Directors are important elements of the Chapter, providing direction and resources for achieving goals to further our profession. The programs and activities which the chapter pursues in the next chapter year, will be mainly initiated by these elected members. Please lend your support with your vote. It's always great to get feedback from our membership.

Also, we're approaching our local political elections. Please exercise your right to vote – democracy works best that way!



An oldie but goodie

Four Men

It chanced upon a winter's night
Safe sheltered from the weather.
The board was spread for only one,
Yet four men dined together.

There sat the man I meant to be
In glory, spurred and booted.
And close beside him, to the right
The man I am reputed.

The man I think myself to be
His seat was occupying
Hard by the man I really am
To hold his own was trying.

And all beneath one roof we met
Yet none called his fellow brother
No sign of recognition passed
They knew not one another.

Author unknown

Chapter Progress Article

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!!

The Future City Competition is in full swing. This year the competition will be held at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, Pa. It will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, with 35 schools already registered!

This year's 2025—2026 Future City challenge is:
Design a city that eliminates food waste from farm to table and keeps your citizens healthy and safe.

The Future City Competition is a project-based learning program for 6th through 8th grade students around country that introduces them to the principles of engineering while allowing them to use teamwork and creativity to solve problems that face the world. The program helps advance STEM learning in Middle Schools in our region and encourages students to consider careers in engineering in the future. In recent years the regional competition has grown to include over 500 participating students and teachers in the Philadelphia area, but they are short on volunteer mentors.

IISE – South Jersey Delaware Valley Chapter is a long-time sponsor of this event and provides the special award associated with industrial & systems engineering through the **Paul Robert Siebeneicher, II Industrial Engineering Award**.

This is a great way to give back to the community and share your experience with the next generation of engineers!

For more information, contact
<https://www.futurecityphilly.org>

Thought for Today: "You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life." – Zig Ziglar



ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE 2026 PROGRAM YEAR

The *IISE South Jersey Delaware Valley Professional Chapter's 2025 Nominations Committee* is pleased to present you with the *Election Ballot* for the *IISE South Jersey Delaware Valley Professional Chapter 2026 Program Year*. To cast your ballot, vote for the candidates of your choice by filling in the appropriate "□" and/or writing in the name of an IISE South Jersey Delaware Valley Professional Chapter Member in good standing who has agreed to serve.

If responding by email, please email your completed ballot to Secretary Paul Siebeneicher at paulsiehnen@yahoo.com with subject "IISE Ballot" by Sunday, November 30, 2025. If responding by the US Postal Service, please mail by Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 to Paul Siebeneicher at 3201A Limestone Way, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 ATTN: IISE Ballot.

Please vote only once per program year.

Installation of 2026 Officers and Directors is to be completed at the December 30, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.

Balloting results are to be reported in our *Just in Times* Newsletter in early 2026.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS

□ PRESIDENT

□ WRITE IN

□ VICE PRESIDENT

□ WRITE IN

□ SECRETARY

□ WRITE IN

□ TREASURER

□ WRITE IN

□ DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

□ DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

□ DIRECTOR AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

□ DIRECTOR AND WEB MASTER

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR AND WEB MASTER

□ DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 1*

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 1*

□ DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 2*

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 2*

□ DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 3*

□ WRITE-IN FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE # 2*

IISE JDVP CHAPTER NO. 132 CANDIDATES FOR 2026

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JOHN MCGOWAN

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FREDERICK (FRED) REXON, JR.

KEVIN DREVIK

KEVIN DREVIK

JOHN MCGOWAN

PAUL ROBERT SIEBENEICHER, III

JULIE DRZYMALSKI

DAVID RAETSCH

* Note that the Board of Directors may have more than one Director At Large (DAL), therefore you may vote for multiple members for DAL position.



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