



THE PIPELINE

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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2019 is almost done, and that means this is my last *Letter from the Chair*. I leave this role with a lot of gratitude for the opportunities it has afforded me, and the many people I have had the joy of meeting and working with the further the organization in our area and the profession as a whole. I am also very excited for the coming years for our local section because I know first hand what a wonderful job our volunteer leaders do in organizing and delivering programs and events for our area.

Chemical engineers are vital to moving our society forward toward a sustainable future, and I am proud to know that I am part of an organization that is committed at a local, national, and global level to drive and support the innovation that is necessary to ensure that our world is more aware of the

challenges that we are facing at a global level. Whether it is [making life saving medicines accessible to many, developing new energy sources safely and responsibly, or working to reduce waste accumulation in our environment](#), chemical engineers are leading the charge in advancing society for good.

As we move into the New Year, reflect on 2019, and set our resolutions for how we move forward, I challenge each of you to examine how you are [Doing a World of Good](#) through your profession and through your personal life story. There is so much opportunity for each of us to invest in a future that we believe in – what steps will you take to move toward your goals?

Happy Holidays!



PROGRAMS

2020-2021 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Carbon Renewal	Bill Trapp (Eastman)	January
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UPCOMING DECEMBER PROGRAM

CARBON RENEWAL WITH BILL TRAPP

Our 2020 Q1 program slate includes a presentation on Carbon Renewal, given by Bill Trapp.

Bill has been an Eastman Chemical Company employee for over 37 years. In that time, he has had assignments in Technology, Manufacturing and Business. His first assignment was as a Process Improvement Engineer in the DMT (Dimethyl Terephthalate) Department. Bill has the Development and Technology Operations Organization which has responsibility for the Process Development, Improvement and Piloting for

Chemicals, Polymers and Cellulose Esters in Kingsport, TN and Longview, TX. He chairs the Technology Process Safety Review Subcommittee. Currently, Bill serves as platform director for Carbon Renewal. Bill and his wife Cathy (Clemson, 1980), live in Kingsport, TN. They have two children, and four grandchildren. Bill's hobbies/interests include Church, most sports (3 yr. Letterman in Baseball at Clemson), "fixin' stuff" and increasingly so – grandchildren.

DECEMBER PROGRAM SUMMARY

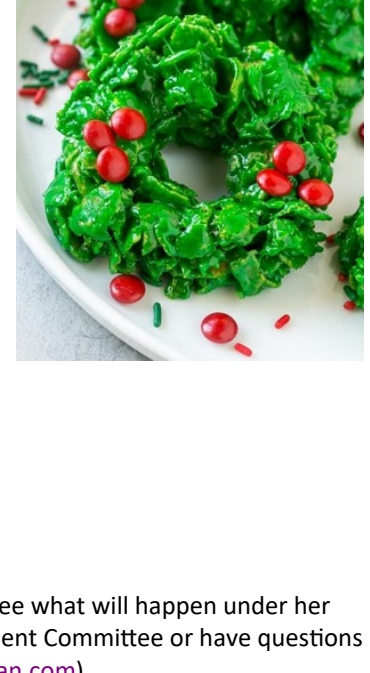
TRADE & ECONOMY

Trade 101 was the focus of the December program, given by Brandi White, Eastman's Government Affairs Director. Ms. White highlighted some basic trade statistics: that 1 in 5 American jobs is supported by trade and how important trade is for future job and economic growth. She explained the difference between liberalization/globalist and protectionist/nationalist trade policies and where the USA stands. Ms. White discussed the U.S-Mexico-Canada trade agreement (USMCA), which would replace the North American Trade Agreement, which was voted on earlier on the day of the presentation, allowing Ms. White to explain the immediate next steps and what this would mean for the country. Also discussed were US deals with Japan, India, the EU, the UK – post Brexit, and the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill. After the presentation, Ms. White fielded questions from members about anything and everything concerning trade, leaving members feeling much more informed about current trade policy.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AICHE'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Our last event of the year has come and gone. The PEC committee hosted AIChE's annual Christmas party featuring barbecue, homemade desserts, Christmas Singo, and ornament decorating (SO MUCH GLITTER). We had a lovely time celebrating the end of another great year with AIChE. Congratulations to Tori Knollmeyer, Kelsey Niehoff, and Hanieh Niroomand for winning the dessert competition. The PEC committee would like to thank everyone who helped us put on a spectacular Christmas Party!



The next PEC chair will be Kaitlin Seay, and we are excited to see what will happen under her leadership! If you would like to join the Professional Engagement Committee or have questions about events, please contact Kaitlin Seay (kaitlin.seay@eastman.com).

AICHE GLOBAL NEWS

	<p>AIChE has unveiled a new aspirational statement to reimagine the institute's vision and mission. The statement offers a guidepost for AIChE and highlights AIChE's commitment to an integrated community of chemical and related engineers united in determination to meet society's challenges as the global leader of the profession.</p> <p>AIChE will be presenting various perspectives from its diverse membership over the coming months. To read the new aspirational statement and to provide your own aspirations for the chemical engineering profession and your thoughts on the notion of community, visit this page.</p>
	<p>Did you know that AIChE has its own podcast? Check it out on SoundCloud, or wherever you get your podcasts!</p> <p>To learn more about the Doing a World of Good® campaign, visit http://www.doingaworldofgood.org/</p>
	<p>AIChE is dedicated to helping our members be the best they can be, through sharing knowledge and growing networks that strengthen career paths. Continue to be a part of the Global Home of Chemical Engineers (60,000+ strong) – renew today!</p>

IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR GLOBAL AIChE NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL TENI BUTLER TRBUTLER@EASTMAN.COM.

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