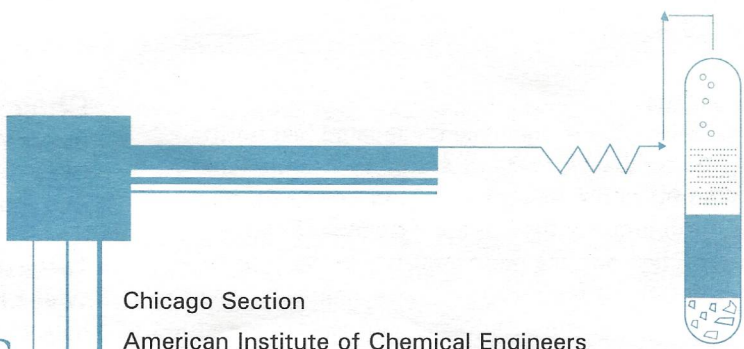


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## Chicago Columns



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### November Meeting Notice

November 10th, 2004  
Wellington of Arlington  
2121 S Arlington Heights Rd  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
(847) 439-6610

#### **Agenda**

Cash Bar.....6:00pm  
Dinner.....7:00pm  
Speaker.....8:00pm  
Adjourn.....9:00pm

#### **Cost**

\$25 for members  
\$27 for non-members  
\$5 for AIChE student chapter members  
(see your advisor).

#### **Menu**

Boston Scrod with twice baked potato or Chicken Shish-kabob with rice pilaf. All meals are served with a soup and salad, chocolate sundae, and coffee or tea

#### **Reservations**

*Make your reservations by calling the AIChE Reservation Hotline at 847-588-3323 or emailing [evalopez@teianalytical.com](mailto:evalopez@teianalytical.com). Or register online at [www.aiche-chicago.org](http://www.aiche-chicago.org). Deadline is noon November 5, 2004.*

#### **Meeting Topic**

Chemical Engineering - Employment Outlook in the Industry and How to Market Yourself.

#### **Speakers**

Tina Tullberg and Larry Hartl from CPS Employment Services, Inc.

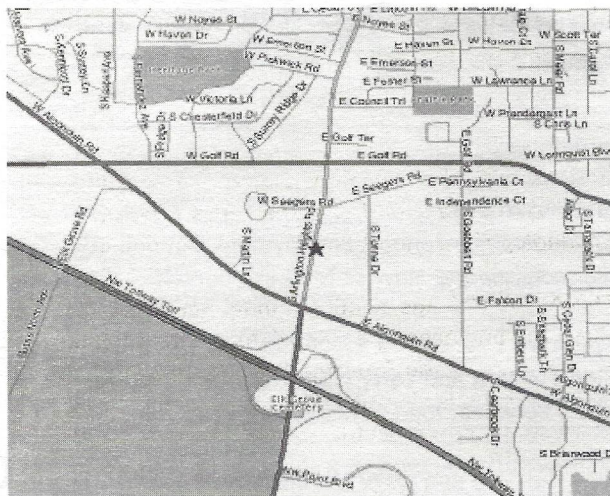
Tina Tullberg and Larry Hartl will give a brief overview of the current outlook for employment in the chemical engineering field. They will address where to start, and necessary steps to take once the decision is made to seek a new position. They will talk about what industries and job functions are in greatest demand right now. They will also try to provide some guidance on how best to market your experience, including resume format. They will also be available to field individual questions.

CPS is a recruiting firm in Westchester, Illinois that recently celebrated it's 30th anniversary of technical and professional recruiting. The Chemical Engineering Division works nationwide and is one of the leaders in placing chemical engineers with many of the top companies in the petrochemical, specialty chemical, bulk and commodity chemical, food, pharmaceutical, consumer products, plastics, packaging, instrumentation, controls and process equipment industries. Tina and Larry are Senior Recruiters with CPS and have been with the company since 1991 and 1996, respectively. Both Tina and Larry specialize in chemical engineering recruitment.



### Directions

The Wellington is conveniently located just north of I-90 on the east side of Arlington Heights Road. Take I-90 to the Arlington Heights Road exit, and go north proceed through the Algonquin Road intersection and the restaurant will be on your right. Please refer to the map.



### New Reservation Policy

An evaluation of the AIChE Chicago Section finances has determined that the Section often incurs losses for the monthly meetings. Members making reservations for the dinner and then not attending the meeting accounts for one of the reasons for the deficit. Additionally, the Section has absorbed the dinner costs for students.

We understand that as professionals, we sometimes have to make last minute adjustments to our schedules, which may prevent us from attending a meeting. However, it hardly seems reasonable to ask Chicago Section members to absorb the costs for dinners for those that make reservations and then are not able to attend. Therefore, on behalf of the AIChE Chicago Section Members, if you make a reservation for a meeting and later find that you cannot attend, we request that you reimburse the Section for the cost of the dinner. Starting November 2004, the committee will send letters to such members to recover the cost of the dinner, as the expense is incurred by the Section and our finances do not have a provision for such losses. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that this will resolve one issue that accounts for monthly meeting deficits.

To help lessen the losses incurred from paying for student dinners, we are asking that students pay \$5.00 for each meeting they attend.

AIChE Chicago Section is accepting nominations for the Ernest W. Thiele Award. Sponsored by BP, the award recognizes the outstanding contributions to our profession by a Midwest region chemical engineer. Nomination deadline is March 01, 2005. For a nomination form, contact Jim Simnick, BP Amoco, simnicj@bp.com.

### Chair's Corner

Becky Wietting  
Chair 2004-05  
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### Topic: Balancing Work and Life

With a busy job and a personal life, I am finding the balancing act to be rather difficult as I imagine most of you are. Today's pace is sometimes overwhelming. My husband went to the doctor yesterday and found out his blood pressure was high. The doctor asked if there was any stress in his life. He explained that we recently got married, sold his house, put a contract on a new one, and are trying to sell mine. This is on top of changing jobs for him. So yes, there is a lot of stress in our lives. We are blessed that the stress is coming from things that are wonderful. It's even harder when the stress comes from difficult, unexpected, and not so good events.

The question is how to deal with it all and maintain a healthy balance. I travel a great deal with my current sales job. I find it hard to take the time to exercise or eat properly. It may sound silly, but I pack my pillow into my suitcase for every trip so that I can try to get the proper amount of sleep in a new hotel every night. I need a little consistency to feel a bit more at home so my pillow travels with me.

In order to do our best work at our jobs, we must also have a healthy lifestyle. We need to take some time out to enjoy life. After all, that is what we work so hard for every day. I love the saying, "take time to smell the roses". I really do that almost any time I see some flowers. I had a coworker tell me last week that he asked for the plant in his office to be removed because he doesn't have time to deal with it. He needs fake plants instead. I thought that was kind of sad. I keep my plants alive at home even though I travel so much. It's important to keep some normalcy and goodness going in our lives.

My advice is this: Keep in mind that you will be living with your body long after you retire. Take care of it. And don't let your life be so stressed out that you will regret it in the long run. For me, it meant that I had to drop one of my hobbies to allow for more important things in my life. Rather than trying to do everything, we should concentrate on a few things and do them well. We should make sure they are the things we enjoy and value the most.



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Cindy Blomquist  
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### Topic: Networking

Networking is a necessary part of doing business in today's marketplace. Although our members are all Chemical Engineers, we represent numerous industries that offer a variety of services. I believe that we should rely on each other to promote our industries, our employer services, and ourselves through networking.

As everyone knows, many companies have downsized and/or reorganized in the past year leaving numerous Chicago Section members out of work. These are talented people who have lost their jobs due to these circumstances and it could happen to you. We should support our members and try to assist them in finding employment.

Networking can also help to strengthen the positions of our members that are currently employed by promoting the various services that our companies offer. I assume that most of us are not aware of the vast types of services that our member's companies can provide. For example, the company I work for employs over 6,000 people and offers over 200 services worldwide in numerous business lines. Many of you may work for similarly large companies that offer a variety of services.

The problem is to effectively match prospective employers with Section members in transition and to inform members of the vast services available to them and their employers. As a solution to these problems, we will be incorporating a networking column in future newsletters. Each newsletter will announce a category/service for the next month. Potential topics include bio-engineering, process design, environmental remediation, and regulatory compliance. Larger categories may be separated by industry such as process-design for the pharmaceutical industry.

We plan to include Help Wanted, Services Wanted, and Employment Wanted sections in the networking column. Members will be asked to submit the name of their company that provides the specified service of the month and their contact information. Members looking for employment will be encouraged to submit their contact information if they have expertise in the category/service of the month. The information will be included in the following newsletter. We plan to launch the networking

column in the next newsletter. Please submit any suggestions for categories/services to me at [cindy.blomquist@earthtech.com](mailto:cindy.blomquist@earthtech.com).

In addition, the Chicago Area ChemPharma Chapter offers networking meetings. Watch for meeting locations and times in future AIChE Chicago Section newsletters. You may also contact Jerry Jones at [jwjones@lightfirst.com](mailto:jwjones@lightfirst.com) to obtain ChemPharma meeting information.

### Spring 2005 Chemical Engineering Symposium *"Chemical Engineering - At The Cross Roads of Technology"*

The AIChE Chicago Section annual Spring 2005 Chemical Engineering Symposium, titled "Chemical Engineering -at the Crossroads of Technology", will be held in the Spring of 2005 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. The actual dates will be finalized shortly. The purpose of this early alert is to activate members so that they can secure papers and speakers; arrange for suitable sponsorship with their companies; mark their calendars for registration and participation so that the 2005 symposium will be an outstanding success.

This two-day event features sessions in five fields: Nanotechnology; Biotechnology; Sustainable Chemical Engineering; Computers & Chemical Engineering; and Fundamental Studies.

This is the first symposium announcement. We encourage all active members to participate either by submitting a paper or considered being a speaker. Mark your calendar for the 2005 symposium. A complete program listing will be available online at <http://www.aiche.org>. Details will be given in the next newsletter.

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The objectives of the AIChE are to advance chemical engineering in theory and practice, to maintain a high professional standard among its members, and to serve society, particularly where chemical engineering can contribute to the public interest. If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact the editor at [clblomquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clblomquist@sbcglobal.net).

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