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ISES Chicago April Newsletter

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ISES Greater Chicago offers monthly meetings, typically held on the third Tuesday of the month, where industry professionals

Dear Sarah,**8th Annual NICE Awards****By Sandy Sobczak, ISES Chicago President**

What an exciting time had by all as we celebrated Chicago's industry best at the 2009 NACE ISES Chicago Excellence (NICE) Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Chicago History Museum which was the perfect setting for honoring our Pioneers of NACE and ISES. Congratulations to all our winners, listed below, and thank you to everyone who took the time and energy to enter. Please look for information in the upcoming months for the 2010 NICE Awards!

A huge THANK YOU to all the sponsors that made this evening happen! Please see the list of sponsors below. The ISES community is about strong relationships so take this opportunity to meet a new partner by setting up an appointment and see what the companies can do to help build your business!

I want to personally thank all involved in making this show a success!

Thank you to the following sponsors -

ChicagoHistoryMuseum - Venue
 Taste America - Catering
 Edward Fox Photography - Event Photos
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gather for networking and education. Our monthly meetings can be breakfast, lunch or evening events and take place in both downtown Chicago as well as the suburbs. We hope you will mark your calendars for upcoming meetings in 2009. More information regarding these meetings will be sent closer to the event dates.

May 19, 2009 -
Evening Event
ISES Greater
Chicago Annual
Membership Drive
Seven Ten
Lounge in Lincoln
Park

June 16, 2009 -
Lunch Meeting
Chicago Botanic
Gardens

July 21, 2009 -
Evening Event
ISES Greater
Chicago Annual
Auction and
Swearing in of
New Board
W Hotel Aloft
Rosemont

Visual

Ron Harris Music Group - Cocktail Entertainment
CORT Event Furnishing - Lounge Furniture
Carousel Linen Rental - Cocktail Linen
Artists Events and Entertainment - Awards Emcee (Ken Mate) and Dinner Musical Entertainment
Tablescapes Party Rental - Tabletops for Dinner
BBJ Linen Rental - Dinner Linen
Hall's Rentals - Tables and Chairs
PRODUCTIONS USA, Inc. - Script for Show and Copy for Emcee/VOG/Chairs etc.
Frank Event & Design - Cvent Design and Menu Cards
KC Kokoruz/Spinnin Discs - Voice of God

Thank you to our generous raffle sponsors for the evening-

Horseshoe Casino donated the NICE "Night In" package consisting of roundtrip limo service to the casino, dinner for 4 at Jack Bionions Steak House, tickets for 4 to a performance at the Venue (\$1000 value).
Eaglewood Resort and Spa donated the NICE "Night Out" package consisting of 18 holes of golf and cart for 4.

Congratulations to all the NICE Award Winners -

Best Corporate Event \$25,000-\$75,000 - CTC-Chicago Travel Consultants
Best Corporate Event Over \$75,000 - The Meetinghouse Companies, Inc.
Best Social Event Under \$25,000 - Gloria Nelson Event Design, LLC
Best Social Event \$25,000-\$75,000 - Party Partner, Inc.
Best Wedding Under \$25,000 - JK Rentals
Best Wedding \$25,000-\$75,000 - Frank
Best Picnic - Tasty Catering
Best NICE Team Event - Tasty Catering, Celebration Authority, Classic Party Rentals
Best Catered Event Off Premise Under \$10,000 - Tasty Catering
Best Catered Event Off Premise Over \$25,000 - Calihan Catering
Best Entertainment Under \$5,000 - Artists, Events, & Entertainment
Best Entertainment \$5,000-\$15,000 - Carey Smolensky Productions
Best Entertainment Over \$15,000 - Artists, Events, & Entertainment
Best Theme Décor \$20,000-\$50,000 - Party Partner, Inc.
Best Theme Décor Over \$75,000 - The Meetinghouse Companies, Inc.
Best Floral Design - Kehoe Designs
Best Decorative Linens - BBJ Linen
Best Tabletop Design - Kehoe Designs
Best Use of Lighting - Intelligent Lighting Creations
Best Use of Tenting - Classic Party Rentals
Best logistical Achievement for an Event - Classic Party



Rentals

Best Use of Rental Equipment - Classic Party Rentals

ISES and NACE also recognized Pioneers of the Industry who have been members of either organization for more than 10 years. All of the "pioneers" gathered onstage for a photo.



Many of our Presidents have been members for more than 10 years, for this we thank you for your years of dedication and service!

ISES Chicago Past Chapter Presidents -

Gwendolyn McNutt CSEP 2007-2008
 Pamela Patsavas, CSEP 2006-2007
 Bill Kubiak, CSEP 2004-2006
 Tony Sansone 2003-2004
 Barbara Lee Cohen, CMP 2002-2003
 Lulu Yen, CMP 2001-2002
 Jack Luft 2000-2001
 Linda Whitlock 1999-2000
 Valerie Braun 1998-1999
 Kelley Butler 1997-1998
 Mary Kay Weber 1995-1997
 Carey Smolensky 1993-1995
 Robert Sivek, CSEP 1991-1993
 John Davis 1990-1991
 Bernadette Forte-Mueller 1988-1989

ISES Chicago 10 Year and Over Members-

Frank Andonoplas MBC
 Linda Bader
 Evelyn Belmonte
 Deborah Borsum CSEP, CMD, CERP International Past President
 Nancy Brockway
 Rob Broms
 Joanne Brooks
 Stewart Glass
 Lanie Hartman
 Margarita Heinzl CSEP
 Laura Kimmel
 Michael Lavin
 Jamie Orr
 Kathy Pagura
 Mary Ann Rose
 Mary Rothe
 Robert Schaul CSEP
 Robert Sivek CSEP, CERP
 Haward Wallach

We thank you for your years of commitment and dedication. Stay tuned for information for the 10 year and above ISES Team!

[Click here to view pictures of the NICE Awards](#)

ISES Greater Chicago Hosts Studio 54 Event

By Gwendolyn McNutt

On Tuesday, March 31st, several ISES members partnered for an Affordable Meetings welcome event entitled, ISES Greater Chicago presents "Studio 54," a Member's Showcase 70s Style. The event included fabulous food, entertainment and great opportunities to network with new and old friends. The event was a throwback to the 70s disco era and the famed night club Studio 54.



Thank you to all our generous sponsors for the Studio 54 event-

BizBash Chicago
 Griffin Lounge
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 ShutterBooth Chicago/Northern Illinois
 Festivity Resources Inc.
 Cucina Pazza, LLC
 Entertaining Company
 BBJ Linen
 Silverguy Entertainment LLC
 Carts of Chicago Catering
 E&J Gallo Winery
 Intelligent Lighting Creations, Inc.
 Centerpiece Productions
 C&C Event Planning & Management, Inc.
 Record-A-Hit
 Mobile Music Interactive Entertainment
 Classic Party Rentals
 Food Evolution
 Simply Elegant Floral & Events

Industry News

ISES Eventworld

ISES Eventworld 2009 is only 3 months away!!! This year's "Eventworld - An Institute for



Professional Development" will be held in San Francisco, CA August 6-8, 2009. Eventworld will be filled with networking opportunities as well as important and timely educational topics. Registration opens soon. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

[Checkout Eventworld 2009](#)

The ISES Community

The International Special Events Society has recently created an online community exclusively for ISES members - ISES Community. The ISES Community is a professional and social network for members only. Whether you are looking to connect with your co-workers or find new friends and colleagues within ISES, you can get in touch with those who share your interest in the live event industry easily on the ISES Community. The NEW ISES Community hosts thousands of members from around the globe looking to connect with fellow ISES professionals in an attempt to create more efficient, more informed business decisions, projects and potential project leads. If you are a member of ISES you are already a part of this community, but now you need to get active! All you need to do to get started is to log into the ISES website <http://community.ises.com> and setup your profile. Once you are setup be sure to join groups that interest you and start networking. ISES Headquarters is providing training on how to maximize usage of this new social community so watch your email for the next scheduled meeting.

[Click here to go to the ISES Community!](#)

ISES Chicago is now on Facebook

Social media is taking over industry communication by storm! The ISES Greater Chicago Chapter is pleased to announce a newly created group on FaceBook. It's a great way to stay in touch with colleagues, find out about industry trends, local chapter happening (formal and informal) and a place to post questions to entrusted colleagues with pressing business matters. It's easy and for those with SmartPhones, you can even download the FaceBook application to stay in touch! Follow people, groups and stay abreast of all things important happening 'in the moment'! If you haven't yet joined FaceBook we encourage you to create a profile. Once you have a profile just click on "Groups" from the sidebar menu and then sear for ISES GreaterChicago Chapter (there is no space between GreaterChicago)! It's that simple....see you there!

May Membership Drive

It's time for the May Membership Drive and it's so easy to become a member of ISES Greater Chicago. Go online and save on your Membership today! You're just clicks away from becoming a part of a phenomenal worldwide network of event professionals, and amazing event educational opportunities! As an ISES member, you will be linked with the best in the event industry! By joining now you will receive a 14 month membership for the price of 12 months for \$399. By joining in May you also will have the \$50 application fee. For questions please contact our VP of Membership, Ali Phillips at 773-777-2299 or ali@engagingeventsbyail.com

[Click here for more information or to become an ISES member!](#)

Do you have something exciting to share with your industry colleagues?? If you have member news that you would like to see in the next newsletter, please email it to: SSchnell@total-event.com

The Greater Chicago Chapter of ISES is an organization of dedicated professionals who strive for elevating the special events industry through education and networking opportunities with an emphasis on ethics and professionalism. We hope you will join us at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

ISES Chicago

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