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## MARCH MEETING INFO

### WHY YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE WITH OSHA!

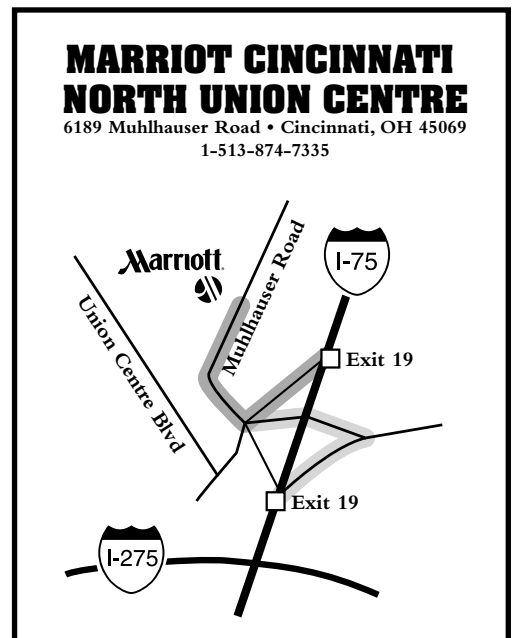
When the SPE announced that we were having OSHA come to a meeting, the general comment was "no one will show up!" That is the wrong attitude! The industry (SPI) has worked with OSHA to define and clarify rulings and acts that in (our) industry terms were counter-productive or just wrong. People in general just don't understand the plastics industry. Most people you talk with, this weekend at the Expo at Fairfield Commons Mall is a good example, assume plastics plants are "just like all factory work, dull dirty shops with a poorly educated workforce." We as an industry have an above average (education) workforce, retrain and educate within and produce a greater number of different parts for more different industries than any "traditional" factory. Sure you may say you have a few employees that aren't the sharpest tacks in the box, but overall as an industry we do have higher educated personnel, and more training is available. How many glass, steel, automobile production jobs have a two and four year degrees? How many colleges and university degree programs provide an automobile production degree, steel processing degrees, how to mine coal 101? None!

Do not be afraid of OSHA. We will not give them the names of all attending the meeting! We won't give them a list of plants in the area. They are coming to provide us with information we can use to better our workplaces and correct ahead of time any problems that may come into question. See you all March 6th!

#### Driving Directions Marriott Cincinnati North Union Centre

**From Dayton, OH and points North:** Take I-75 South, Exit at Union Centre Blvd. (Exit 19) and turn right. Turn right onto Muhlhauser Road. Marriott Union Centre is on the right.

**From Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Intl. Airport:** Take I-275 East towards Cincinnati to I-75 North. Exit at Union Centre Blvd. (Exit 19) and turn left. Turn right onto Muhlhauser Road. Marriott Union Centre is on the right.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 6**      Cin./Marriott Union Centre  
Taking the fear out of OSHA
- April 3**      Dayton/Alex's  
Student Night/Economic Development
- May 1**        Plant tour  
Comet Automation - weigh blenders,  
loaders, dryers, conveying equip.
- June 9**        Golf outing  
Hamilton Elks
- June 22-26** Chicago  
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## MEETING NOTICE DETAILS

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2003  
Advance Reservation required by March 4, 2003  
To reserve, call or fax:

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## MEETING AGENDA - MAR. 6, 2003

Board Meeting.....	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Networking .....	6:00 - 6:30 pm
Dinner .....	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Program .....	7:30 - 8:30 pm

MEMBERS \$20    NON-MEMBERS \$25    STUDENTS/RETIRES \$10  
MEMBERS \$25 AT THE DOOR WITHOUT A RESERVATION

*We are now taking VISA and MASTERCARD  
for registration and other events*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Frank Maus**

This month's meeting is especially interesting, and important. We want to provide:

- ★ A way to ask important questions to OSHA in a positive environment
- ★ Knowledge of improving the safety of your employees, co-workers, and yourself

Everyone in the plastics industry is concerned about safety. Loss of employee productivity, fines, insurance costs, and liabilities are all reasons to care about safety. Caring for others is the biggest motivator, and our industry has consistently shown that concern. Putting this into perspective, it is probably the most important topic we could address.

The meeting will be a good opportunity to learn and ask questions. To keep it a very open environment, we will be offering a couple of changes. We typically provide name badges. This month, feel free to simply put your first name on the badge, or not wear one at all. We will also handle the introductions in an appropriate manner to not reveal company information to the OSHA representatives. OSHA has also assured us that this is strictly an informative meeting, and they will not be looking for companies that would warrant further interest.

We certainly appreciate OSHA's interest and support. They have shown a positive effort in improving worker safety. We hope you use this opportunity to improve the safety in your workplace.