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Spring is now official- Baseball is being played on the North Side as well as on the South Side (and even in Milwaukee) and optimism for a winning season is in the air. This is also the time of year that we all come out of hibernation and get our houses in order for the coming year. S.A.M.E. is offering a number of great opportunities to start this season on the right foot locally and nationally. Our Small Business Committee has been working very hard to prepare our best ever Small Business Expo, and we've moved it into a spring time slot to capitalize on the coming construction season. Also, the National S.A.M.E. Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo (JETC'08) is taking place in Minneapolis May 20-23rd. The national conference is a great opportunity to network with colleagues from around the country, and to learn about SAME programs that could benefit you and your business. Please consider attending the conference, even if you have never been there before. Since it's being held in our region you should have plenty of company, and by that time spring should even have reached Minnesota! Details for both events can be found at www.same-lakemichigan.org follow the link to the national website.



John Ochoa –S.A.M.E. Lake Michigan Post 2008 President

S.A.M.E. National
Training Conference &
Expo – Minneapolis/
St. Paul – May 20-23
for registration:
www.same-2008.org



Spring Into Action

2008 Is Lake Michigan Post Membership Growth Year!

Spring weather is finally here and now it is time to start thinking about S.A.M.E. and its great membership opportunities. There are still quite a few members that have not renewed their memberships, so, let's Spring Into Action! This month we have the Small Business Conference where the S.A.M.E. Membership Committee will be hosting a booth to answer questions and sign up new members. May is Membership Month and we will be focusing on current members inviting potential new members to the May meeting and we will have a friendly competition for the person or organization that sponsors the most new members. The challenge is to have more than Kowalenko Consulting Group (KCG) our grand prize winner last Year! By the way, KCG has signed three new individual members this month already and has taken the lead before the race has even begun. Spring into action, invite new sustaining and individual members to join to bolster the growth of the Lake Michigan Post. Also, please encourage all new members to include the Chicago Post as their Secondary Post on membership applications. If you have any questions about membership please contact me, Membership Committee Chair, Al Esche at aesche@eschelee.com. Thank you in advance for all of your support. We need a big push this year to bring in more members and earn the Membership Streamer in 2008.

Visit Our Website for Updates
<http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

May is Membership Month

Scholarship Golf Outing Fundraiser 2008 – June 20th



Have Fun



Make a Difference

Please Fill Out Our Disaster Response and Recovery Questionnaire
– Check Our Website <http://www.same-lakemichigan.org/>

All Respondents Will Receive Special Recognitions at the Joint Chicago and Lake Michigan Briefing and Luncheon in November – Questions or Comments – Contact Readiness Committee Chair Anthony Bilotti – abilotti@kowalenkogroup.com

Reminder

May 8th – Naval Historical Museum Presentation
 June 20th – Scholarships Golf Outing
 July 18th – Fundraising River Cruise Joint with Chicago Post
 August – Two and a Half Day Design/ Build Workshop by S.A.M.E. National
 September Yellow Ribbon Fundraiser
 November – Joint Meeting with Chicago Post

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Spring
Summer
Fall

Spring to Action with Your Committees

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