



# The Washington DC Chapter of the International System Safety Society



## Chapter Newsletter May-Dec 2015

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<http://washingtonchapter.net/>

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<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=wdc&>

### President's Corner:



Happiest Holidays to all of our Chapter Members and their families! It has been a busy year for the WDC Chapter and for me as the new WDC Chapter President. In May 2015, former President, Dave Shampine and I presented a Systems and Software Safety Intro. In July 2015, our new Secretary and former President, Amber Shampine and I attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> International System Safety Conference at the beautiful Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, CA.

In November 2015, I gave a presentation on Software Safety at the Fall Professional Developmental Seminar at John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. (Photo-right with Event Coordinator/ Speaker Mark Geiger).

In November 2015, Mike Ramsburg, John Burchett, Paul Denk and I participated in a Scholarship Event at the College of Southern Maryland welcoming 5 new student members into our Chapter. (See more below.)

Our Holiday Event at Splitsville in Fredericksburg, VA was a smashing success with great food and free bowling for over 40 of our members and their families. We are busy planning events for the near future. Keep checking our website for current and past events, photos and more...



~~~~~ Be Happy & Stay Safe!...WDC President/ Donne DiFiglia ~~~~

### Planned Future Meetings & Events:

- **WDC All Member Chapter Meeting:**
  - **When:** Tues Jan 26, 2016 starting at 5:00pm
  - **Where:** SAIC Dahlgren, VA Conf. Room 1A
  - **Speaker:** Mr. Greg Sellers
  - **Topic:** "Pointing and Firing Cutout (P&FCO) Mechanisms and Weapon Systems"
  - **Website:** <http://washingtonchapter.net/GregSellers.html>
  
- **Lithium Battery Presentation:**
  - **When:** Thurs Mar 10, 2016 starting at 6:00pm
  - **Where:** AECOM Conference Center Dahlgren, VA
  - **Speaker:** Ms. Julie Simmons
  - **Topic:** Lithium Battery Safety
  - **Website:** <http://washingtonchapter.net>
  
- **The 34th International System Safety Conference will be held August 8-12,2016 at the Renaissance Hotel at Sea World in Orlando, Florida**



Julie Simmons



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### Scholarship Event:

In November 2015, the WDC Chapter presented Scholarships to five (5) outstanding students from the LaPlata Campus of the College of Southern Maryland. Mike Ramsburg, John Burchett, Paul Denk and I participated in the event that was attended by over 300 students, their sponsors, families and friends. Each of the 5 students was presented \$1000.00 and a free 1 year Student Membership to the WDC Chapter.



**Katrina Canlas**



**George Jenkins**



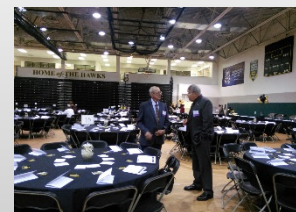
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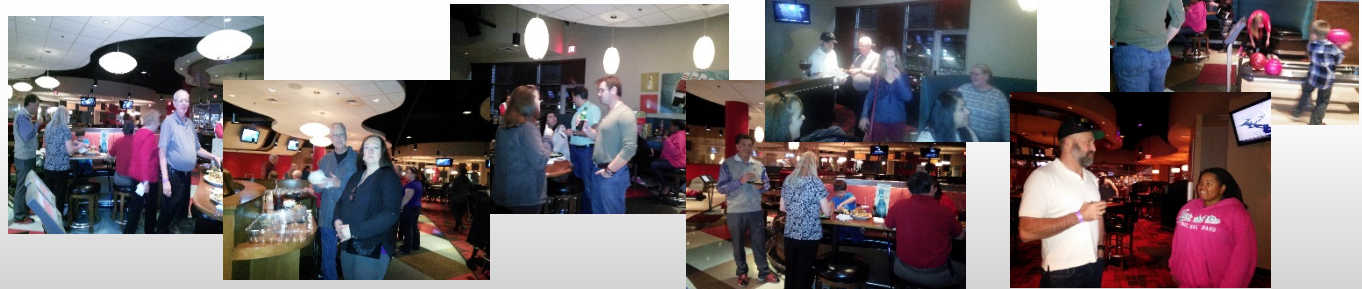


**Carolyn Sherwood**



### Our December 2015 Holiday Party – Awesome!

<http://washingtonchapter.net/WDCXmas.html>



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