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**A Message from the Chairperson — Jerry ‘Dutch’ Forstater, PE, CSI, CET**

## **It's Not Your Grandmother's ASIS Anymore!**

If you think we meet and gather for all-male, “listen-‘til-you-sleep,” “boring,” “I knew that,” seminars – then you’ve been missing some great education, on-site learning experiences, and opportunities to meet the game-changers of tomorrow.

Since last September we have enjoyed a tour of the largest prison being built this side of the Missouri River. And, if you think meeting people is interesting, you missed meeting the most interesting superintendent of 4,000 hardened criminals you could ever meet. Standing at an abrupt five feet, Superintendent Cynthia Link is a remarkable young woman in a place of high power commanding over 1,000 officers and 4,000 inmates, many with life sentences. She is certainly “not your grandmother’s ASIS.”

Or, perhaps you missed journalist and investigator, Lone Grillo, who interestingly is embedded in Mexico City, one of the narco terror capitals of the world. His global take on the situation was spellbinding, his pictures eye-opening, and his engagement exciting.

And, if cybersecurity is your thing and not your grandmother’s, then the standing room only crowd for a broad brush stroke of mobile security in the workplace by Leeza Garber, an attorney specializing in all things tech, was the best attended seminar of SecureWorld in April.

If you wanted HR blended with emergency planning for the security professional, then Ed Wurster, global consultant, gave an absolutely outstanding presentation on modern Human Resources. He tuned in and up our cognizance about many aspects of corporate security in the age of risk management.

Do you think terrorism doesn’t exist at home? PECO/Exelon’s Michael Melvin presented great information on the protection of our critical infrastructure throughout the area during our meeting at the Broad Axe Tavern in Ambler – a great place with top-of-the-line presentation gear, great food and an easy location for all.

Or, how about meeting our new members. You can’t possibly think it’s the same members in attendance over and over, can you? Our new members can talk about their experiences in the Navy, in private security, being a former special agent in the military, and even as police sergeant in the local area looking to get into the private sector. Talk to our Young Professionals Liaison, William Alton, for more information.

Or, speak with Robert Brzenchek who heads Peirce College’s Criminal Justice Program and why ASIS is so important.

No, we’re not your grandmother’s ASIS anymore. Far from it!

Coming up will be a tour of Sunoco’s Central Monitoring Facility which establishes communication with over 1,500 sites nationally and will soon become one of the nation’s only totally virtualized, IP-integrated audio, video, and burglar alarm monitoring systems.

We’re also trying to arrange a tour with Independence National Historic Park. A Family Day. Bring your spouse, your kids, and your grandchildren. We’re going to have a blast! The date is pending the superintendent arranging a perfect day. Stay tuned.

A visit to the Delaware Valley Intelligence Center will cap off our special tours this year. It will be your opportunity to see the real-time crime center, the intelligence gathering center, and where the anti-terrorism task force takes its training.

Our Private Security Appreciation Night is well-attended and takes place in November; coordinated by Committee Chair, Mark Wolfheimer. And December’s Holiday Party is one of the best that we hold at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, with arrangements and wonderful accommodations through Committee Chair, Bill Lutz.

So, come on out on June 21st for a summer solstice (\$10 donation) and realign your stars with an ASIS telescope directed at your career, friendship, and education. It will be a night for Young Professionals, Military Liaison, and Women in Security, as well as programs.