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Safe Saw Initiative: Four Local High Schools to Receive Grant Funds

The Waukesha County Medical Society (WCMS) has awarded \$2,500 grants to four local high schools to help fund the purchase of SawStop® table saws, which will replace traditional table saws in the classroom. Schools selected for funding include Brookfield East High School, New Berlin Eisenhower High School, Oconomowoc High School and Waukesha South High School.

As part of its ongoing grants program, WCMS has launched a Safe Saw Initiative aimed at reducing the prevalence of table saw accidents by encouraging local high schools to use finger-sensing technology saws in their industrial arts classes. The initiative was organized by Tracy McCall, MD, WCMS president-elect, and two Medical College of Wisconsin medical students, Kirstin and Wes Robertson. Public schools in Waukesha County were educated on the initiative and invited to apply for funding to help purchase a table saw equipped with active-finger sensing technology for its wood shop. Administrators, teachers and students at the schools all worked together in the application process.

"Through this initiative, we hope to impress upon students the importance of safety in woodworking, not only in the classroom, but for future employment opportunities," says Dr. McCall. "In working with high school students and their teachers, I have developed a great respect for the work being done in our schools to provide high quality, safe education that will help address the shortage of people entering the skilled trades."

Table saw injuries result in a significant number of injuries and amputations every year. According to the National Consumers League (NCL), nearly 40,000 Americans are treated in hospital emergency rooms each year with injuries sustained while operating table saws. About 4,000 of those injuries-more than 10 every day-result in amputations. Table saw injuries cost the United States approximately \$2 billion every year.

Preventing table saw injury can be accomplished when the saws are equipped with blade guards, which partially cover the blade during operation. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), nearly two-thirds of table saw injuries occur when the blade guard had been removed from the saw. SawStop®, currently the only saw available with finger-sensing technology that shuts down the machine when it comes in contact with skin, can be cost-prohibitive for many high schools.

Grant applications were received from sixteen schools hoping to receive funding in 2014, and while WCMS can only provide funding to four schools this year, the others will be encouraged to reapply again in 2015.

July 25th WCMS Brewers Outing TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

BREWERS OUTING

Friday, July 25, 2014; Game Time: 7:10 pm

Miller Park

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Don't miss this terrific opportunity to socialize with your Waukesha County Medical Society colleagues and families in a relaxed setting... and cheer on the Brewers at Miller Park for a fraction of what you'd pay face value! Tickets are still available but act fast... they are being mailed to all registrants this week!

WCMS tickets are in the Dew Deck, located just above the Loge Bleachers in right field. Tickets include assigned seating, semi-private bar and restrooms, and plenty of semi-private space for mingling. Each game ticket also includes a full buffet featuring: Klement's Bratwursts with sauerkraut, Klement's hot dogs, BBQ chicken breasts, grilled sirloin burgers, Wisconsin mac & cheese, corn on the cob, red wine vinaigrette coleslaw, assorted cookies, and unlimited soft drinks. Adults will each receive two complimentary draft beers (game ticket must be presented).

Annual Town Hall Meeting with Legislators - September 3, 2014 SIGN UP TODAY

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 6-9 pm

The Delafield Hotel, 415 Genesee St., Delafield, WI

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Join local legislators for this opportunity to hear updates on issues of concern to physicians and the citizens of Wisconsin. Attendees will have an opportunity to interact with legislators through this town-hall style meeting.

Evening Agenda:

6:00 pm - Reception (cash bar)

6:30 pm - Dinner

7:15 pm - Town Hall Meeting

9:00 pm - Adjournment

No charge for WCMS members; \$50 for non-members and guests.

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