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Labor and Human Resources

Brown Bag

Tuesday, February 17
Noon to 1:30

*School-to-Career Programs and Transitions
to Employment and Higher Education*

Donna Rothstein
Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

BLS Conference Center, Room 8
2 Massachusetts Ave., NE

Metro: Union Station

For more information contact Steve Broughman (202-502-7315), David Brauer (202-226-2777), or Ken Swinner-ton (202-693-4916).

SGE Conference 2004

Aging and the Economy

We are beginning to plan our biennial conference, scheduled for November 2004 in Washington, DC. The tentative theme of the conference is, "Aging and the Economy". SGE would like to invite anyone who wishes to contribute to the content, design, or publicity of the conference. Private/public economists, statisticians, researchers, and representatives from the political arena are invited to participate. Potential avenues of participation include suggesting session topics and speakers, organizing sessions, presenting or discussing papers, assisting in organization or marketing matters, etc.

The first open planning meeting for conference will be held on Thursday, February 12th from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Ford Office Building (3rd and D Streets, SW), Room 453. The Ford Office Building is across the street from the Federal Center Southwest Metro stop (Orange and Blue lines). If you have any questions contact Bill Lawhorn at Lawhorn.william@bls.gov or call 202-691-5093.

Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, February 17
Noon

The Economic Report of the President

N. Gregory Mankiw
Chairman
Council of Economic Advisers

Prof. Mankiw will discuss the newly released Economic Report of the President and the Administration's priorities for the coming year.

Place: Chinatown Garden Restaurant
618 H St., NW, Washington

Metro: Gallery Place (Red, Green, and Yellow Lines).

Restaurant is 1/2 block east of the Metro station northern (H Street) exit.

Reservations must be made by 12 noon Monday, February 16 to Ana Aizcorbe (AAizcorbe@Brookings.edu) or 202-797-4364.

\$15 for SGE and NEC members
\$20 for non-members

Renewal Reminder

If you haven't renewed your SGE membership, you can complete the entire renewal process on-line at www.sge-econ.org.

President's Corner

By Warren Hrung

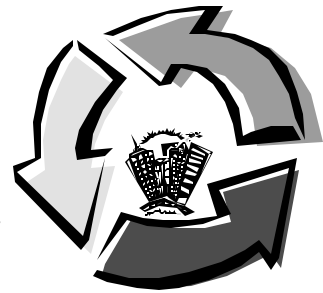
Another month and another new year is upon us. Happy Chinese New Year; it's now the Year of the Monkey (no, this is not a reference to bushorchimp.com). This already has the makings of a very interesting year. The race for the Democratic presidential nomination will soon effectively come to an end, and in D.C., Mayor Williams may be facing his own recall election. The former heads of Enron may need to prep their perp walk, and Paul O'Neill, the former Treasury Secretary, came out swinging, but only ended up scoring a TKO against himself. All the while, the inter-galactic search for weapons of mass destruction roves on.

Closer to home, SGE is gearing up for our biennial conference, scheduled for this November, on aging and the economy. The first conference planning meeting will take place on February 12, and the conference planning committee will meet once a month until the conference. All members are invited, and if you're not able to make the meeting, but you have some ideas you'd like to share, feel free to contact the conference co-chairs, Bill Lawhorn (lawhorn.william@bls.gov) and Daniella Markheim (dmarkheim@att.net).

February is a very busy time for those of us working for the Executive branch. The Administration's Budget is released in early February as is the Economic Report of the President (ERP). For our February luncheon, I am delighted that Greg Mankiw, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, will be our speaker and he will discuss the ERP. And looking ahead to next month, we have John Rea, of the Investment Company Institute, as our luncheon speaker. Many of you will remember that John was scheduled to speak last year, but his luncheon was postponed due to the blizzard last February. A lot has happened/changed for the mutual fund industry since then and we're all interested in John's outlook for mutual funds in the coming year.

Around Town

**A Service Column
Listing Professional
Activities of Interest
to Our Membership**



To include your activity, please e-mail the information to ann.dunbar@bea.doc.gov or send it by regular mail to the address on the back.

NEC Events

February 12, Chinatown Gardens

Robert Crandall, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

Telecommunications in the US—From Revolution to Evolution

February 26, Library of Congress

C. Eugene Steuerle, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute
The Budget Squeeze

Call NEC's reservation line at 703-739-9404 or e-mail to nec@cbc.org. Reservations are due by 11 a.m. on the Tuesday before the lunch, and your message should include name, phone # and event. Those desiring to hear the talk without lunch may attend at no charge but should also reserve. Lunch price is \$15 for SGE and NEC members, including those who join NEC at the door, \$20 for others.

Book Reviews — New Titles

SGE has just received "Market and Society," by Milan Zafirovski, Praeger, 2003. This book presents two frameworks for analyzing the market in relation to society. The Upjohn Institute has also announced the publication of "The Economics of Risk," Donald Meyer, Editor, Western Michigan University. Please contact Nancy Ody (202-366-0177 or nancy.ody@fta.dot.gov) if you would like to review either of these books.

Please also feel free to call Nancy if you would like to discuss other book review options. A list of books available for review is on the SGE website (www.sge-econ.org). Nancy will also request books directly from publishers for SGE members who have already completed reviews acceptable for publication in the SGE Bulletin.

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