



MIT Club of Chicago



President's Message

From retiring president Robert Cohen –

As president of the MIT Club for the past four years, I have had both the challenge and pleasure of working with a devoted group of MIT alums to redefine the MIT alumni experience in Chicago. I joined the group out of a sense of duty to the Institute and with the notion that my efforts could make a difference; I certainly hope that was accomplished. Now the time has come for me to pass the mantle to a new leader for the group. I am therefore delighted to announce that Peter Burke will be taking over my position as President of the MIT Club of Chicago for the 2006-2007 season.

And now from Peter Burke –

Was it coincidence or was it fate that, after five years living out of state, I would return to Chicago just in time to see April's fabulous MIT on the Road event? I was thrilled to see how the Club was thriving and to meet the enthusiastic and capable volunteers who made it so. Then Bob Cohen reminded me, "You know, you left five years ago in the middle of a two year term so you technically still have a year left..." Bob will be a tough act to follow but I know the challenge will be matched by the gratification that comes from working with and for fellow alums and the MIT Club of Chicago.

Past Event - Finkl and Sons Co. Plant Tour

On **Friday, October 20** MIT Club of Chicago members toured the manufacturing facilities of Finkl & Sons Co. in north Chicago.

The group watched as workers took a heated ingot (shown below) and shaped it into a rectangular forging.



Steel ingots heated to ~ 1600 degrees Fahrenheit

Finkl & Sons Co. was founded in 1879 and is now a leading supplier of forging die steels, plastic mold steels, die casting tool steels and custom open-die forgings.

Upcoming Events

December 2006

27, Wednesday 6:30pm to 9:30pm - **MIT Holiday Party** including prospective students @ Bacino's 75 E. Wacker Dr

January 2007

Date TBD **Toast to IAP** @ Fadó 100 W. Grand

February 2007

27, Tuesday 5:00pm **Graduate Alumni Broadcast** @ TBD (We need a location if anyone has space to donate)

For more information visit alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/chicago

Past Event – Wine Tasting

On **Sunday, November 12** MIT Club of Chicago members, alumni and others gathered for a wine tasting event in a Lincoln Park high-rise. Participants sampled a mix of whites and reds from France, Argentina and South Africa.



JB Brewer and his wife Tracy evaluating a red wine



MIT and Cal Tech alumni mingling in Lincoln Park

MIT Enterprise Forum of Chicago

The MIT Enterprise Forum of Chicago offers professional networking opportunities to senior business leaders while showcasing MIT's contributions to innovation and entrepreneurship. The intent of the Forum is to serve as a focal point for members and event attendees to learn, exchange views and enhance their ability to manage innovation in its many forms.

The MIT Club of Chicago and **MIT Enterprise Forum of Chicago** intend to work closer together in the coming year to bring interesting events and learning opportunities to both sets of members.

Upcoming MIT Enterprise Forum of Chicago Events

December 12 Holiday Party Pure fun

Trivia Question

Can you describe what is represented by the strips and stars on municipal flag of Chicago?



Stripes

The three white stripes represent the 1) North, 2) West and 3) South sides of the city. The top blue stripe represents Lake Michigan and the North Branch of the Chicago River. The bottom blue stripe represents the South Branch of the Chicago River and the Great Canal.

Stars

The four red stars on the center white stripe, from left to right represent 1) The Fort Dearborn Massacre of 1812, 2) The Great Chicago Fire of 1871, 3) The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, 4) The Century of Progress Exposition (1933-1934)

Source: Wikipedia

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