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SARNIA SECTION

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# ANNUNCIATOR

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## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

General Meetings at the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club  
March 27, 2017

ISA Sarnia Section Table Top Show at the Holiday Inn  
April 4, 2017

District Leadership Conference  
April 28 - 30, 2017

Annual Awards Night  
May 29, 2017

Annual Golf Tournament  
June 2, 2017

## DINNER MEETING NOTICE

**MONDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**SARNIA GOLF & CURLING CLUB**

500 ERROL ROAD WEST, SARNIA | PHONE: 519.336.2201

**COCKTAILS 5:00 PM ►►► DINNER 6:00 PM**

### Guest Speaker

**George Roberts**

President of Beacontree Technologies, Inc.

### Topic

Lock-Outs / Tag-Outs as a Mobile App

### Menu

Lobster Bisque  
Grilled Salmon  
Berry Crème Brulee

MEMBERS \$15  
GUESTS \$25

Please RSVP before Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 by contacting Terri Bell at 519.333.2800 or email  
[terri.bell@intertec-inst.com](mailto:terri.bell@intertec-inst.com)

For special dietary needs, contact the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club three days prior to the meeting.

**NOTE: ALL Members and Guests are requested to reserve in advanced.**



## PRESENTATION



George Roberts, P.Eng, BAsC, MBA  
Beacontree Technologies Inc.  
President

In the world of innovation, George has evolved into a first class connector of people, technology and methods. With an aptitude for complex systems and over 35 years of industrial & business automation experience, he has successfully developed and promoted innovative technologies in a practical, profitable way on an international stage.

George holds a chemical engineering degree from the University of Waterloo, an MBA from Wilfrid Laurier University and is a registered Professional Engineer in Ontario.

Beacontree has just completed an Applied Research project with Lambton College that is called One-Touch Lock-Out (OTLO), an NFC-based system that will achieve an accident-free work environment for operators, tradesmen and contractors. NFC technology validates all lock-out/tag-outs (LOTO) are done safely and efficiently.

The presentation will show you how this mobile app facilitates shutdowns and startups while providing real-time status to management on how the hazardous energy control objectives are being met.



## NOTICES



### A NOTICE TO ALL ISA SARNIA SECTION MEMBERS

To all members of the ISA Sarnia Section: this is a notice that the nomination process for our section is open for you to put forth leader nominations for our Executive. As you know we elect the Vice President, Treasurer, and the Executive assistant position. If you know of any interested members that would like to run for these positions please nominate them. You may contact Kalpen Vachharajani (President), Don Murch (Executive Assistant) or Mike Murray (Past President) to nominate anyone. The nominations will close on April 17th, one week before our Executive meeting. Multiple names will always be entertained.

Thank you,

The Nominating Committee



2017 Reference Guide is available for distribution and can be picked up at the following locations:

Kevin Noon | Emerson | 581 Vidal St. South | 519.331.7679  
Lakeside Process Controls | 581 Vidal St. South | 519.332.2300  
Provincial Controls | 864 Phillips St. | 519.336.7301

For information about the Guide or to add your advertisement page, please contact:

Grafiks Marketing and Communication  
www.grafiks.com | 519.336.5230



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

Welcome to Spring!! Really?? Where was the winter this year?? Almost all the weather people announced last fall that, "It'll be winter in Canada, just as we always dreamed it would be". At least all of us in SW Ontario miss "that winter". As it goes with everything, some people will complain and some will be happy!!

Same situation in Sarnia section (and at ISA internationally), some are very concerned about falling membership and some are taking it as an effect of internet. What do you think? I would like hear from you as to, what is keeping you as an ISA member. What membership benefits you value? Sarnia section executives have spent considerable amount of time talking about membership and how to increase that in last couple of meetings.

We value your opinion and will appreciate if you can share your ideas about,

- what membership benefit you value the most?
- how to keep existing members active?
- what can we do to attract new members?

Send me your reply to my email listed below.

On Tuesday - April 4, 2017, Sarnia section will host a Table Top show at Holiday Inn Sarnia. With product displays from over 75 vendors. The show committee has also planned interesting technical seminars. Visit [www.isasarnia.com](http://www.isasarnia.com) for details. If you are a vendor with interest in selling your products in SW Ontario region, reserve your booth if you have not, to avoid last minute disappointment. To rest of my friends, please mark the date on your calendar and do take some time out to visit SW Ontario's Premier Instrumentation & Controls event.

If you want to receive our section updates via regular emails then please contact our Web & Electronic Communication Chair, Christy Alexander at [sarniaisa@gmail.com](mailto:sarniaisa@gmail.com) and she will be more than happy to add you on our list.

Cheers everyone!

Kalpen Vachharajani  
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### Section Website

Please log on and review the latest information on your section with links to the ISA.  
Visit the link [www.isasarnia.com](http://www.isasarnia.com)

### Member Services & Events

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## PHOTO GALLERY



**Presentation by Dr. John Vargo**



### The Elected Officers

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**Past President**  
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**Mirko Pepe**  
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**Brian Smith**  
**Mike Murray**



## EDITOR



**If you have any news, opinions, comments or announcements you wish to have published in the ANNUNCIATOR, please send your information to the editor via e-mail prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> of the monthly meeting.**

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