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Presidents Message:



As we close the book on another year, I'm amazed at how fast it's gone by. My daughter was born in January and she's now walking. My little boy is growing up fast too. 2007 is shaping up to be a good year also. The more I talk to people, the more confident I am that we will ALL be busy.

We had a great turnout at last month's meeting. Special thanks to Bob Nelson with CPS for explaining the various

rebate programs. I was also particularly interested in the energy usage issues. It would appear that we are going to rely on wind power more and more in the coming years.

As we mentioned at the meeting, we will be taking a break during the month of December. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th. I expect this to be a great meeting, as we have Mr. Terry Townsend as our guest speaker. Mr. Townsend is the current ASHRAE President and he will be speaking to us on ASHRAE's role in sustainable design. Also, we have invited our friends from the local AIA chapter and the USGBC chapter. So, with that in mind, I'd really like to encourage everyone to attend this meeting. It's not often we get the

opportunity to have the President visit our city. Let's have a good turnout.

And finally, I hope everyone has a safe and joyous Christmas. If you are traveling on the road during the holidays, please drive safe. I'll be headed down to the ranch for a few days, looking for that elusive 12 point buck.

Merry Christmas...
Feliz Navidad!

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Time: Lunch 11:30 AM
Meeting 12:00 PM

Place: Oak Hills Country Club, 5403 Fredericksberg Road

Cost: \$15.00 with reservations, \$20.00 without reservations

The 2006-2007 President of ASHRAE, Terry E. Townsend, P.E., will be joining the Alamo Chapter meeting on Tuesday January 16, 2007 to speak on Sustainable Design.

Meeting Sponsor: Carter Burgess

Please make your reservations early and join us in this very informative meeting.

RSVP w/Rezaur Rahman:
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Please Visit www.alamoashrae.org

November Meeting

Meeting Date: November 21st, 2006

Guest Speaker: Bob Nelson with City Public Service

Topic: Energy Issues for San Antonio

Attendees: Amado Ramirez, Alfred Vitela, Brad Bright, Bob Nelson, Bill Rodriguez, Bob Schrader, Bill Wurzbach, Cameron Crandall, Chip Drewry, Charles Flynn, Chris Garcia, Chris Miller, Clifford Tilbury, Dwayne Blevins, Don Barker, Derek Brown, Dennis Dalsing, Dick Grant, David Kam, Eric Ireton, Emeterio Rios, Gary Stevenson, Howard Decker, Hani Rophael, Joe Brooks, John Faultersack, John Freund, John Ferencak, Jim Knight, Jennifer King, Jim Norman, Jerry Pruitt, Jason Ritterbusch, Jesus Trinidad, Kanton Hammon, Larry G. Zunker, Mike Fauver, Mike Lawlor, Manuel Lizcano, Oskar Zuniga, Paul Deltz, Pat Mooney, Phillip Preston, Rene Colunga, Richard Fryer, Rob McNicol, Roger Mendez, Rezaur Rahman, Terry Greer, Travis McLeod, Tom Pulliam, Wayne Howell

TO: ASHRAE Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, RVCs, Staff Directors, Staff Liaisons

“Effective November 15, ASHRAE will launch the first phase of its new membership database. As part of this change, your login for the Web site will become your e-mail address and a password of your choice instead of your membership number and personal identification number (PIN). Key features of the new membership database include the ability for you to update your bio and manage your membership online. When logging on to ASHRAE.org on or after November 15 please use your e-mail address and password instead of your membership number and PIN. If you experience problems, please contact us at loginquestions@ashrae.org.”

The excerpt above was taken from the ASHRAE website. When you log into the ASHRAE website, you will be prompted to enter your email address, then password. At this point, your password will be your ASHRAE PIN, after entering your PIN, the system should prompt you to enter a password of your choice. Your password should contain 6-14 characters, a capital letter and a number. You may wish to pass this information on to your ASHRAE colleagues and members in your chapters. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to the email address listed above or contact ASHRAE Customer Service at 1-800-5-ASHRAE. Thank you for your continued support of ASHRAE activities.

Best regards,

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Meeting Dates & Topics

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Sustainable Design: TERRY TOWNSEND

Tuesday, February 27 2007

Insulation - Low Temp Design

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ASHRAE RESEARCH project

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Engineering Ethics

Tuesday, May 15 2007

T&B Panel Discussion

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Data Center Design

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ASHRAE Winter
Meeting, please visit
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ASHRAE Coming to Region VIII in January

Region VIII's Dallas Chapter is hosting Society's winter meeting in Dallas. The meeting will be held from January 27 – 31, 2007. Education seminars will be held at the headquarters hotel as well as the convention center. Some of the seminars will also be presented in Spanish.

The Region VIII dinner will be held Monday night on January 29th. We will be hosting members from the Region-At-Large and Region XIII. Remember to sign up with Assistant Regional Chair Bob Gleeson. The show space is sold out with a waiting list for exhibitors. Be sure to make your plans to attend.

Region VIII, XIII & RAL Regional Dinner
Monday, January 29, 2007
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
(Starting with Cash Bar)

TRULUCK'S

Seafood * Steak * Crabhouse
2401 McKinney Ave., Dallas, Texas

RSVP to (Region VIII)

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Reservations are required
Payment in advance or at Door - By Cash or Check
No Individual Credit Cards

2007 ASHRAE Winter Meeting

Make sure you take a look at the variety of programs on sustainability and energy conservation for buildings. Many interesting and educational opportunities available to broaden your professional horizon!

Saturday, January 27, 3pm Plenary Session. Keynote speaker to be announced.

Saturday, January 27, 6:30pm the Dallas Host Committee has planned a great Western Welcome Party to kick off the week's activities – complete with “to die for” Texas barbeque.

Monday, January 29 12:30pm President's Luncheon. 2006-07 President Terry Townsend will give his state of the society address.

Tuesday, January 31. Don't miss Tuesday evening's Wild West Night! Dinner will be followed by Casino Night and auction! Join in the fun, try your luck at a variety of games, and then bid with your “earnings” for special prizes. Vouchers, phony money, great prizes included.

Sunday – Wednesday, January 28-31

The Technical Program begins Sunday morning, at 7:45am and will conclude at noon,

Wednesday, January 31. A new format allows for more topics and time for more discussion.

All of the program will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel. By October, the entire program will be found on ASHRAE's web site as well as featured in the October 2006 issue of “Insights”.

Technical tours will include Texas Instruments Fab 1 – tour phase one of a 3 billion dollar semiconductor manufacturing facility, with its goal of achieving a Silver LEED certification; - and the American Airlines Center, a world class hockey and basketball arena.