

# The Madness of March...

How sweet it is! Good luck to the Jayhawks and Shockers in the NCAA!

## The SetPoint



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### Presidential Points

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Spring is officially here, even though as I write this we are expecting up to 4" of snow. Welcome to Kansas! We are officially in our home stretch to finish out the 2012-13 ASHRAE year. With March ending we have just two more lunch meetings.

Our April 3rd meeting will feature ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Sheila Hayter, PE who will be speaking about Renewable Energy with a Case Study of a net-zero energy building project she was involved with. Our Chapter will also be featuring this meeting as a Membership Drive and Employer Recognition. We are encouraging those not yet members of ASHRAE to sign up and if you do so the Chapter will pay \$50 of the \$190 membership fee. The Chapter will cover the entire \$20

membership fee for all new student members. Also, as a bonus all current members who are listed as Associate Members



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*Immaculate Conception Tour - November*

### April Meeting

Distinguished Lecturer

Sheila J. Hayter

Zero Energy Office Building

April 3, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At

Oeno Wine Bar

## R & P Investments to Date

Richard Bowman	\$100
Bryan Rocky	\$200
Dave Hughes	\$200
CMW	\$500
Ken Stoppel	\$474
Sean Miller	\$150
John Weber	\$250
Wichita ASHRAE Chapter	\$5,200
McQueeney Group	\$500
Homer Wells	\$50
Heaven Engineering	\$300
Mark O'Donnell	\$300
Brandon Bulla	\$100
Dahl Carmichael	\$100
Dusty Ewing	\$100
Ryan Haug	\$150
John Martin	\$125
Curtis Wondra	\$100
John Martin	\$125
Joe Reintjes	\$250
Scott Branscum	\$100
Kruse Corporation	\$100
Joe Samia	\$100
Pestinger Heating & Air Conditioning	\$150
MKEC Engineering Consultants	\$200
Building Controls and Services	\$1,000
Sandifer Engineering & Controls	\$400
Dale Maltbie	\$250
Don Norton	\$100

Goal: \$14,410

Total: \$11,549

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Tournament Goes All-In and Loses!

Our 2nd Annual Poker Tournament held on January 19th was officially a bust.

Even though we advertised it in the newsletter since early last fall we had only five members show up to participate. Ouch! This either means no one likes to play poker or no one reads the newsletter. The five participants included Dahl Carmichael, Joy Martin, Dustin Leach, Brandon Bulla, and Sean Miller.

Joy took first place followed by Dahl and Dustin. The five shared loads of prizes and an impressive spread of appetizers paid for by the Chapter. Look for an email survey soon that the Chapter will be issuing to see what we should do for a Winter Social next year since the poker idea seems to have been a bust.

### the small print

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are encouraged to take a few minutes and upgrade their status on [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org) to Member if they qualify. To give everyone an incentive the Chapter will have a drawing for a new Kindle Fire Tablet at the April 3rd meeting. Those individuals who upgraded their membership, or joined ASHRAE as a new member or student member are eligible for the drawing.

Of course with Spring arriving there are other changes in the air especially on the current Board of Governors. Our former VP Ryan Haug has moved up north to the big city joining Henderson Engineers as a Mechanical Designer, our Honors & Awards Chair Darren Garrison has joined Experitec as an Account Manager and I have made the move to Knipp Equipment/Kansas Trane as the new Director of Energy Services. Special congrats also go to Dane Pletcher of PEC who while working tirelessly as our Membership Chair has also taken on the responsibilities of being our new Chapter Vice-President.

The year isn't over yet and we still have loads to do. The Chapter is still currently in first place in our Region for PAOE points and we hope to continue that. We will be getting our Wichita State University Student Chapter officially setup. The Sustainability projects will continue. Last but not least, we still need to finalize our Research/Promotion donations for the year. Let's finish strong!



### **Online Business Directory**

Our online Business Directory is a big hit! We currently have twelve companies who have signed up and paid for a year's worth of advertising. All it costs is \$150 and a little time to fill out a form. All proceeds go to fund our WSU Engineering Scholarship fund. Our initial goal was at least \$1,000 for the scholarship and we are currently sitting at \$1,800. At this rate we may be able to give away two \$1,000 scholarships next year. If you haven't signed up please do so.

### **PAOE or President's Award of Excellence**

Some of you may be familiar with this and others may have no idea or simply not care. PAOE helps guide each individual ASHRAE Chapter by setting up goals for us to achieve that improve Chapter Operations. By meeting these goals our Chapter earns points and potentially some awards. We have thirteen Chapters in our Region of ASHRAE and these PAOE points are kept throughout the year and we get to see how we stack up against other chapters. It's sort of like a little competition to see which Chapter is the best. Currently our Chapter is first in PAOE for the year in our region. That's pretty good when you consider our chapter is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest chapter in our Region of 13 members. Way to go Wichita. Let's keep up the good work and try to finish the 2012-13 year on top!

### **Member Company Histories**

One of our ways to earn PAOE points is to document the history of our chapter and its members. We are asking all of our member companies to provide us with a brief company history narrative and send those to our History Chair, Salaman Mukiri, at [salaman@mei-ks.com](mailto:salaman@mei-ks.com). Also, send over any photos you may have of your building or relevant items to your company history along with any references to company involvement in ASHRAE. We will be building a separate section of the website to showcase all of these items. Also, all of you former Chapter Presidents who received an email from Salaman with a survey to fill out, please take a few minutes to do so and send back. Not only is this an important part of documenting our Chapter's History but it also helps our PAOE points total.

### **WANTED: Contractors**

We are currently knee deep in design of our two Sustainability projects for the Fresh Air Baby Camp and Church of the Resurrection. Both are small projects and volunteer efforts by our Chapter members. What we still need though are some mechanical contractors to step up and volunteer their time to help make these projects a reality. All equipment is being donated by company members such as BCS, Knipp Equipment, J.M. O'Connor and Heaven Engineering. If you are a contractor and you want to step up and be a part of these great Sustainability Projects please contact Sean Miller at [sean.miller@trane.com](mailto:sean.miller@trane.com) or John Martin at [jmartin@bldgcontrols.com](mailto:jmartin@bldgcontrols.com).

### **Research/Promotion Donors Get Front Page Recognition**

If you have donated money (\$100 minimum) to the ASHRAE Research/Promotion fund you are now going to be recognized on the front page of our Chapter's website. Check out the website at [www.wichita-ashrae.org](http://www.wichita-ashrae.org) to see rotating images of R/P donor business cards along with their name and amount of their donation. We are still missing a few cards so if your name is already up there but your card isn't please send a color scan of your card to [sean.miller@trane.com](mailto:sean.miller@trane.com). If you haven't made a donation yet, please do and send a scan of your business card along with it. As a plus,

### **Wichita Chapter Represents well at ASHRAE Winter Meeting in Dallas**

The ASHRAE Annual Winter Meeting was held in Dallas, TX this past January and from the looks of it loads of members from Wichita attended. A few of the members seen at the AHR Expo included Joe Samia & Randy Tole from Central Air, Ken Stoppel, James Herman, & John Martin from BCS, John Knipp, Joe Reintjes, Ed Lange, Tim Berends and Sean Miller from Knipp Equipment, Curtis Wondra from J.M O'Connor, Dane Pletcher from PEC, Doug Wright from Superior Boilers, and Richard Bowman from Mechanical Concepts. A few local companies even had booths to showcase their products at the show including Viega, Metal-Fab, and Superior Boilers.

### **WANTED: Volunteers for Science Olympiad Event**

The Kansas Science Olympiad State Tournament will be held on the campus of Wichita State University on Saturday April 6th. The competition features 30 of the best middle schools and 30 of the best high schools in the state who have moved on from their respective regionals to compete at the state level. With over 40 different events featuring engineering, biology, chemistry, robotics, etc. there is something for everyone. As with every year the event is in need of volunteers to help out with the individual events. If you would be interested in signing up as a general volunteer please visit

[http://webs.wichita.edu/scienceolympiad/State\\_Tournament/Volunteering/Volunteer\\_Opportunities\\_Home.htm](http://webs.wichita.edu/scienceolympiad/State_Tournament/Volunteering/Volunteer_Opportunities_Home.htm) to learn more. Also, ASHRAE member Sean Miller from Knipp Equipment is Supervising the Mag-Lev event in which students construct up to two self-propelled magnetically levitated vehicles powered by batteries that turn up to two propellers to move the vehicle down a magnetic track and be tested on their knowledge of magnetism and related topics. The event runs from 7am to 4pm and we would like ASHRAE members to help out with the event if possible. Sean is looking for 2-3 people to help out either all day or in morning and afternoon shifts. Lunch is provided. Contact Sean at [sean.miller@trane.com](mailto:sean.miller@trane.com) if you are interested in lending your skills for the day.

### **How To Upgrade from an ASHRAE Associate Member to Member**

To advance from Associate to Member, you must update your ASHRAE bio online, and notify [membership@ashrae.org](mailto:membership@ashrae.org) that you have an updated bio and wish to be considered for grade advancement.

#### **Steps for updating your biography:**

1. Log into [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org) by selecting 'Join or Login' in the upper right corner. Enter your email address and password then select 'Sign In.'
2. Hover over the 'Membership & Conferences' tab and select 'My Membership.'
3. Under 'Manage Personal Information,' select 'Change Your Address/View or Edit Your Profile.'
4. Select the 'Edu. Pro. Reg' link located in the blue font above your name. Add all of your educational history, relevant professional licenses and work history.
5. Confirm that your contact information is current by clicking on 'Contact Info.'

For information on what experience qualifies for advancement, please see Section 2.7 of the [ASHRAE Bylaws](#). Remember, if you advance from Associate to Member before the April 3rd Meeting you will be eligible to win a Kindle Fire Tablet. Please notify Membership chair Dane Pletcher at [dane.pletcher@pec1.com](mailto:dane.pletcher@pec1.com) as soon as you complete the steps listed above to get your name into the drawing.



### **April Membership Drive**

The Chapter April Meeting will be our second try at a Membership Drive for the year. In October we managed to only bring in two new members. So this time we are upping the ante! Not only do you save \$50 off the standard Membership price of \$190 if you sign up before or at the April 3rd Meeting you also get your name in drawing to win a Kindle Fire Tablet. New Student members are also eligible for the drawing by signing up for the meeting. The Chapter will cover the full \$20 registration fee for new Student Members. As an extra bonus to recognize our member companies, the employer who has the most new members sign up and/or the most employees advance from Associate Member to Member will get a \$250 donation made in their Company's name to this year's ASHRAE Research/Promotion campaign. Let's get more than just two names in for the drawing!

### **ASHRAE-Wichita Chapter Logo Apparel Now Available for Order**

The Chapter has engaged with local business Great Image Designs to provide various apparel items featuring the ASHRAE Wichita Chapter Logo. There are three different types of polos ranging from low to high in pricing. A long sleeved shirt, windshirt and jacket are also available. Follow the instructions below to order all items. All pricing includes tax. Click on the garment numbers below to go to the manufacturer website to see available colors and styles.

#### **Instructions to place and pay for order:**

1. Go to website: [www.greatimagedesigns.com](http://www.greatimagedesigns.com)
2. Click on PAY NOW button.
3. Enter garment(s) total cost.
4. Enter garment #, color, size, and quantity for EACH item ordered in Description Tag.
5. FOLLOW instructions for payment.
6. We will call you for pick up when the order is complete.

#### **Taxed Prices:**

- Simple Polos: [K500](#)(Mens) AND [L500](#)(Ladies) \$21.46
- Rapid Dry Polos: [K455](#)(Mens) AND [L455](#)(Ladies) \$34.34
- Wind Shirt Pullover: [J727](#) \$59.06
- Windbreaker Jacket: [J305](#)(Mens) AND [L305](#)(Ladies) \$32.19
- Long Sleeve Button Up: [RH24](#) \$64.38
- Nike Golf Shirt: [363807](#) \$55.80