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Pile of Bones

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President's Message

By: Chris Klatt

Thank you to all who attended February's Chapter Meeting on "The Construction Codes Act" with Peter Witherspoon from the Building and Technical Standards Branch in the Ministry of Government of Relations for the Province of Saskatchewan. A Copy of the presentation will be sent out to all Chapter Members.

March's meeting will be "The Future of Refrigeration – Change is All Around Us" with Philip Johnston, P.Eng. From Daikin Applied Americas. With the world of refrigerants rapidly changing, Philip will provide context on the transition of refrigerants and some of replacements that are coming to the industry and other alternates. Please let us know if you will be attending to allow us to plan the meeting accordingly.

Once again, the Northern Alberta Chapter will be hosting the Annual John Ross Curling Open in Edmonton, AB on Saturday April 6, 2024. This is always a great event to meet and interact with other Chapters from Region XI. Regina Chapter will be looking to send a team skipped by our very own Tyler Gamble.

ASHRAE Region XI Chapters Regional Conference (CRC) is quickly approaching. This year's CRC Conference will be held May 9-11, 2024 in Spokane, Washington hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter.

Registration for the 2024 ASHRAE Annual Conference is officially open. This

ASHRAE REGINA FEBRUARY MEETING

March 13th, 2024

Presenter: Philip Johnston

**Topic: The Future of
Refrigerants**

**Location: Lakeshore
Restaurant**

**Time:
5:00 PM Happy Hour
6:00 PM Presentation
7:00 PM Dinner**

year's Annual Conference will be held in Indianapolis at the Marriott Indy Place June 22-26, 2024. Join ASHRAE as they welcome new Society Officers, connect at social events, and explore solutions to the demands of our ever-changing industry. Remember to register before April 29 for the best rates.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this upcoming ASHRAE year, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact myself or anyone else on the board.

Thank you,

Chris Klatt, Regina ASHRAE Chapter President

Committee Chair Reports

Research Promotion

By: Carla Spriggs

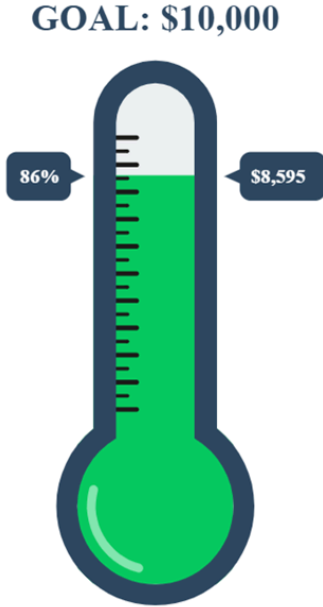
For the month of January, we received a donation from HDA Engineering for a \$200 Co-op gift certificate. The raffle for this raised \$165 for Research Canada. Thanks to HDA. We did not have a raffle for the month of February.

For the Month of March our speaker is Philip Johnston from Daikin Applied Americas who is represented by HVAC Sales. HVAC Sales has kindly donated a meat package with packages of ground beef, roasts and different kinds of steaks. We will be selling tickets for 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10 at the meeting. This would be a nice one to win as we head into barbeque season in the next couple of months. Any proceeds raised will be donated to ASHRAE Canada Research under the name of HVAC Sales.

At the Student project night meeting in April we will be recognizing the donors that made our scholarships possible. This will also allow us to let the students know the scholarships are available for their application. Please pass onto any students you know of that these are available to them.

The golf tournament registration is open. Please join us for a nice day outside with some great people. We will be offering extra games (longest putt, mulligans, etc.) to your Texas scramble to help raise funds for the after school program at Mother Teresa School and for ASHRAE Research.

We have raised money this year with the monthly raffles, donations by board members, donations by general members and donations into the scholarship funds. We have reached 86% of our yearly goal of \$10,000.00.



Membership Promotion

By: Gage Wendel

This month’s meeting is membership promotion night!

The Regina Chapter will be covering the cost of meals for guests, which means Members of the Regina Chapter can bring a guest for a free meal at the Lakeshore Restaurant. So if you have a friend or colleague that you’d like to introduce to ASHRAE, this month you can coerce them in with an interesting presentation on refrigerants and a meal, all free of charge!

Historian

By: Pierre-André Ranger

As part of my role as the chapter historian, I am doing interviews with some of our past and current HVAC industry leaders. Most of the questions come from a standard ASHRAE script, the Leadership Recall. The last few questions will be from me. For this month’s newsletter, I had the pleasure of meeting with Jerry Boulanger in December. Some answers were edited for clarity or because Jerry and I tend to ramble (I’m self-aware).

Leadership Recall: Jerry Boulanger, December 2023

Would you give a brief biographical sketch of your life.

Born in Melfort, SK. Six sisters, two brothers. Graduated high school 1970, Kelsey Institute Mechanical Engineering Technology 1975. Married with 3 children.

What attracted you to engineering and/or the HVAC industry?

I wanted to get into technical sales and the only job posting in that line when I graduated from Kelsey Institute was in HVAC.

What was your first job in the HVAC industry and where did it lead?

I started working for Mecon Sales, a manufacturer's representative agency in Saskatoon. I became a principal in 1980 and in 1981 moved to Regina take over the branch there. In 1988 myself and fellow junior partner bought out Mecon's founder and re-incorporated as Mecon Sales Inc. In 1991 we merged our agency with two others to form Cypress Sales Partnership. I sold my interest there back to the group in 2000 and moved over to Axiom Industries, where I was and continue to be a principal, now retired.

Describe the industry at that time. What were the challenges that you and your colleagues were facing?

In 1975 the industry was very busy. All levels of construction were doing well, including residential where central air conditioning was being more widely adopted. There were no concerns about ozone depletion, energy efficiency, or emissions. No DDC, almost no variable speed equipment. On a business level high interest rates were likely the largest concern.

How and when did you get started in ASHRAE?

I was encouraged by my employer to join ASHRAE shortly after I started working in the industry.

What was your ASHRAE chapter and/or regional and Society experience?

I was President of both the Saskatoon and Regina Chapters of ASHRAE, chair of two CRC's, and served on many committees for CRC, trade shows, technical presentations, etc.

What people stand out as influences on you?

The people who stand out as influences for me came from every group that I interacted with, our suppliers, engineering clients, contractors. My first employer taught me a lot about business, and I have received a wealth of technical training from various equipment manufacturers.

What events changed ASHRAE?

I would list the ozone issue, more of a focus on indoor environment e.g., ventilation, and the drive to higher efficiency and lower emissions. I guess you could add Covid-19 to that list.

What events changed the industry?

The same as above plus more presence in the North American market of international equipment manufacturers.

What has ASHRAE meant to the industry's growth?

I believe ASHRAE is a key contributor to the growth of the HVAC industry because of their standards, research, and support of industry players on a local level.

What advice would you give to a young person entering the HVAC field?

Be a life long learner, take every opportunity to get more training, listen more than you talk.

What other interests and/or hobbies do you have?

cottage in the summer, some travel in the winter, cars, golf.

What made you choose to leave your previous role and run Axiom ?

I was ready for a change after 25+ years as an equipment rep. Axiom had existed for a while (1994) but there hadn't been a push to get it where it could be. I realized the potential and started working full-time with Axiom in 2001.

If you were to go back in time, would you still have gotten into the HVAC industry ?

I would think so. I didn't go into school (SIAST) thinking I would get into the HVAC industry but I wanted to get into a technical sales role and that was available with Mecon Sales. It was a small company so within about 5 years I was able to get into an ownership position. I don't have much of a rear-view mirror on that.

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