

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

- Monthly meeting

SWF ASHRAE Chapter Meeting Announcement

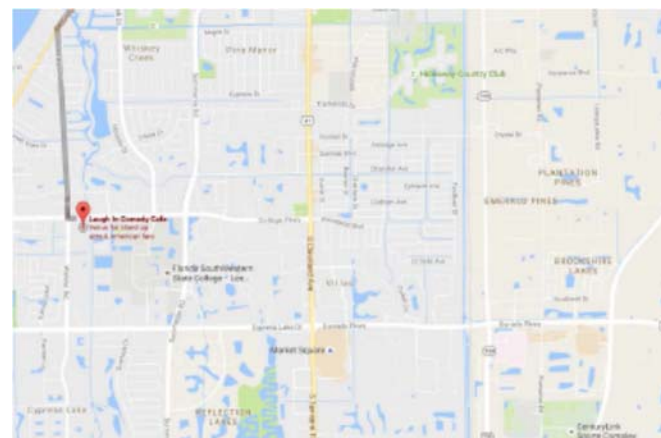
Date: Wednesday, May 10th, 2017
Location: Laugh in Comedy Cafe
Start Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Show and Dinner

Cost: COST: \$35.00 PER ATTENDEE – RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST NO COST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A VALID STUDENT I.D. Pre-Pay on our chapter website www.swflashrae.org
 RSVP to Joy Milliman @ JMilliman@bandiflorida.com

Main Program: Laugh-In Comedy Club

Dinner, drinks and laughing... Mark it on the calendar now, as you won't want to miss this!

Directions: Laugh In Comedy Club
 8595 College Parkway #B6
 Fort Myers, FL 33916
 Phone: (239) 479-5233



A message from Mr. Richard Brooks, SWFL ASHRAE President

Greetings SWFL Chapter. Only **one** meeting remains for this ASHRAE year. Let's make the most of it!!! This is my last newsletter article serving as Chapter President. I would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting our local chapter. This has been a great year with many different speakers and many fun filled events. I look back on the year and a few things jump out at me:

1. We hosted an extremely successful CRC event at the Hyatt Coconut Point Resort
2. We had several Distinguished Lecturers speak at our meetings (more than ever before)
3. We raised over \$15,000 for ASHRAE Research
4. We had a successful golf tournament as well as a fantastic fishing tournament
5. The YETI raffle is always a fun successful event
6. Our local members were active in STEM related events
7. And the list goes on and on

Last weekend's Fishing Tournament was a SUCCESS ! Fun was had by all. I hope that you had a chance to participate. Shane Vaughn did another fabulous job coordinating the fishing tournament.

I hope everyone had a wonderful SWFL ASHRAE year as well. The last meeting will be a lively one. The meeting will be held at the **Laugh-In Comedy Club** off of College Parkway. We are going out with a BANG and not a whimper!!! Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend this very exciting and fun meeting. Bring your significant other, a friend, a co-worker, and please RSVP to Joy Milliman asap, jmilliman@bandiflorida.com

As the society year comes to a close, I want all the readers to know that our chapter is in good hands. Mr. Ashley Fernandez will be our president next year, with Kathleen Simpson on deck. So for the foreseeable future, the chapter will prosper and grow under their guidance.

The next BIG event will be this year's CRC, (Chapters Regional Conference). It will be held in Panama City, Panama. Our Region XII chapter in Panama has offered to host this event. Mr. Ross Montgomery, Bill Malphus and others are helping in this gigantic effort. This conference will take place August 9th thru 12th. It is an event that you don't want to miss. Please reserve your rooms now.

I would like to thank everyone for your support of our chapter. Your volunteering efforts are what make Our Chapter strong!!!

THANK YOU for allowing me to be your chapter president. It has truly been an honor!!! I hope to see everyone at the LAUGH-IN COMEDY CLUB on Wednesday May 10th.

SWF ASHRAE Chapter 2016 to 2017			
President:	Richard Brooks	Newsletter:	Heather Hsi
President Elect:	Ashley Fernandez	Webmaster:	James Martin/Matt Sutkowski
Vice President:	Kathleen Simpson	Sustainability:	Joy Milliman
Secretary:	Joy Milliman	Golf Chair:	Isaac Lima
Treasurer:	Woody Wilson	Fishing Chair:	Shane Vaughn
Research Promotion:	Isaac Lima	Reception:	Sean McGinn/Ryan Olinger
Historian:	James Martin	BOG 1:	Bill Malphus
Membership:	Ashley Fernandez	BOG 2:	John Pennington
CTTC:	Kathleen Simpson	BOG 3:	Jason Hardman
YEA:	Shane Vaughn	BOG 4:	Pat Graef
Student Activities:	Newton Freire		
Programs:	Kathleen Simpson		
Refrigeration:	Kevin Galbraith		
Honors and Awards:	Jason Hardman		
GGAC Chair:	Heather Hsi		

For Chair and Officer contact information, please visit www.SWFLASHRAE.org

EPA Maintains Hiring Freeze, Offers Early Buyouts

The US Environmental Protection Agency has begun a process to offer buyouts and early retirements to a portion of its 15,000 person workforce. The early budget proposal from President Trump recommends sharp cuts to EPA, both in dollars and in staff. It is unlikely that Congress will approve such large cuts, though EPA intends to continue its own internal freeze on hiring. The guidance from Acting Deputy Administrator Michael Flynn requests four deliverables by June 30:

1. Draft Agency Reform Plan
2. Draft Agency FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan
3. Draft Workforce Reduction Plan
4. Plan to Maximize Employee Performance

May is Asthma Awareness Month

May is Asthma Awareness Month (AAM)—the perfect time to raise awareness and take action in your school community. Each May, thousands of organizations across the U.S. join together for AAM to increase public awareness and improve the lives of children and families with asthma. Be part of this national effort to get asthma under control in communities nationwide!

AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org can connect you with tools and resources to plan and promote educational events and activities for students, staff and parents. Share your AAM stories and activities on the [Network Blog!](#)

American Lung Association Releases 2017 State of the Air Report

The American Lung Association has released its 2017 State of the Air Report. This report, which was begun 18 years ago, analyzes data from official air quality monitors. [Click here](#) to view the report and find out about the air quality in your area.

Building Safety Month Approaching

Building Safety Month is here. Be sure to [check out](#) the planned activities including two receptions that will be held. The Building Safety Month Kickoff event and Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 1st and the second reception will be held on May 10th. [Learn more.](#)



Fishing Tournament 2017



GGAC Activities

New Toolkit for Contacts with Code Officials

GGAC has published a new PowerPoint toolkit entitled *How You Can Participate in Government Activities with Code Officials*. This new toolkit is designed to help ASHRAE members in local Chapters become more familiar with the Standards development process. Chapter members can then use this information to communicate with government code officials about ASHRAE's scope, expertise, available documents and offer their willingness to help in the code development process. [Click here](#) and scroll down to the section "Helpful Toolkits and Presentations" to view the toolkit.

California Seeks to Use Waste Heat for Efficient Energy

A new lab project seeks to efficiently capture waste heat and convert it to electricity, potentially saving California up to \$385 million per year. With a \$2 million grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is partnering with local energy startup Alphabet Energy to create a cost-effective thermoelectric waste heat recovery system to reduce both energy use in the industrial sector and electricity-related carbon emissions. Industry research and consulting firm ICF International estimates that such a system could save California 3.2 million MWh per year in energy while also increasing electrical reliability. [Learn more.](#)

ASHRAE Standard 189.1 for Florida Bid Process

The Florida Administrative Record, published on April 13, 2017, has given notice that the State of Florida, Department of Military Affairs (DMA), Construction & Facility Management Office (CFMO) requests qualifications from the State of Florida registered licensed General/Building Contractors (GC) and Architect/Engineering (A/E) Teams for Design-Build Services for the following project located at Crystal River National Guard Armory FMS #17, Crystal River, Florida. The design and construction of facility renovation must include energy efficiencies meeting ASHRAE Standard 189.1 through improved building envelope and integrated building systems performance. [View](#) the full notice. For additional information, contact the Department of Military Affairs, Construction & Facility Management Office, Contract Management Branch, [\(904\) 827-8544](tel:904-827-8544) or [e-mail](#).

Florida Building Commission Schedules Hearing on Residential Energy Building Code

The Florida Administrative Register, issued on April 24, 2017, has given notice that the Florida Building Commission, Energy Technical Advisory Committee, will hold a public meeting to which all persons are invited. The meeting, to be held on May 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar. [Join](#) the meeting. Join the conference call (toll-free in the United States) at [1-877-568-4106](tel:1-877-568-4106), meeting ID/access code: 650-687-973. The public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida. The general subject matter to be considered is to review and accept a report regarding whether the State's latest draft of the Residential energy building code "6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation" meets or exceeds the provisions of the updated edition of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) regarding building energy efficiency. [Click here](#) for more information.

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