

## A Note From The President

Welcome to the new ASHRAE year!

As part of my duties as a new President, it was requested I share a list of goals for the coming year with the ASHRAE Region V Director. The first objective I listed was to improve communications with our chapter members through the resumption of our monthly newsletter. Get important details out to you, the reader, on current Board members, Chairpersons, Meeting dates, Speaker bio's & Topic details...but most importantly...when the golf outings are scheduled! What I didn't consider was the monthly burden of submitting to the "Presidents Corner". Although I tend to talk a lot, I'm not one to share every random, streaming thought of consciousness. To fulfill my newsletter obligation however, I'm going to give it a go for this month's relaunched edition, then keep future newsletters to more relevant info. So here goes...

In working with a new hire recently, I couldn't help but reminisce about coming from outside the industry, switching career paths and jumping in to the exciting world of heating, refrigeration and air conditioning. On my first day...within minutes of sitting at my assign desk where I had yet to open a drawer, sharpen a pencil or even fill my coffee cup, my mentor & past Chapter President, Dave Deschler (whom all agree, is the nicest person in the world)...did the cruelest thing ever. He tapped me on the shoulder...sought my attention...then opened the ASHRAE Handbook on Fundamentals to the page showing "ASHRAE Psychrometric Chart No. 1". Now I've flown planes and charted courses on sail boats (both using complicated course plotters and charts), but I've seen nothing like the chart staring back at me. For those whom haven't watched the classic SNL bit (see image above), I urge you to go to YouTube and search "SNL + What the hell is that" and you'll see what my reaction was to this learning opportunity. 2.29 minutes of time well spent and a better understanding of my first day and introduction to HVAC.

Fast forward to today and here I am, your new Chapter President. Still not sure how to read a Psychrometric Chart, but thankful for the time, patience and mentorship I received that day and the days that followed with my eventual introduction to ASHRAE. With this thought in mind, I'm asking for help with my second objective. Increase volunteer participation at our Chapter. If there's anyone willing to help us grow as a Chapter, consider volunteering. We still have some open positions needing to be filled and "many hands make light work". I urge you to talk to a past or current Board member or Chairperson for more insight as to how you can help make our Chapter better.

Cheers!  
Thomas House  
President '19/'20



## Upcoming Events

### **September Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, Sept. 23rd, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: Flue and Vent Design

### **October Lunch Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: Improving Engineering Communication

### **November Dinner Meeting**

Date: Monday, Nov. 18th, Time TBD  
Location: JATC Facility  
Topic: SMACNA facility tour

### **December: NO Meeting**

### **January Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, Jan. 13th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: Green Construction Codes

### **February Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, Feb. 10th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: Impacts of Climate Change

### **March Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 16th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: DOE 2020 Pump Efficiency Regulations

### **April Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, April 20th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: VRF & Hydronic Systems

### **May Lunch Meeting**

Date: Monday, May 18th, 12pm  
Location: Harry's Steakhouse  
Topic: Energy Savings in the Refrigeration Industry

## September Speaker Bio



Presenter, Larry Rohskopf  
CEO Jeremias, Inc.

After receiving engineering degrees from Hocking College and Ohio University, Larry began his chimney career with Selkirk Metalbestos. With

experience in sales and applications engineering, Larry founded Mechanical Sales Co. (MSC) in 2000. A few years later Larry founded Precision Vent Inc. to fill the needs of independent representatives and distributors who were frustrated by the lack of a definitive source for chimney and vent system components.

In 2012, Larry connected with the Jeremias Group, one of the world's largest manufacturers of factory-made chimney, pressure stacks, grease ducts, and vents. Larry now serves as the CEO of Jeremias Inc, Jeremias is the innovator of the silicone-free conical and bridgeless double wall systems.



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## A Few Words From The Outgoing President

This summer I handed the reigns over to our incoming chapter president, Tom. I can say with confidence that you are in good hands. Over the past few years I have gotten to know Tom by working alongside him on the board of governors. He will be working hard to continue to improve the chapter.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time as chapter president. It was both a challenge and an adventure. We made the change to lunch meetings after a survey showed they were favored over dinner meetings 4 to 1. This resulted in improved attendance over previous years. The downside being food service soaked up much of our tight schedule. But once again we countered with a finger food style meal. We were able to make these changes while operating short-staffed and with relatively new board members. Members move up in the ranks year by year, and in the years prior, some had moved out of town, taking away both the board member and their experience. I had been forced to skip a position in our rotation due to this. No matter, we all did our best and felt that things were headed in the right direction.

Lastly, thank you to the individuals and business who support ASHRAE either by joining and attending events or encouraging your employees to attend. Businesses who support ASHRAE make it easier for members to get involved and attend the fundraising golf events and other social outings which ultimately benefit the society as a whole. ASHRAE does not receive funding from the government or other outside source, so what we do on a chapter level absolutely makes a difference. ASHRAE benefits everyone, both in our industry and everywhere else as the codes and standards affect the buildings that we all occupy and the air we all breathe.

Sincerely,  
Bret Schlosser  
CLE Chapter President '18/'19