

The Blueline

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Education

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Our topic for February was solar energy for healthcare energy savings. Funds for reimbursement may be available from the State.

All-day CHFMs Course is in the planning. Joint meeting with Delaware Valley/HEADV is possible.

Committee Reports

Social Justice

Annual Review

On Saturday, June 14, 2003, members of the HFMSNJ refurbished a private residence located at 102 Plymouth Drive, in Iselin, NJ. Meeting the mission of the national organization "Rebuilding Together", which is "to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, live in warmth, safety, and independence", 33 members of HFMSNJ came together and made this a reality.

The HFMSNJ members would like to do this again. Keeping in mind that "charity begins at home" we would like to ask all our members if they know of someone in our many communities that is in need of the sort of work that was provided previously.

Someone's house needing a "sprucing up" or a handicap ramp built, etc. We have a wealth of talent in our organization that could be helpful to someone in need. If you are aware of a situation where we could help, please contact me.

Our next Bridges "run" will be on Friday, April 29, 2005. We will meet at the Bridges office in Summit at 5: pm to make sandwiches and proceed to New York at appx. 7:00 pm. Toiletries, clothing, etc. are needed.

Frank Keller

Membership Report

Welcome to Roger A Shults, Allan Sacks, Richard A. Schneider, Bruce Lindstrom who were voted in the organization in January.

In February we welcomed Jose Moniz, Michael Volk, Suzanne M. Bonney, Richard Spano & Jay Sanders.

The membership Committee has closed all applications in-process and future applications other than Healthcare Employees in a Management Position or the staff of same until the audit date of late December 2004.

Advocacy Issues

Codes and Standards

A Proposed N.J. Senate Bill S-1963. This Bill requires use of luminescent materials in exit pathways of high-rise structures. A high rise structure is defined as any structure seven stories and higher. Hospitals will be exempt.

NPFA 99 - 5.1.11.2 calls for all medical gas valves to be identified. This includes the construction valves and valves hidden above the ceiling.

Safety

Vendor Relations

Vendor appreciation day for the last two years was a trade show. A new plan is to have a barbeque with vendor booths. We want to try to make it a fun day; a day at the races, perhaps Monmouth Park. There is a hand out survey which should be returned tonight. Tentative time for barbeque will be some time in August.

Ad Journal

The 2005 Ad Journal will be available April 1, 2005.

Public Relations

The Third Annual HFMSNJ Golf Outing is June 7th, 2005, at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Sommerville, NJ. Those interested should visit the web site for details and an application.

Kudos

A Huge Thank You to Lorraine Caffrey daughter of Jim Corriel for her assistance with the monthly meeting minutes. Lorraine types the minutes from notes then retypes changes after the minutes are proof read by three our Executives. Through her efforts, she raises the level of Professionalism of our organization.

ASHE Notes

EAB Activities

Good and Welfare

EVER LOCK YOUR KEYS IN YOUR CAR?

Oscar Gonzalez CHFM

This only works if your car has remote controlled locks. Also you need a CELL PHONE handy at your car.

Ever Lock your keys in the car? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys (remote) are home, call someone at home on your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and

have
the other person at your home
press the unlock button on the
remote,
holding it near the phone on
their end.

Your car will unlock. It saves
someone from having to drive your
keys to you.

Distance is no object. You could
be hundreds of miles away, and if
you can reach someone who has the
other "remote" for your car,
you can unlock the doors (or the
trunk!)

It works fine! I tried it out and
it unlocked our car over a cell
phone!

Odds and Ends—

By the members for the members

Web Sites of value to the membership

Jim Corueil informed us that
depnews@dep.state.nj.us is stating "NJ
received top marks, an A, for its
efforts in reducing state mercury
air emissions . . . for
advocating strong federal
policies on mercury."

Jim further shares with us
EnergyStar.gov is a site that has
Good information about saving and
conserving energy without a sales
pitch.

Robert Roop sent information
concerning

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY