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President's Message

Well it seems like only yesterday I was writing the first quarter message thinking about spring training and we are now at the All Star Break. How fast time goes by when you enjoy what you do. And I do enjoy serving as your President and have come to the realization that my term is quickly coming to a close. It's been a great ride representing such a fantastic group. I was just informed that our Chapter has been awarded its second consecutive Platinum level of affiliation from ASHE. Congratulations to Ed Fay and all of you that made this possible. It is an honor that very few Chapters can achieve.

Our second quarter education sessions were given by some familiar faces, both Mike Yarnell of OSHA and Tony Monaco of the NJDHSS and one new face, Dale Woodin of ASHE. On a sad note Tony informed the group that this was going to be his final appearance, as he is headed toward retirement. We wish Tony a long and healthy retirement and we acknowledge the void his retirement will create. He was a true friend to all of us both professionally and personally.

Our Golf outing held in early June was also a success for the organization and thanks and congratulations to Amy DiPaolo who took the reigns from Roger Ennis and followed in his footsteps to organize a great day with friends and colleagues.

Our education Chair, Ben DiFranco, has a great end of the year schedule planned for the Society including two conferences. I am sure he will address the particulars in his message so I will not try to steal his thunder. Don't forget, the education sessions are for you and you have to attend to get the benefits. So please stay involved or get involved and become a regular at the meetings. I want to shake all of your hands before my term is up.

Don't forget the Annual ASHE Conference is quickly approaching and will be held in Washington DC July 21-23. I am hoping so see many of you there.

Written and Contributed by:
John DiGirolomo, CHFM, SASHE
President, HFMSNJ



According to this except from a letter ASHE sent to Edward Fay, Secretary , HFMSNJ, it appears Congratulations are in order . . .



May 30, 2008

Edward Fay
Director of Facility Operations
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Old Bridge, NJ

RE: Emerging Regional Leader Award
Recipient (Region 2)

Congratulations!

You have been selected by the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) to receive the prominent Emerging Regional Leader Award. This award recognizes some of our most promising grassroots members for their outstanding leadership and contributions to field of healthcare facility management and their local chapter.

In recognition of your achievement, there will be a special award presentation during the Opening Ceremony of the 45th Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition, in Prince Georges County, Maryland, on Monday, July 21, beginning at 7:00a.m.

All of us that are planning to attend the ASHE Conference will be there to show our support of Ed at the special award presentation that will be held at the Opening Ceremony.

President-Elect's Message

AS we move into the summer season I would like to thank all our members for the great participation at our meetings. In June we will have the honor of the ASHE executive director Mr. Dale Woodin who will be joining us for our meeting. It becomes more apparent with each event how collectively as a group we can problem solve and assist in crafting legislation that helps us all run our hospitals at peak performance.

The Annual this July will be held in Washington DC, it's nearby and I hope to see many of our members there. Ashe is closing in on 10,000 members and is becoming the defining authority in the healthcare environment. I encourage our members to look into attaining their CHFM or Healthcare construction certificate.

This fall we begin with a program from IFMA...designed specifically for healthcare.....look for more info on our web site.

I would also ask that our ASHE members make sure their dues are current so they do not miss out on all ASHE has to offer its membership....

The annual golf outing was a major success. Thanks to all who put in hours of hard work.

Lastly I would like to wish all our members and families a safe and happy summer season. I look forward to seeing everyone this fall

I want to use this opportunity to let our membership know about all the exciting events coming up for the fall season.

We are considering a field trip in August to a wind farm located near Atlantic City.

September we will be hosting an exciting program by IFMA How Good Design Effective operations and Life cycle analysis can overcome "VALUE ENGINEERING"

October Mr. George Mills of the JOINT COMMISSION will be our featured speaker...giving us The Skinny on what we can expect for 09 in the world of LIFE SAFETY

November.. Old Faithful MR. Dave Uhaze from the DCA will once again bring us all up to speed on what's going on in Planning Design and Construction in our fair State

December we will close out 2008 with an "Old Timers Day " to honor our past presidents....I hope all will attend to help ring in the Holiday Season

Lastly, I'm asking for people who would like to get involved in our society . . . it can be very rewarding . . . please consider being part of our future

Written and Contributed by:
Benedict DiFranco CHFM, SASHE
ASHE Region II Director
President-Elect, HFMSNJ



Notes from the Editor

Remember to submit something for the next newsletter on or before Thursday, September 12, 2008. I'd like to release the 3rd Quarter issue of BLUELINE before the September Meeting.

There was very little submitted for the June Newsletter.

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Secretary's Report

By the time this quarters news letter comes out, it will have been announced that the Health Care Facilities Management Society of New Jersey has once again received ASHE's highest level of chapter achievement the Platinum level recognition.

As the gate keeper of the documents used to submit for this award I would like to take a moment to extend a personal thank you to all the members whose dedication and assistance helped make reaching this level possible.

Once again achieving the Platinum award shows just how dedicated and committed our members are at continuing the advancement of healthcare engineering.

This is not the effort of just a few chapter officers, this achievement is a

result of every member helping the society meet the requirement and I believe congratulations is in order to all of members of the Healthcare Facilities Management Society of New Jersey for our continued success.

Written and Contributed by:

Edward Fay
Secretary, HFMSN



Status Report

Executive Hospital Engineers of New Jersey Club

For the third time in six months a meeting of staff from various Hospitals met. There were eight regular HFMSNJ members present representing six hospitals. We met as a group of healthcare employees with common needs and interests to discuss our facility needs in a casual, friendly environment, free from the influence of vendors and consultants. The meeting was held at St. Josephs, Wayne Hospital, on June 12, 2008 and was hosted by James Corueil, Plant Operations Manager and Brian Akers, Lead Engineer.

Once again it was remarked that this meeting is not intended as a substitute for attending the HFMSNJ meeting. All attendees were expected to attend the HFMSNJ meeting next week and were in agreement that if this has a negative impact on attendance at the HFMSNJ it will be discontinued.

We discussed several issues:

- The heat wave and the problems we faced to keep everyone comfortable and in operation.
- Professionalism of outside vendors, appearance, promptness, ID badges, required certifications, cleanliness in their work, proper documentation of work and invoicing. Do they borrow your tools, ladders, equipment and materials? What are the liability and insurance issues?
- JCAHO considerations in scoring Emergency Preparedness and understanding local geographic impact when assessing our Policy and Procedures. Non-compliance with your ILS plan resulting in hospitals given "Conditional Status" when no deaths have been attributable to ILS.
- HFMSNJ education was discussed and everyone was excited that Mr. George Mills, CHFM CEM, FASHE, Senior Engineer for the Standards Interpretation Group at the Joint Commission would be speaking at the all day seminar and that Mr. Dale Woodin, CHFM, SASHE, Executive Director, American Society for Healthcare Engineering will lecture at our June meeting.
- Sprinkler and Fire Pump testing vendors.

A terrific buffet dinner was set up and waiting for us when we arrived. At 5:00PM Jim Corueil started the meeting with introductions and opened the buffet. The meeting and discussions continued during dinner.

The attendees seemed to enjoy the meeting and indicated a desire to keep the EHENJ Club going. We adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Essex County Hospital Center, Cedar Grove, NJ, and will be hosted by Frank Del Gaudio. Frank will show us a steam turbine powered emergency generator that had been in service over 100 years and was recently decommissioned with the opening of their new facility in 2007. We will also the new Psychiatric Facility which features some of the latest building design trends for accommodating current psychiatric care models. This meeting will be on September 25, 2008, the week after the regular HFMSNJ meeting.

Submitted by:
John Schliewenz, AIA
Past-President, EHENJ 1999

Membership

Remind anyone that has applied for regular membership, or has qualified through the move up program, to present themselves at the September meeting for induction into our organization.

Membership applications are available on line at our website or by e-mailing me at Appelmann@holyname.org.

Submitted by:
Peter A. Appelmann Jr. Chairman
Membership Committee

NJHA - EAB Engineering Advisory Board

HFMSNJ Members

James Corueil
William Cutthill
Ben DiFranco, CHFM, SASHE
Bob Newman, CHFM
John Schliewenz, AIA
Hank Schuurman
George Thomas, CHFM, FASHE

Please feel free to contact me or any of the members if you would like to bring an issue to the attention of the committee.

Hank Schuurman, Chairman EAB
VP Facilities Management
Christian Health Care Center



Social Justice Committee Report

James C. Davison, Chief of the Cedar Knolls Fire Department, sent a letter thanking HFMSNJ for the “. . . generous donation of toys to the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. This program provides toys for thousands of underprivileged boys and girls and your many bags of toys helped greatly with this effort.”

Submitted by:
Frank Keller, Chairman
Social Justice Committee

Kick plates/mop plates

After over 15 years in the healthcare industry for both self operation and contract management companies I have had the opportunity to visit with, work for and assist a variety of healthcare facilities, each running the gambit in size and acuity level. One item I continue to see hospitals struggle with is the improper use of “kick plates/mop plates on required fire separation doors.

Often this is due to a lack of understanding of NFPA 80 by designers, architects and project managers who feel they can help ensure the reliability of required separation doors from careless staff members transporting equipment through the corridors by installing additional protection.

Fire doors, covered in NFPA 80, the Standard for Fire Doors clearly states, “Protective plates are used to provide additional resistance to wear or impact.” Protective materials applied to the face of a door are generally made of approximately thick brass, bronze, aluminum, or stainless steel or 1/8-inch thick laminated plastic applied on one or both door faces and located within the lower 16 inches of the door. Plates above this height could affect the fire performance of the door.

Despite the clarity used to describe the implementation of these devices I continue to see units within facilities where these lovely stainless or acrovyn protect guards wrap corridors walls from one end to the other, generally they are installed in conjunction with corner guards, impact bumpers and inevitable these devices carry right onto the sets of cross corridor fire doors.

Given today’s range in size of portable equipment these protective plates can go as high as 4’ or 5’ off the finished floor. To many folks in the healthcare industry these guards are a blessing helping to absorb the nicks and scrapes that can occur while moving stretchers and x-ray equipment through the

facility, that is until the first AHJ identifies that they have violated NFPA.

If the area in question happens to be located in a high traffic area such as a hallway leading to a loading dock or from an OR to a pre or post op recovery area, a qualified architect can recognize the need for additional protection and at that point they can request the doors be equipped from the factory with additional protection. By doing this the plates may exceed the above mentioned limitations by becoming part of the doors rated assembly.

The manufacturer has to test and obtain approval of the plate as part of the fire-rated assembly. This means the doors has the component installed on it and is subjected to a controlled test chamber that exposes them repeatedly to the required heat for a duration to establish and ensure their fire rating.

NFPA does offer an exception where doors in rated enclosures of hazardous areas are permitted to have non-rated, factory or field-applied protective plates extending not more than 48 inches above the bottom of the doors. However, this exception is not extended to doors in hazardous areas of new health care occupancies.

Smoke barrier doors, corridor doors and doors in smoke barriers of existing health care occupancies must be free of non rated, factory or field applied protective plates higher than 48 inches above the bottom of the door, and In new and existing ambulatory health care occupancies, the protective plates on fire doors less than ¾ hour resistance rating assembly must be free of non rated protective plates which extend less than 16 inches above the bottom of the door, without exception.

Written and Contributed by:
Edward Fay

Secretary, HFMSN

Q: What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

A: Mechanical Engineers build weapons,
Civil Engineers build targets.

The graduate with a Science degree asks,
"Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree
asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with an Accounting degree
asks, "How much will it cost?"

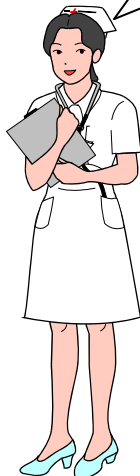
The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do
you want fries with that?"

Q: How do you drive an engineer
completely insane?

A: Tie him to a chair, stand in front of him,
and fold up a road map the wrong way.

Q: When does a person decide to become
an engineer?

When he realizes
he doesn't have
the charisma to
be an undertaker.



Q: What do engineers use for birth
control?

Their
personalities



Q: How can you tell an extroverted
engineer?

A: When he talks to you, he looks at
your shoes instead of his own.

Q: Why did the engineers cross the
road?

A: Because they looked in the file, and
that's what they did last year.

Jokes submitted by Ed Fay





Anyone else have a
NO ENTRY - EXIT ??
Like this unnamed facility.



Anyone missing a wheel chair?
Picture from an MRI at Stony Brook, MC taken May 5, 2008!
Approximate cost of incident \$80-90K (Magnet quenching and lost revenue)

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