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LETTER FROM THE NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN

By Benedict DiFranco, CHFM, SASHE

They say... “Behind every successful man is a woman.” How true. I agreed to be the chairman of the newsletter for a couple of reasons. First, because it is an important part of our chapter. Second, because it was a chance to reconnect with my friends and colleagues. I have asked Diana and she has graciously agreed to help publish the newsletter. The truth is she does not need me, we need her. Diana embodies the fresh blood we all have been hoping for. I am grateful that she will use her amazing talent and expertise to help the HFMSNJ put out a quality publication. So when you read BlueLine, know that behind the man is the real talent.

Sincerely,

Ben DiFranco
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LOCKING DOWN YOUR HOSPITAL – IS IT JUST FOR EMERGENCIES?

By Benedict DiFranco, CHFM, SASHE

Somewhere in the urban city…

Many of us have campuses located in urban areas. How do you deal with Fire and Public Safety? Is locking down a hospital for disasters or active shooter situation the only time? I believe it’s more than that.

The safety of your patients, visitors and staff members depends on securing your facility. But how do you go about that without compromising Fire Safety? Often we see people in hospitals “wandering” around. It seems to be a constant problem. You may ask, “don’t they have security?” The short answer is, “yes.” However, there are many different scenarios that end with people in unauthorized places. Some visitors start off in one direction and get lost on their way to their destination. Of course there are directional signs to assist nevertheless it happens.

On the other hand, you have people that come into a hospital and state they are going to one location when in fact they are trying to go somewhere else. And how about the visitors that gain access to the hospital through outside entrances left open by employees. We can all agree that our goal is to assist and direct all visitors. How then do we control the accidental and intentional “wanderers?” While some instances can be addressed by education, others we have to be proactive about. Some of us have made the decision to use magnetic locks to secure certain hallways and exterior doors. We have taken into consideration security vulnerable locations. Now remember - we have to consider both Public and Fire Safety.

To ensure that you are compliant with Fire Safety, protocols need to be put in place that upon the actuation of the Fire Alarm the doors would release. Panic buttons need to be installed next to the locked doors in the event a person needs an escape route for an active shooter or other emergency. Some facilities are not 100% covered under a sprinkler system. We realized that the Joint Commission would not allow for doors leading to specific areas to be locked down, therefore a way to address the TJC’s concerns had to be found. I learned that this is a two part process.

Part 1 - is doing an assessment with your local fire department. To meet the criteria an invitation should be extended to the fire department chief and his inspectors. To do a complete and comprehensive tour of the building and the doors that needed to be secured. The hope is that chief and inspectors will agree that locking these doors will greatly improve the security and safety of the hospital campus. Issuing a letter of approval stating that the modifications are acceptable and would not put anyone in danger by preventing the fire department from doing their job.

Part 2 - is submitting a request with proof to the TJC and ask for an equivalency. The proof is in the fire departments letter and preparing a case for the Joint Commission to consider granting the equivalency.

To be continued…
LEADERSHIP LESSON

By Henry K. Schuurman, CHC, CHSP, CHFM, SASHE

THE EAGLE WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A CHICKEN

There’s an old, well known story of a chicken farmer who found an eagle’s egg. He put it with his chickens and soon the egg hatched. The young eagle grew up with all the other chickens and whatever they did, the eagle did too. He thought he was a chicken, just like them.

Since the chickens could only fly for a short distance, the eagle also learnt to fly a short distance.

He thought that was what he was supposed to do. So that was all that he thought he could do. As a consequence, that was all he was able to do.

One day the eagle saw a bird flying high above him. He was very impressed. “Who is that?” he asked the hens around him.

“That’s the eagle, the king of the birds,” the hens told him. “He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth, we are just chickens.”

So the eagle lived and died as a chicken, for that’s what he thought he was.

I want to encourage you today that you are an eagle.

You may have been brought up in a situation that limited your understanding of your potential, but it’s time now for the past to lose its hold on you.

Don’t die thinking you’re a chicken.

Soar high, just as you were meant to.

Be all that you are meant to be!

“Great leaders don’t blame the tools they are given. They work to sharpen them.”

– Simon Sinek

REMEMBER OUR SERVICEMEMBERS

By Henry K. Schuurman, CHC, CHSP, CHFM, SASHE

‘Where do we get guys like this?’ the reporter asked. The answer is as simple as it is profound. You give them to us.

You parents, you families, you brothers and sisters, grandparents, uncles and aunts, friends, you loan us these wonderful young people. They are the fruit of our country, raised by caring parents or a single parent, nurtured in love, and taught that Americans are supposed to have concern for the rights, freedoms and needs of not only our own citizens, but the citizens of the world … The credit for their goodness, and their greatness, rests with all of you back home.

The mothers, the fathers, husbands, wives, all of the family members, all the friends, the teachers, the preachers, scout leaders, football coaches, volunteer youth workers of all sorts, each person who had a positive impact on the lives of these young people deserves a piece of the credit.”

- Colonel Ron Smith, US Army

From, “The war in Iraq, what the media doesn’t tell you,” The Meridian Star, March 9, 2005
One of the challenges of being a trustee of our organization is that it takes you a few years going through a bunch of offices to get there, and then you really don’t have a job description. Basically the one I have latched on to is “make sure the things are being done that will guarantee the future of the organization.”

So going into yesterday’s meeting, I thought I would get out without a task (Silly me.) I had read all the thousand’s of email that circulate each month and all seemed fine and going smoothly. My wife was busting me that I don’t wear my EHE embroidered button down shirt so I put that on for the meeting.

First task I was handed was why don’t we have shirts (clothing) available for members with the current logo (Because no one asked....). So I ask a fellow trustee to get me a good scanable version of the logo and six hours later, I have it. I’ll go get it programmed but what I need to know is, what type of clothing do we place it on? We had a ‘denim’ weight button down before and a white two button polo with contrasting sleeves and placket. There were also two pull-on golf shirts. What I normally do is take orders (and money) and as I get the product, I mail it to the recipient. Most of the clothing is male or unisex styling and I order what people tell me is their size, just in case they plan on shrinking or expanding. I’m also going to see if the vendor will include embroidering opposite the logo, the name and title (such as Bob Neumann, Past President- 2000 on mine) – I hope to have a sample for our next meeting but if you want to order something now, let me know by email at bobnnn@aol.com.

Now that I have the logo, I can go into Task Two – ID’s. Many of us have, and are still wearing our work ID’s because that is where we were prior to the meeting. Some of us don’t have ID’s – so my task is to provide something quality so you know who you are talking to if they mumble their name.

I figure my plate is full now and nothing will be given me to do before the education section – wrong. A vendor member comes up to me and wants me to look into the language in the C&B about retired vendor members – We took a few minutes to go over his concern and I agree to come up with some language to present to the board before we break for the summer.

So when people tell you the trustees job is “to do nothing,” don’t believe them.....

- Bob N.
UPCOMING EVENTS

"NFPA 80 -- New requirements for the Care, Maintenance & Inspection of Fire Doors in Healthcare Facilities"
Thursday, January 21, 2016 - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: Paul G. Baillargeon, AHC, FDAI, VP, Technical Consultant, Door Security and Safety Foundation
SPONSOR: Nolan M. Thrope from "ALLEGION"

"Challenges and Strategies During Construction"
Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: The Hillmann Group
SPONSOR: The Hillmann Group, NJ

"CHFM Preparation by ASHE" ***An All Day Event ***
Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 7:00AM - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: TBD
SPONSOR: HFMSNJ and ASHE

"Identification and Management of Aggressive Behavior"
Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: Paul M. Sarnese, System Safety Director for Virtua Health
SPONSOR: TBD

"The Business Case for Distributed Energy in Healthcare"
Thursday, April 21, 2016 - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: Mark Dougherty, FACHE -- Director of Business Development, GI Energy
SPONSOR: Mark Dougherty, Blue Pillar, Inc.

"NFPA-99 Update, Medical Gases"
Thursday, May 19, 2016 - 4:00PM
Galloping Hill Caterers - 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ 07083
SPEAKER: The Sherman Engineering Co.
SPONSOR: The Sherman Engineering Co.

"All Day Seminar And Vendor Exhibition"
Thursday, June 23, 2016 - 7:30AM to 4:30PM

"ASHE's 53rd Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition"
July 10 – July 13, 2016
Denver, CO

“2016 Golf Outing”
Monday, September 12, 2016 – 11:30AM

“Annual Holiday Party”
Friday, December 2, 2016 – 7:00PM to 11:00PM
SAVE THE DATES!

All Day Seminar & Trade Show
Thursday, June 23rd – 7:30AM to 4:30PM
The Galloping Hill Inn, Union, NJ
*** 5.5 ASHE CONTACT HOURS AVAILABLE ***

Co-sponsored by the Healthcare Facility Managers Association of Delaware Valley (HFMADV), and the Healthcare Engineers Association of Southern New Jersey (HEASNJ)

Joint Commission Updates by Anne Guglielmo, CFPS, CHFM, CHSP, LEED AP, Staff Engineer- Standards Interpretation Group at the Joint Commission Resources
Joint Commission Compliance, Documentations, Hot Topics, etc. by Robert Bartels, Safety Management Services, Inc. (SMS), President and Founder
To Register, and For More Information, Visit: www.HFMSNJ.com
Tradeshow tables are available on a first come, first serve basis!
To reserve space, please contact Darren Siker ASAP at dsiker@atiengineers.com

Annual Golf Outing
Monday, September 12th – Golf at 11:30AM; Dinner at 6:30PM
Fox Hollow Golf Club – Branchburg, NJ
Early Bird Specials:
Golf - $275.00 per player ($300.00 after August 31st)
Dinner/ Cocktail Hour - $100.00 per person ($125.00 after August 31st)
Sponsorship opportunities are available!
To register for, or sponsor this event, please contact Darren Siker ASAP at dsiker@atiengineers.com

Annual Holiday Party
Friday, December 2nd – 7:00PM to 11:00PM
The Manor - 111 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ
Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please contact Janna Cohen ASAP at jcohen@barclaywater.com
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