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Who is our successor?

This question has been echoing in my mind and I am looking for more answers than mine alone. So what is your answer to, ‘Why it is important to talk about succession planning in our field?’ Would you agree that the current job landscape and a trend toward grabbing short term higher paying jobs without a long term career, it is reasonable to assume that neither we will not have experienced engineers and maintenance staff nor enough time to train new work force to replace retiring current workers?

Career in Healthcare Engineering is a combination of education, skills, and hands on practice. My desire is to introduce this forever demanding career to self-motivated engineers or technically gifted and talented students. I think together we can develop a strategy and initiative that will create a pathway for new comers, high school & college graduates and for all those trainees & interns who might see a long career in Healthcare Facilities Engineering/ Maintenance / Construction. I am confident that once exposed to this field, individuals would love to learn more about large boilers, electrical generators, giant size air supplying roof top units, fire pumps, air compressors, codes and regulations that maintains higher level of healing environment of care for patients. I believe that succession planning is a common concern for many professionals, however, healthcare industry’s facilities management is extreme priority.

Shouldn’t we give reins in capable hands who would maintain the environment of care when we personally might need to use it? So, let’s work together on answer for, who is our successor? Shouldn’t we encourage our staff & colleagues to become member of our organization to sharpen their skills and / or share their knowledge and experience? Our chapter is stronger because of YOU, our industry treasure and a valuable member. I invite you to join with me to find our successor.

Sincerely,

Rajendra Shah

Rajendra N. Shah, PE, MBA, CHC, BSME, CHFM, FASHE
President, HFMSNJ0
The HFMS New Jersey Chapter Received “PLATINUM” Award

Awarded status for work achieved in 2015, and received recognition at the 53rd Annual Conference in Denver, CO - July 10-13, 2016

“I recently passed my CHFM certification test and I credit my success to the educational program that was provided by our HFMNJ society. A one day class had been arranged through ASHE and the instructor provided excellent information on the approach to questions, background reasons for various types of questions, helpful hints on how to quickly analyze what is being asked and how to quickly make calculations if needed. The audio/visual aids he used included remote clickers that everyone could register their answer to a sample question being presented, and this made for very interesting participation and insight. I was very concerned about finishing the test within the timeframe, but I had 22 minutes left over when last question was answered. This gave me the opportunity to spend the time reviewing my answers. I recommend that HFMNJ schedule this class to be repeated and anyone planning to obtain their certification should attend. Providing this class is a good example of what your society does for you.”

By: Bill Stranahan, P.E., CHFM, Trinitas Regional Medical Center
MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

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The Brooklyn Bridge is a hybrid cable-stayed/suspension bridge in New York City and is one of the oldest bridges of either type in the United States. It has a main span of 1,595.5 feet. The towers are built of limestone, granite, and Rosendale cement. The bridge was built with numerous passageways and compartments in its anchorages. New York City rented out the large vaults under the bridge's Manhattan anchorage in order to fund the bridge. The vaults were used to store wine, as they were always at 60 °F (16 °C). This was called the "Blue Grotto" because of a shrine to the Virgin Mary next to an opening at the entrance. Old writing on the wall, a "fading inscription" reads: "Who loveth not wine, women and song, he remaineth a fool his whole life long."

Construction of the bridge began in 1869. The bridge was initially designed by German immigrant John Augustus Roebling. While conducting surveys for the bridge project, Roebling sustained a crush injury to his foot when a ferry pinned it against a piling. After amputation of his crushed toes he developed a tetanus infection which left him incapacitated and soon resulted in his death, not long after he had placed his 32-year-old son Washington Roebling in charge of the project. Later, Washington Roebling also suffered a paralyzing injury and his debilitating condition left him unable to physically supervise the construction firsthand.

Roebling conducted the entire construction from his apartment with a view of the work, designing and redesigning caissons and other equipment. He was aided by his wife Emily Warren Roebling who provided the critical written link between her husband and the engineers on site. Under her husband's guidance, Emily studied higher mathematics, the calculations of catenary curves, the strengths of materials, bridge specifications, and the intricacies of cable construction. She spent the next 11 years assisting Washington Roebling, helping to supervise the bridge's construction that completed in 1883.
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Thank you Frank Keller, Social Justice Chair

HFMS has provided support to two of our past presidents and their efforts in conquering Multiple Myeloma and Research Funds.
Thank you to everyone who joined us on September 12th at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg, NJ.
A special thank you to Darren Siker, ATI Engineers, for another successful golf outing!
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Annual Holiday Party

COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

Friday, December 2, 2016
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