

Arkansas ASHRAE Members, we had a great start to the year with our September meeting. We had 72 in attendance to hear ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer, **Pam Duffy**. She spoke to us regarding "*Promoting the HVAC Industry for a Sustainable Future*." She emphasized the importance of what we do, how we are making a difference, and the opportunities we have to promote our growing and vital industry to the world around us, including the next generation. Thank you to all that attended.

Pam also made a visit to Arkansas Tech University to address some of Dr Helmer's students before handing her off to NW Arkansas for their Chapter meeting. The students were attentive and eager to learn about ASHRAE as well as internships and job opportunities in our industry.

This month our program will be "*Overview of Balancing Hydronic Systems*." Jerry Martin, the national sales manager for Griswold Controls, will be our speaker. Thanks to James Dayer with Fluid Solutions for coordinating with Drew to set this up. I hope you all will be in attendance for the meeting. Invite someone to come along or meet you at the meeting. There is also still time for you to take advantage of our pre-paid meal plan (see attached flyer in the Newsletter). Please RSVP!

One area I'd like to address is timely RSVPs for our Chapter meetings. The Chapter Technology Transfer Committee (CTTC)/Programs Chair, **Drew Grant**, has the responsibility to send out the meeting invitation each month to advertise the program and speaker. That usually goes out several times a month, not just to make you aware of the meeting but to collect RSVPs so that he can get an accurate headcount to order lunch. I had this responsibility last year and it can be a challenge. With the number of people and the amount of food to order, we have to place an order a few days in advance and cannot make changes the day of. The goal is to order enough food to feed everyone but not overdo it and unnecessarily spend the Chapter's money or under order and not have enough food for everyone to have lunch. Last month we had 35 out of our 72 attendees register on the Tuesday before or the morning of the meeting. With that said, we will be implementing a new RSVP policy with the November meeting. We will have an "Early Bird Registration" for anyone that registers 48 hours prior to a Chapter meeting at \$20.00/ea. (*i.e. Chapter meeting, Wednesday @ 11:30am, early bird registration ends on Monday @ 11:30 am*). If you register after that time period or just show up without registering, we will charge you \$30.00.

As I mentioned last month, we want to provide value to our members and potential members in all that we do, seeking Chapter growth in numbers but also in connection and community with one another. We want to create opportunities for active engagement among members and potential members. Besides our Chapter meetings, there are some other events being planned and we will communicate those throughout the year in our newsletter, flyers at meetings, Facebook, and our website. One of those events happened last month with a YEA social at Fassler Hall. Thanks to **Alex Halloran** and **Phil Watson** for organizing the event.

Our Social/Golf committee, **Josh Robinson**, **Nick Moore**, and **Hunter Brock** have been working hard to put together our Fall Golf Tournament. It is this Friday, September 27th at the Country Club of Arkansas. There is still time to sign up your team and/or sign up for one of the sponsorships. Also, if you are not interested in golf but would like to volunteer in some capacity, please reach out to them.

Ron McCarty (RP) has a Poker Tournament planned for Tuesday, October 22nd. (see attached flyer in the Newsletter).

Fallon Lee, Student Activities Chair, and her committee, **Daniel Nehus**, **Keith Clement**, and **Clayton Kinley**, are coordinating some upcoming opportunities for our members to engage students and educators. Some of those opportunities include: science fair judging/mentoring, career exploration, shadowing, and internships. If you are interesting helping, please reach out to them.

If you are interested in connected to our local Chapter in some way, please reach out to me.