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President's Welcome

Central Pennsylvania ASHRAE Members,

October was a great month for the Central PA chapter. We hosted our annual Fall Cornhole Tournament at Lydian Stone Brewery on Wednesday, October 14th. The food and drink were excellent, the weather was perfect, and a good time was had by all. Thanks again to our sponsors Victaulic, Centergy, and HC Nye. Later that week on Friday, October 16th, we were able to visit JADEC in New Freedom, PA. Thank you to David Bradshaw and JCI for the chilled water system presentation and tour of the facility. Lastly, we held our October chapter meeting on Wednesday, October 21st. Dr. Bill Bahnfleth gave his Distinguished Lecturer presentation, "HVAC and Airborne Infectious Diseases". As always, it was an honor to have him speak to our membership.

This month we join AFE, AEE, and GBC for the 21st annual Energy Conservation Forum. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, from 4:00-8:30 PM at Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, PA. Speakers from Lehigh University, Armstrong World Industries, Americas Data Center, and Cleaver-Brooks will be presenting, and PDHs are available. Registration is through the AFE website here: https://afe45.org/encon-forum/. Please include ASHRAE as your organization when registering. We hope to see you there!

As always, the Board of Governors is here to serve your needs in Central PA. Please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas, questions, or topics of discussion you'd like to see the Chapter address, or if you're interested in getting involved with Chapter leadership or in any of our committees. Our BOG meetings are typically virtual lunchtime meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month and are open to all members. We want your voice to be heard and appreciate all input and participation.

Thank you,
Connor Hitchings, EIT, NCTI
Chapter President

Upcoming Events

November 18th
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
EnCon Forum, Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster

December 16th
Virtual Lunch Meeting

January (TBD)
Hershey Bears Game w/ Dinner + YEA Happy Hour

January 20th
January Chapter Meeting

Details and Registrations can be found at:
www.centralpaashrae.com

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Interested in getting involved?
We are always looking for energized members to join the Board or a Committee.

Reach out to Connor Hitchings:
president@centralpaashrae.com

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Upcoming Meeting: EnCon Forum 2026



Register at www.afe45.org/encon-forum

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RP Fall Cornhole Tournament: A Success!

On Wednesday, October 14, the Central PA Chapter's RP Committee hosted its annual Fall Cornhole Tournament at Lydian Stone Brewing Company in York Haven. Teams of two and solo players came out for an evening of friendly competition, food, and beverages, all in support of ASHRAE research.

Teams and players enjoyed food, beverages, and friendly competition throughout the evening, and every game was played in support of ASHRAE research. Thank you to everyone who came out to play and cheer on the teams!

A big thank you to every player, our sponsors, and the volunteers who kept the games running. We look forward to seeing even more teams next year!







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Membership Promotion

Earning the ASHRAE MBA: develop as a leader and learn the inner workings of a non-profit organization's local chapter, with the opportunity to branch into larger regions and committees.

Enjoy networking and being around your peers. Stay abreast in the latest industry happenings.

The above statements have been reasons I've heard in the past for why a person continues to stay involved in ASHRAE. Whatever your reason for joining, we're happy you're here!

While reflecting, consider those in your circle who could benefit from the development that ASHRAE offers. Even new members can dive in head first!

Our chair positions are filled this year, but that shouldn't stop you if you or someone else is interested in diving deeper into the development pathway: we have openings on committees and will always appreciate both your contribution and helping you along your journey. Consider joining a committee and inviting a friend to join you!

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YEA ASHRAE Event Brings Chapters Together at JADEC

On October 16th, JADEC hosted a standout event for the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA), bringing together members of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore chapters for an afternoon of learning, hands-on exploration, and networking. Approximately 40 attendees joined us on campus, making this an amazing turnout.

The program kicked off with a presentation on chiller basics by David Bradshaw. David walked attendees through the fundamentals of how chillers work, giving newer professionals a solid foundation and offering everyone a useful refresher.

After the presentation, attendees got to see the concepts in action. Volunteers from across the JADEC campus led tours of the facility, giving guests an up-close look at the equipment and systems behind our work. Seeing it in person made for a great complement to the classroom-style session, and the questions and conversations that came out of the tours showed how engaged everyone was.

A big thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the tours possible, and to David for sharing his expertise. Events like this work because of people who are willing to teach, host, and help others learn.







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Young Engineers in ASHRAE

Get more out of your ASHRAE experience through YEA. Connect with other young professionals, build leadership skills, and become involved in opportunities that can shape your career both inside and outside the HVAC&R industry.

Many of the reasons people stay involved in ASHRAE often begin with YEA. Whether it is the friendships, professional development opportunities, mentorship, or a desire to give back to the industry, YEA provides a place to grow and contribute.

While leadership positions may already be filled this year, there are still plenty of ways to participate. We welcome fresh ideas, enthusiastic volunteers, and anyone interested in helping with events, outreach, and chapter activities. Consider joining a committee, attending a YEA event, and inviting a friend to join you!

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The Government Affairs Committee Seeks Your Input

The Government Affairs Committee remains engaged on your behalf. We are planning to have a Day on the Hill in late April 2027 when we will meet with our elected house and senate officials, have substantive discussions with them or their staff, and let them know about the role ASHRAE can play in supporting their technical needs to understand our industry. Please plan on attending. You will learn a lot about how the legislative process works.

As issues arise in our industry, the PA legislature may address those issues through proposed legislation. You may hear about these proposed changes from social media, news outlets, co-workers, or other ways you receive news and information. If you feel something should be either supported or opposed, please let John Hayden know (jhayden@quandel.com) so we can respond.

We can organize a call or visit with the legislation sponsor and share our views. This is how the process works. The GAC is here to help educate our elected officials.

"ASHRAE's mission is to serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields. ASHRAE's vision is a healthy and sustainable built environment for all."

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Society Corner

A new Society year has commenced and the new Society President has taken the helm. Sarah Maston has made her Society Year theme "Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience."

Our Board and Chapter wish her the best of luck in her new role as Society President!

You can find more information by visiting ASHRAE.org.

Fall 2026 YEA Leadership Weekend

Minneapolis, MN · November 6-8, 2026

Registration is CLOSED, but keep an eye out for the Spring!

Objectives: Leadership, Networking, Communication, Professional Development

Maximum of 30 participants, accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. More information: YEA Leadership Weekend (ashrae.org)

ASHRAE Job Board

Explore the ASHRAE Job Board to access a whole new network that is available to you. If you are in search of a job in the field, or even seeking qualified engineers, the ASHRAE Job Board is the answer.

Click here to visit the ASHRAE Jobs Board!

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ASHRAE Central PA 2026—2027 Meetings

Date	Meeting Details	Location
Wednesday, November 18th	EnCon Joint Meeting with AFE, AEE, ASHRAE, USGBC	Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster PA
Wednesday, December 16th	Virtual Lunch Meeting	Virtual
January, TBD	Hershey Bears Game w/ Dinner + YEA Happy Hour	Giant Center, Hershey PA
Wednesday, January 20th	January Chapter Meeting	TBD
January 23rd—27th	ASHRAE Winter Conference & AHR EXPO	Chicago, IL
Wednesday, February 17th	February Chapter Meeting	TBD
Wednesday, March 10th	"Changing the Game: Retrofitting for Resilience." - Society President Sarah Maston	TBD
Monday, April 12th	Dinner Mtg - Student's Night, Penn State Presentations	TBD
Wednesday, May 19th	May Chapter Meeting	TBD
May, TBD	Harrisburg Senator's Game	City Island
June 12th-16th	ASHRAE Annual Conference	New Orleans, LA
June, TBD	Annual Golf Outing	TBD

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Scholarship Update

Attention Students

The Central PA Chapter of ASHRAE would like to congratulate the ASHRAE Region III Setty Family Foundation Scholarship recipient:

Jackson Sharp · Mechanical Engineering · Penn State University

For all current and prospective students, ASHRAE is offering a total of 40 Society Scholarships of up to $10,000 for each qualified student for the upcoming 2027-2028 academic year.

More information on ASHRAE Society scholarships as well as the application can be found here.

Scholarship applications for the 2027-2028 academic year are due December 1st, 2026!

Donate to Research Promotion!

You can direct your gift to health-related topics or any other ASHRAE program.

ASHRAE needs your support to continue our work to keep HVAC&R safe and healthy for the world.

If you would like to donate online, click here. Choose ASHRAE Research and indicate that you are a member of the Central PA Chapter in the contributor information field.

Thank you!