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ASHRAE – Memphis Chapter  
<http://www.ashraememphis.org/>

April, 2007

**LUNCH MEETING 11:30 TUESDAY,  
April 10, 2007**

Meeting Location:

**Kemmons Wilson Center Holiday Inn  
3700 Central Ave. in Memphis, TN**

## **STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY & OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**By: Dr. Janna, PhD., Univ. of Memphis**

**This years' recipients of the ASHRAE Outstanding Junior  
Scholarships are:**

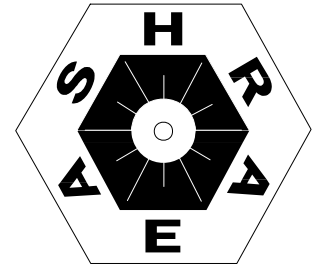
**University of Memphis - Mr. Aaron Smith**

**Christian Brothers University - Mr. Mark Foster**

**The award recognizes those students who are currently enrolled in  
junior level mechanical engineering courses that have distinguished  
themselves in scholarship, leadership, and service. These students  
and some of their fellow classmates will be attending the April  
meeting to be formally recognized by the Chapter and presented  
with their awards.**

**Dr. Janna will discuss the Seniors' projects.**

**Visitors are welcome.**



## **Memphis Chapter Contacts**

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James Fleck 384-8400

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David Kirshner: 433-1900

### **WEBMASTERS:**

Brian Schaffler: 345-6100  
Kevin Crosby: 345-6100



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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### NOMINATIONS for the 2007-08 ASHRAE Memphis Chapter Officers & Chairs [04-02-2007]

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
President	John Colmer	901-761-0885
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Secretary	Harold "Joey" Matlock	901-452-2500
Research/Promotion	Chris Ewing	901-843-4870
CRC 2008	Evans Jack	901-324-6610
At-Large BOG	Bill Dudley	901-495-3959
At-Large BOG	Davie Lloyd	901-937-1720
At-Large BOG	Greg Brown	
Membership	James Fleck	901-384-8400
Newsletter Editor	David Kirshner	901-433-1900
Student Activities	Russ Fletcher	901-761-0885
Webmasters	Brian Schaffler	901-345-6100
Webmasters	Kevin Crosby	901-345-6100
Chapter Memorials	Ken Jack	901-324-6610
Nominations	David George	901-373-5100
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Refrigeration		
Awards		
Memphis Joint Engineers Council		

We are seeking a volunteers to serve as:  
 Awards Committee Chairman  
 Refrigeration Committee Chairman  
 Memphis Joint Engineers Liaison

In order to make the Code Enforcement officials feel more at ease at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we need to submit to them some topics/questions that you the members would like to see covered/answered. Please write your questions on this sheet of paper and bring it with you to the April meeting; or call Brent Wiseman Power Equipment Company 901-327-8261 with your questions. Brent needs to get this information to them as soon as possible.

Brian Schaffler asked that all the companies send updates for their info [shown at <http://www.ashraememphis.org/page8.html>]. Let us know any changes to their companies info we will make the changes. They can email any changes to [kcrosby@gorhamschaffler.com](mailto:kcrosby@gorhamschaffler.com).

**Membership:** The following is my understanding of the changes in Membership. In July 2006, the rules changes to drop members that were 6 months late in paying their membership dues.

Month end	JUN	JLY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
<b>Members</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>213</b>	-	<b>215</b>	-	<b>202</b>	-
Net Change	-10	+1	-9	+14	-15	-	+2	-	-13	-

I am looking forward to seeing everyone Tuesday!  
 James Copeland  
 Chapter President



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## Programs Topics 2006-2007

<b>Date:</b>	<b>PDH SEMINAR - APRIL, 04/18/07 12-3 p.m. CDT</b>
<b>Program Topic:</b>	Indoor Air Quality
<b>Speaker:</b>	Chapter Technology Transfer Committee free Satellite Broadcast/Webcast
<b>Meeting Manager:</b>	Brent Wiseman w/Power Equipment
<b>Location:</b>	Kemmons Wilson Center Holiday Inn 3700 Central Ave.
<b>Date:</b>	<b>MAY, 05/08/07 LUNCH MEETING 11:30 TUESDAY</b>
<b>Program Topic:</b>	Building Inspectors Panel
<b>Speakers:</b>	Memphis Shelby County + Collierville
<b>Meeting Manager:</b>	Brent Wiseman w/Power Equipment
<b>Location:</b>	Fogelman Executive Center-Dining Room.

### REGION VII 2006-2007 Presidential Award of Excellence

Chapter #	Chapter Name	Chapter Members	Membership Promotion Points	Student Activities Points	Research Promotion Points	History Points	Chapter Operations Points	Chapter Technology Transfer Points	Chapter PAOE Point Totals
55	Louisville	192	175	165	290	0	590	895	2115
<b>56</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>2375</b>
57	Birmingham	274	20	150	370	50	755	810	2155
58	Mobile	67	200	555	30	75	705	305	1870
59	New Orleans	135	0	0	50	0	575	510	1135
60	Baton Rouge	96	0	0	80	0	125	0	205
61	Mississippi	100	0	50	70	0	385	340	845
88	Nashville	272	190	250	210	25	780	75	1530
99	East Tennessee	187	585	250	330	0	275	610	2050
114	Tennessee Valley	76	0	0	220	0	275	50	545
128	Bluegrass	160	0	170	1000	0	480	205	1855
130	Northwest Florida	67	0	880	430	300	220	100	1930
133	North Alabama	62	225	0	420	0	455	50	1150



## THE HISTORIAN

Ronald Lamar Thompson, P.E.

Ron was born in Florence, Alabama, in 1939 and moved to Memphis in 1943.

He graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1957, attended Purdue University and graduated from Christian Brothers University in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He works at Thompson Engineers, Inc. which was founded by his father, William B. Thompson, Sr. He began work there as a draftsman in 1955 when in high school. He worked as a plumbing and HVAC designer while attending college until 1962. He joined Thompson Engineers, Inc. full time after graduation from college in 1962. He became president in 1995. He has been responsible for numerous mechanical engineering design during his career, including such projects as the Clark Tower Building, Shelby County Justice Complex, St. Francis Hospital, the International Sort Facility at the Fed Ex Superhub, and various industrial projects. Having his multi-engine pilot's license, he piloted the company airplane on business trips for many years. In 1999, he and his brother, William B. Thompson, Jr., sold Thompson Engineers, Inc. to Jerry and Jeff Gatlin, and he became semi-retired. He has continued working there doing plumbing design and fire protection design and has presently worked for Thompson Engineers for 45 years.

Ron is past president of ASHRAE, Memphis chapter in 1975-'76, He is presently a Life Member of ASHRAE, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. He presently has his P.E. license in twenty different states.

Ron has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 46 years. He has two children, Dr. Gregory Thompson and Suzanne Massey and seven grandchildren ranging from age 18 to 4 year old identical twin girls.

He is a member of Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal) and has served on the vestry of the church, taught Sunday School and coached little league baseball and basketball teams for the church. Since his semi-retirement, he has become an avid golfer.

Ron loves engineering and plans to continue in the field of engineering design as long as he can.

## MEMBER NOTICES

### ASHRAE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Please inform colleagues interested in becoming members of ASHRAE to log on to <http://www.ashrae.org> to fill out an electronic application. Once at the site click on "Join ASHRAE" on the left side of the page then scroll down to the appropriate application for the desired membership grade (This link will take you directly to the membership application selection page - <http://www.ashrae.org/template/AboutLinkLanding/category/1872.jsessionid=aaaglpHers1BeQ>) . Also, have each interested colleague go to the Memphis Chapter Internet site (<http://www.ashraememphis.org/page2.html>) and fill out a local chapter application. If the prospective members do not have internet access just have them contact me directly and give me their mailing address for me to send hard copies.

Total dues are \$150 National and \$85 local. Local dues are only \$15 if they will not attend the lunch meetings.

The ASHRAE Society Board voted to **raise dues July 1 to \$165**. This is the first increase in 3 years. You can prepay your dues up to 3 years ahead and avoid the dues increase. Contact HQ to do this.

Please feel free to call or write with any questions.

James Fleck, P.E.  
(ASHRAE Membership Promotion Chairman)  
Gala Engineering  
Phone: (901) 384-8400  
Fax: (901) 373-2255

### DL Speaking Event: CLIMATE CHANGE

by Tom Werkema on April 11, 2007 at 7 P.M. at  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
2300 Hickory Crest Drive  
Memphis, TN 38119

The event is free and open to the Public. For more information call 757-9140.



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## OFFICERS & CHAIRS

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## NOTICES

### • ASHRAE Endorsed Events

ASHRAE Annual Long Beach, CA Jun 23-27, 2007

2007 Region VII Chapters Regional Conference in Huntsville, Alabama. August 23-25, 2007 [Marriott Huntsville on 5 Tranquility Base Drive The ASHRAE block rate of \$82.50.

Other hotels, and there are many, are .4 to 2 miles away. This is prime time with Space Camp, etc. going. They will be sold out.

Rooms are less critical for the Sat workshop attendees. They come for just the day or one night. Regional, staff and Chapter Delegates/Alternates are there Wed thru Sat or Sunday.

### • Update your Membership Information

Please update your email, phone #s, and contact information by logging in at [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org)

<http://www.ashrae.org/template/MemberLinkLandi ng/category/1570>

- Manage Your Membership
- Manage Personal Information
- Address Changes

The Memphis Chapter Newsletter mailing list and roster are based on those records.