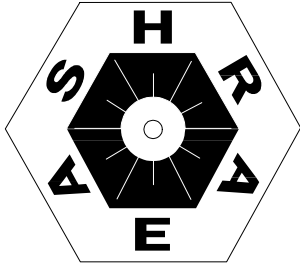


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ASHRAE – Memphis Chapter  
<http://www.ashraememphis.org/>

March 2008



## LUNCH MEETING

TUESDAY, March 11, 2008

11:30 AM

Meeting Location:

**Kemmons Wilson Center**  
**3700 Central Avenue**

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## This month's speaker is Tony Digmanese

Tony Digmanese is the chair/member of:

- Chair of the AHRI Chiller Product Section and a board member of AHRI.
- Member of AHRI's Government Affairs, International Affairs, and Certification Program & Policy committees.
- US TAG (Technical Advisory Group) member and US rep to ISO/TC86/SC6 committee for HVAC products.
- Board member of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy.
- Member of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy.

Tony has 10 years in the HVAC industry, and is currently the Director, Industry Relations, for York/Johnson Controls.

ASHRAE's Tuesday March 11 meeting has been designated as Student Appreciation Day for the spring semester. The chapter will pick up the tab for their meal, so please encourage any local students to attend. Questions may be sent to Russ Fletcher, Student Activities Coordinator, at [russ@computerenvironment.com](mailto:russ@computerenvironment.com). Please make an effort to attend and support our students. Thanks!



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### **THE PRESIDENTS CORNER**

March 2008

Looking backwards for a moment, our Memphis chapter has had a very nice run. Attendance is growing and your Board of Governors has worked hard to keep us in the top of the points race.

Looking at our chapter's performance at a regional level, our Memphis chapter continues to stay at the top of the list. Attendance is growing and your Board of Governors has worked hard to keep us in the top of the points race.

ASHRAE has launched an interesting new website dealing with High Performance Buildings you can access it at <http://hpbmagazine.org/>

You may notice the advertisement boxes available in the newsletter. These are to raise capital for our chapter functions such as the Christmas Party.

As the year goes forward, we will be working on updating our chapter database. Please help us out with your current information.

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 your companies info and we will make the changes. Please email any changes to [kevin.crosby@gorhamschaffler.com](mailto:kevin.crosby@gorhamschaffler.com) .

I am looking forward to seeing everyone!

John Colmer  
Chapter President

***2008 Region VII  
Chapter Regional Conference***  
*Thursday August 7, 2008 thru  
Saturday August 9, 2008*



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### THE HISTORIAN

### MEMBER NOTICES

#### ASHRAE-MEMPHIS' FATHER-SON LEADERSHIP TRADITION

By: Jerry Gatlin, Chapter Historian 2007-2008

The Memphis Chapter of ASHRAE was chartered in 1943, with J.J. Noland serving as the first Chapter President. In the over six decades since the chartering of ASHRAE-Memphis, there have been five sets of father-son Chapter presidents:

T.J. O'Brien, 1944-1945, 2nd Chapter President  
 Joe O'Brien, 1964-1965, 22nd Chapter President

Charlie Schaffler, 1969-1970, 27th Chapter President  
 Brian Schaffler, 2002-2003, 60th Chapter President

Kenneth Jack, 1974-1975, 32nd Chapter President  
 Evans Jack, 1998-1999, 56th Chapter President  
 Evans Jack, 2005-2006, 63rd Chapter President

Jerry Gatlin, 2001-2002, 59th Chapter President  
 Jeff Gatlin, 2004-2005, 62nd Chapter President

Robert P. (Bob) Colmer, Jr., 1971-1972, 29th Chapter President  
 John Colmer, 2007-2008, 65th Chapter President

Not too surprisingly, all of these men are, or were, business partners. Also not surprisingly, the five firms represented by these men are some of the senior h.v.a.c.-related firms in the Memphis area. T.J. O'Brien Engineering was founded in 1925; and Thompson Engineers, Inc. in 1949, Engineered Mechanical Equipment in 1970, Gorham-Schaffler in 1971. Computer Environment in 1983.

The Memphis Chapter is consistently an above-average performer is the balance of senior members, mid-career members, and junior members who take active leadership roles in the Chapter. This strength is reflected in the father-son leadership tradition. It is further reflected by the fact that a visitor could drop in at any random Chapter event and see several of these father-son teams in attendance.

Next month look forward to seeing a complete listing of chapter presidents.

#### 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.

Please feel free to call or write with any questions.

James Fleck, P.E.  
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Nominations	David George 901-373-5100
Refrigeration	Bill Jason
Historian	Jerry Gatlin 901-452-2500
Christmas Party	Jimmy Fleck 901-384-8400
Golf Tournament	David George / Stan Wilson/Chris Ewing 901-373-5100
CRC 2008 Memphis	Evans Jack 901-324-6610

### ASHRAE Endorsed Events

#### 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/MemberLinkLanding/category/1570>

- Manage Your Membership
- Manage Personal Information
- Address Changes

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

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 11, 2008	James D. Qualk	The next Phase in Refrigerants
April 8, 2008	Martin Toth	State of Tennessee Chief Boiler Inspector
May 13, 2008	Code Enforcement	Memphis Shelby County / Collierville

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*Holiday Inn - University of Memphis*

See the Website for more details

<http://www.ashraememphis.org/CRC2008.html>

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