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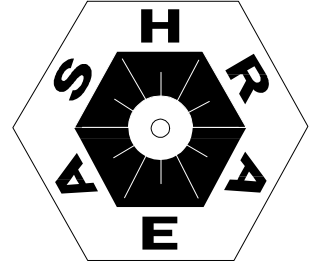
**LUNCH MEETING 11:30 TUESDAY,  
May 8, 2007**

Meeting Location:

**Fogelman Executive Center  
Dining Room**

**330 Innovation Drive, Memphis, TN**

Parking is available in the garage south of the building, see:  
<http://map.memphis.edu/campusmap.pdf>



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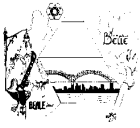
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## **BUILDING INSPECTORS PANEL**

**By: Memphis Shelby County  
Building Code Enforcement**

In order to make the Code Enforcement officials feel more at ease at the May 8th meeting, we need to submit to them some topics/questions that you the members would like to see covered/answered. Please call Brent Wiseman Power Equipment Company 901-327-8261 with your questions. Brent already has received a number of questions.

Visitors are welcome.



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Please contact David Branham at 937-1720 with your suggestions for programs for September 2007 to May 2008.

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

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).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone Tuesday!

James Copeland  
Chapter President

**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'03	JUN'04	JUN'05	JUN'06	JLY	AUG	SEP	OCT	DEC	FEB	MAR'07
Members	215	236	231	223	213	214	228	213	215	202	211
Net Change				-10	+1	-9	+14	-15	+2	-13	+9



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## Programs Topics 2006-2007

Date:	MAY, 05/08/07 LUNCH MEETING 11:30 TUESDAY
Program Topic:	Building Inspectors Panel
Speakers:	Memphis Shelby County + Collierville
Meeting Manager:	Brent Wiseman w/Power Equipment
Location:	Fogelman Executive Center-Dining Room.
<b>September, 2007</b>	Please contact David David Branham at 937-1720 with your suggestions for programs for September 2007 to May 2008.

### 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	260	165	290	0	590	895	2200
56	Memphis	223	205	730	540	400	570	495	2940
57	Birmingham	274	20	150	370	100	755	810	2205
58	Mobile	67	200	555	30	75	705	415	1980
59	New Orleans	135	200	0	50	0	575	510	1335
60	Baton Rouge	96	0	0	80	0	125	0	205
61	Mississippi	100	0	50	70	75	385	340	920
88	Nashville	272	190	250	210	125	760	180	1715
99	East Tennessee	187	620	250	330	50	275	805	2330
114	Tennessee Valley	76	220	0	220	0	275	50	765
128	Bluegrass	160	250	210	1000	175	530	255	2420
130	Northwest Florida	67	95	1440	430	400	410	580	3355
133	North Alabama	62	225	0	420	75	455	50	1225

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current balance on 05/01/07 was \$9,086. Usually the ASHRAE Society seems a check for membership dues during the middle of each month. The check for April has not arrived yet.



## THE HISTORIAN

### PEOPLE IN MEMPHIS ASHRAE HISTORY

Visanji T. Gala, Member 1970 - present

V.T. Gala was born in Kutch, India. He moved to Bombay, India, where he was raised. There he attended the University of Bombay with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Physics and received a BS degree. He then arrived in Memphis to attend Christian Brothers College, in 1964, graduating with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in January of 1967.

V.T. has been a member of ASHRAE since 1970. In 1984, V.T. started Gala Engineering, Inc. He has been married to Jaya for 37 years as of January 27, 2007. They have two daughters, two granddaughters and one grandson. He is an avid bridge player having served as President of the Unit 144 Memphis Bridge League for five years. A self-appointed University of Memphis Tiger fan, he can often be found at the FedEx Forum cheering for his favorite players.

V.T. is semi-retired now, as his son-in-law, Jimmy Fleck (also a graduate of CBU) handles much of the operations of Gala Engineering, Inc. In addition to his bridge and basketball activities he is also active in the India Association of Memphis. He was a co-founder of the organization in 1979 as well as a co-founder and president of the Jain Association of Memphis, started in 2000. When he is not traveling, he spends his time as chair of Unit 144 bridge tournaments and volunteering for MIFA. Very often he can be found at the Germantown Centre where he has become a regular fixture in the workout rooms.

May 2007 – Edited by Jerry Gatlin

## 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.

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Awards	--- OPEN ---
Nominations	David George 901-373-5100
Refrigeration	--- OPEN ---
Historian	Jerry Gatlin 901-452-2500
Christmas Party	Jimmy Fleck 901-384-8400
Golf Tournament	David George / Stan Wilson 901-373-5100
CRC 2008 Memphis	Evans Jack 901-324-6610
Memphis Joint Engineers Council	--- OPEN ---

## NOTICES

### • ASHRAE Endorsed Events

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

2007 Region VII Chapters Regional Conference, CRC, 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. The rooms will sell 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.