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SAVE THE DATE

**2022 ANNUAL
HFMSNJ GOLF
OUTING**

**THURSDAY, OCT.
7TH**

**FOX HOLLOW
GOLF CLUB
BRANCHBURG, NJ**

**ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 2, 2022
THE MANOR
WEST ORANGE, NJ**

Meeting Update:
Social Hour: 5:00 PM
Educational Presentation, Business & Dinner: 6:00-8:00 PM

CEU'S ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETINGS
TOTAL TIME: 2.0-2.5 HOURS

Calendar of Events

Oct 2022

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Topic: "Infection Prevention and Controls During Construction Proper barrier construction"

Speaker: Dan McLaughlin, FIRST ONSITE

Sponsors: First Onsite Property Restoration – Leo DiFonzo

JB&B – Michael A. Bertollo, PE, LEED AP

Nov 2022

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Topic: ".FGI GUIDELINES/DCA OF NJ UPDATES"

Speaker: David Uhaze Health Facilities Design Consulting

Sponsors: Follett Ice, Ed Cichewicz "The Ice Man", Tyler Cichewicz

Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance, Chuck Zagorskie



Remembering Darren

On October 6 the Health Care Facility Manager Society of New Jersey held its Annual Golf Outing. The executive board was informed just a few days prior however of the loss of Darren Siker a longtime colleague and friend of the association and co-chair of the event. Although saddened by the news, Darren brought us a beautiful day with many friends coming together expressing their sorrows for his loss. We enjoyed a great day of golf with lots of prizes and networking as well. We Hope to Celebrate Darren's life for years to come at this event.

Thank you for all those who attended and especially to our Sponsors for supporting us. Looking forward to next year !!!

Leo DiFonzo
Golf Chairman
First Onsite Property Restoration

2022 HFMSNJ GOLF OUTING



Registration Form



Thursday, October 6, 2022

Fox Hollow Golf Club
59 Fox Chase Run - Branchburg, NJ 08876

11:30 AM Lunch and Registration / 1:00 PM Shotgun Start - Scramble Format

Golf/Lunch/Dinner Package: \$275.00(Per Person)
Dinner Only: \$120.00 (Per Person)
Submitted After 9/14/22: \$290.00/\$130.00

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

For signage and printing, please make your selection ASAP!

Dinner Sponsorship - \$1500.00

Golf Ball Sponsorship - \$1000.00

(Your Company Logo on the Ball) Company: Name: (Deadline for this Sponsorship is 9/1)

Lunch Sponsorship - \$500.00

Ice Cream Bar Sponsorship - \$500.00

Putting Green Sponsorship - \$300.00

Men and Women's Longest Drive Sponsorship - \$300.00

Tee/Green Sponsorship - \$200.00

Beverage Cart Sponsorship - \$500.00

Open Bar Sponsorship - \$400.00

Grand Prize Sponsorship - \$300.00

Closest To Pin Sponsorship - \$300.00

SPONSORSHIPS UPON AVAILABILITY - SELECT EARLY

Amount Enclosed (Total Golfers, Dinner, & Sponsors): \$ _____

Note: Please make check out to HFMSNJ & mail to: HFMSNJ - PO Box 95, Cranford, NJ 07016

PayPal Payment available through: HFMSNJ.org

Please email: Darren.Siker@binsky.com for confirmation

ADVOCACY

NJDEP Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Reporting Regulation
ADMIN · NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The NJDEP has adopted a new regulation (N.J.A.C. 7:27E) which requires the owner or operator of a facility with one or more refrigeration systems (chillers, HVAC units, etc.) that utilize 50 pounds or more of a high-GWP refrigerant to register the facility. Facilities were required to complete the registration by November 1, 2022, so if you have not yet registered your facility, you should through NJDEPonline.com. For step-by-step instructions on how to register your refrigeration facility please view the Refrigeration Registration Instructions guidance document. Registration Fee = \$400 for a 5-year registration to be paid online via credit card.

Refrigerant recordkeeping begins on October 1, 2022, and the reporting of refrigerant usage is due by April 1, 2023.

For more information on how to register and comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:27E, please visit the Department's greenhouse gas emissions website on refrigeration systems and chillers.

There is also a Refrigeration Registration and Reporting Webinar scheduled for November 17, 2022 @ 10:00 hosted by the NJDEP. Register through this link.

It is recommend you obtain a list of all of your refrigerant and chiller system to determine if any meet the 50 pound requirement. If so, you will need to register your facility on the NJDEP online system. You should also review the service reports from your contractor to determine if all information required to be reported in April 2023 is being recorded.

Thanks,

Tricia L. Romano, P.E., Executive Officer
Lockatong Engineering
Advocacy Chair, HFMSNJ
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FACILITIES AND
ENGINEERING

COLLABORATION IS KEY



National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

ASHE Engineering Week

Facilities & Engineering Week will take place **October 23–29, 2022**.

Check for updates on how to participate at:

<https://www.ashe.org/engineeringweek>

Celebrate with gifts from ASHE and Jim Coleman Ltd. featuring the official "Collaborate is Key." theme and logo.

<https://www.jimcolemanstore.com/ashe/>

This year's theme is **"Collaborate is Key."** Every year, in the last week of October, we celebrate the important role that facility team members have in ensuring a safe and efficient environment for all patients, residents, visitors and staff within hospitals.

Connect via Social Media

The ASHE team is grateful to everyone in the health care field who is tireless in their efforts to keep our communities safe. Share stories and/or photos of your health care facility on social media. Don't forget to use the following hashtag, so we can all come together in appreciation.

#CelebrateFE

Ideas for How to Celebrate National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

- Take staff out to lunch, to a sporting event, show, etc.
- Utilize the Facilities and Engineering Week Promotional Toolkit with pre-written messages to promote the week and honor your staff in your organization's newsletter or on social media.
- Take the [HFM Quiz](#) for CECs or prepare for the Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager Exam with the [CHFM flashcards](#)
- Give an individual Thank You card to each person in your department. Utilize the ASHE and week logos on www.ashe.org/engineeringweek!
- Host your own [Energy to Care Treasure Hunt](#) to find savings in your facility.
- Host an Open House in your department, serve refreshments and invite, staff, patients, and volunteers to come. Invite other supply chain staff and directors in the area.
- Order fun and affordable gifts for everyone on your staff from the official Facilities and Engineering Week store at www.jimcolemanstore.com/ashe.
- Reward your staff with an [ASHE membership](#).
- Pay for your staff to obtain an [ASHE Certification](#).



Welcome to our 2022 Members

Get Involved: Join A Committee:

Newsletter Committee: Contact Dawn Johnson at dawn.johnson@jci.com

All Day Education: Matt Mokracek at matt.mokracek@gmail.com

Committee Golf Committee: Leo DiFonzo at leo.difonzo@firstonsite.com

Welcome New Members:

William Schneck, Director of Engineering, University Hospital

Edward Stevenson, Vice President, Healthcare Operations, Torcon, Inc.

Bryan Pennington, AIA, Associate Principal, NK Architects

Joe Lobdell AIA, CSI, Project Manager, Flad Architects

Jeffrey O'Neill, AIA, NFPA, ACHA, CHFM, Vice President, Plant Operations
RWJ University Hospital, New Brunswick

Paul Lucchese, Director Facility Operations, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Matthew Van Wyck, Sales Representative, Blejwas Associates, Inc.



Membership Chair:

Diana Barsoum

dbarsoum@libertygrp.com

Social Justice Committee, Volunteer and Donate! Together we make a Big Difference!

Donations are always welcome!

We are thrilled to resume our collection of toys for children this holiday season. We are collaborating again with Toys for Tots! There is a drop-off bin located outside of Carpet Etcetera, so please feel free to drop off a NEW, unwrapped toy for children in need.

Toys for Tots- Please bring a new unwrapped toy to the Holiday Party on December 2, 2022 at The Manor in West Orange, NJ.

Frank is also collecting gently used/new warm weather clothes, boots, accessories (hats, gloves, scarves) suitcases, blankets, sleeping bags, and other winter items for our homeless friends.

PLEASE bring your donations to our monthly meetings OR drop these much-needed items off outside in the bin conveniently located outside

Frank Keller's offices as well:
8 E Frederick Pl # 101A, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Please contact our chair, Frank Keller for more information:

The Social Justice Committee is always looking for new projects and opportunities to help others. If anyone knows of a need and/ or has an idea, please feel free to reach out to Frank directly at 973-519-2159 or email Frank at frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com



Social Justice Chair:

Frank Keller

frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com

**Thank you to the 2022 Executive Committee,
Board of Directors, Trustees, Committee Chairs
and Coordinators for your Service and
Dedication to HFMSNJ!**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHE Crystal Eagle Award, James A. Shoemaker

James Shoemaker points to the impact of peer-to-peer relationships in his career success.

As winner of this year's American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) Crystal Eagle Award, James A. Shoemaker, BSME, MA, FASHE, possesses a wealth of knowledge about the field. This month, he talks with HFM about his career and years of service in leadership roles within ASHE as well as in his local chapter.

How did it feel to win the Crystal Eagle Award during this year's ASHE Annual Conference? I was totally overwhelmed, humbled and grateful.

What led you to the health care field after you retired from the Air Force? After I left the Air Force in 1980, I had no job prospects. I had read a book by Studs Terkel called Working. He interviewed people across the spectrum from parking lot attendants and elevator operators to physicians and CEOs.

I thought I would get a job in the men's shirt department at JCPenney for a year or so, then wash dishes at a diner, then be a waiter at a restaurant and so on. My wife scotched that idea, and resumes I sent to engineering firms were being ignored. So, after six months or so, I threw myself a beer party in my backyard.

My wife, who was a nurse, was working on her master's degree, so she invited some of her classmates, who brought their spouses. I was sitting there gazing over Crosswicks Creek, which was some 35 feet down the bank in my yard in New Jersey. The man sitting next to me asked what I was going to do. I told him I was getting nowhere with resumes. He asked if I had a degree. I told him "Yes, in mechanical engineering." He replied, "I'm deputy commissioner of health for New Jersey and we need a senior mechanical engineer to review hospital plans — are you interested?" Two days later, I was sitting at a desk at the state's plans review department with blueprints and a stack of code books on my desk.

What was your job at the New Jersey Department of Health and how did it affect your perception of the field?

I found my job rather complex, probably because I didn't really know what to do. We had five architects and five engineers in the office. I was learning the ropes by talking to the others in the office, studying the code books and pouring over the details of the blueprints. I really had no perception of the health care facilities field because I had never been in a hospital, except when I was born. However, I did perceive that hospitals are vastly complicated and required many, many safeguards and many trades other than the medical disciplines to endure.

Why did you decide to move into facilities management, and how did your later experiences change or expand your perception of the field? I was bored with the job at the state, so I thought I would go to night school to begin working on my master's degree, taking two courses per week at night after work. While at school, two of my classmates were the chief nurse and assistant chief nurse at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, N.J. They convinced me to apply for an opening there for the assistant director of engineering. I applied a couple of days later and was immediately hired. It was my two-and-a-half years of experience at St. Francis that led me to apply for and gain the position of director of plant operations at Deborah Heart & Lung Center in Browns Mills, N.J.

Reflecting, I can say, "Wow, how the field has changed not just in 20 to 30 years, but in that short timespan I went from the department of health to starting at Deborah."

How did you become involved in the Healthcare Facilities Management Society of New Jersey and, later, ASHE? When I joined the staff at St. Francis Medical Center, Bill Kemppainen, the director, immediately took me under his wing. He was a marvelous man. He taught me more ropes, and he got my start in ASHE by taking me to a meeting of the Healthcare Facilities Management Society of New Jersey, which was then called the Executive Hospital Engineers of New Jersey.

The first meeting I attended was [the] election of officers. They said they had all the positions filled except secretary. Someone looked my way and said, "How about the new guy?" I looked around and no one was behind me, so I was it. I accepted. They called me the next day and explained the "railroad job" they did on me. They said I could back down, but it seemed like a way to get to know them and learn more, so I accepted the post.

The next year I was president-elect and then president. That was in 1984, when I was working at Deborah Heart & Lung Center, and Deborah allowed me to attend my first ASHE conference. My colleague George Thomas and I were in the small auditorium at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Fla., when the curtains opened and 10 people were seated in a row. It turned out to be the ASHE regional directors, as they were then called. I casually mentioned to George how interesting it would be to be on a national board. Well, a couple of years later, the Annual Conference was in Grand Rapids, Mich. I was there, and Nancy Montenegro, ASHE's executive director at the time, approached me and said, "Congratulations, Jim."

It turned out that George Thomas, who was by that time chapter president, was made chair of the nomination committee for the ASHE Board [now the ASHE Advisory Board], and based on my casual comments in Hollywood, Fla., they nominated me. I had never mentioned my comment to George again after we left Hollywood, so maybe it was fate? I then served two-year terms on the board and was nominated to run for president-elect of ASHE and was elected to that position in 1993. So that's how I got involved. Of course, I was learning more and being mentored all along the way.

What value did these organizations bring to you as a facilities manager? The help I received from the ASHE conferences and seminars, and the help I received from networking, was limitless. Networking has always been one of ASHE's strong suits, at least for me and many others I've talked to through the years.

Can you give me an example of this networking? Absolutely! I found that the many seminars we attended were great learning experiences, of course, but I also placed very high value on discussing what we recently learned with colleagues after each seminar or that afternoon at the hotel or elsewhere. That is called "networking," and it takes many forms.

My favorite gathering at the annual conferences was the first-time attendees' reception. I would seek out a group of newbies, welcome them and mention networking. For example, I would point across the room at Tom Schipper, and say, "See that man? He's from California. I was tasked to write an earthquake policy for my hospital in New Jersey. I called Tom and he sent me his policy. I tailored it to my facility and there you have networking at its best." I'd tell them networking is the backbone of ASHE. We love to help mentor each other.

What advice can you give to the young generation of facilities leaders?

Become a sponge for knowledge, and learn all you can. Help others along the way. Get involved, join an ASHE chapter in your region. It's a wonderful experience. And remember to network!



HOLIDAY PARTY 2022

**Happy Holidays!
Congratulations to the
Engineering Award Recipients!
Thank you Janna Cohen!**



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