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SAVE THE DATES:



Healthcare Facilities Management Society of New Jersey

Reminder all attendees must pre-register online prior to attending all monthly meetings and events.

Social Hour now begins at 4:30 pm

ANNUAL GOLF

OUTING:

KNOLLS WEST
COUNTRY CLUB
BOONTON, NJ

OCTOBER 11, 2024

HOLIDAY PARTY:

THE MOLLY
TCHER
RED BANK NJ
DECEMBER 6, 2024

Calendar of Events

Oct 2024

Annual Golf Outing In Memory of Darren Siker

Date: Friday, Oct 11, 2024

Nov 2024

Topic: FGI Guidelines and NJ DCA Updates

Speaker: Dave Uhaze, RA Organization:Healthcare Facilities Design Consulting /

Past Chairman – FGI Guidelines Revision Committee at Facilities Guidelines Institute

Date: Nov 21, 2024

Dec 2024

HFMSNJ Annual Holiday Party

Date: Friday, Dec 6th, 2024

The Molly Pitcher Inn 88 Riverside Avenue- Red Bank, NJ 07701

Mar 2025

PDC Summit™

Have you registered for the PDC Summit™? How about your architects, engineers and contractors?

The Summit will be held in Atlanta March 9-12. Check with your local chapter – there may be scholarships available. Visit the PDC website to learn more, register and access the Justification Toolkit.

National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

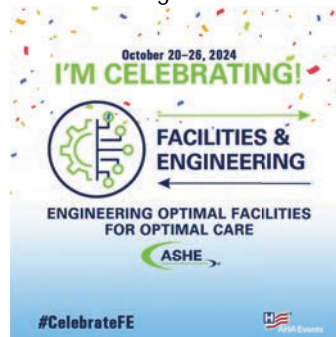
ASHE Engineering Week

Facilities & Engineering Week will take place **October 20-26, 2024**

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
"Engineering Optimal Facilities for Optimal Care"

Nods to the work facilities team members do every day to ensure safe and efficient environments for patients and staff. Take advantage of complimentary education, purchase themed gifts for valued employees and spotlight your team on social media using the hashtag #CelebrateFE. Visit ASHE for more ideas on how to show appreciation during Facilities and Engineering Week.



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

Here is a list of activities and ideas to help celebrate and raise awareness for Facilities and Engineering Week!

1. **Learn** about how you can spread the word about the essential role facilities team members have in ensuring a safe and efficient environment for all patients, residents, visitors and staff within health care spaces: <https://www.ashe.org/CelebrateFE>
2. **Celebrate with Team Members** National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week, October 20–26 is a celebration of health facilities team members and their essential role in ensuring a safe and efficient environment for all patients, residents, visitors and staff. #CelebrateFE
3. **Follow** ASHE: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-society-for-healthcare-engineering-ashe/>
4. **Wear Gear** My National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week gear is here! #CelebrateFE Have you ordered yours yet? Stock up on gifts for your team! <https://www.ashe.org/CelebrateFE>
5. **Test Your Knowledge**: I just tested my knowledge with the latest HFM Magazine Quiz. (Plus I earned some CECs!) #CelebrateFE
Join me in some friendly competition and take the quiz! <https://www.ashe.org/CelebrateFE>
6. **Explore Core Competency Framework** Optimizing health care spaces starts with us, and we can now lean on ASHE's new Core Competency Framework for health care facilities professionals. It's a great place to locate and discover resources, and assess and improve your skillset. Take some time during National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week to explore the Framework: <https://www.ashe.org/core-competency-framework> #CelebrateFE

Welcome to our 2024 Members

Get Involved: Join A Committee:

Welcome New Members:

1. Ryan Barlow, Account Manager, Batska Consulting Group
2. Joe Lorino, Vice President, Facilities Management, Valley Health System
3. Liz Immerman, Manager, Security & Emergency Management
Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
4. Rosemary McLaughlin, Director of Security & Emergency Management
Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
5. Mark Donnelly, Total Land And Construction LLC
6. Mena Grace, Director, Plant Operations, Palisades Medical Center,
Hackensack Meridian Health
7. Ken Papile, Owner, Temporary Wall Systems Meadowlands

T H A N K Y O U , L E T T E R S F R O M M Y F A M I L Y , F R I E N D S , A N D C O M M U N I T Y M E M B E R S

As stated at the November Society meeting in Hackensack and at the holiday party, it has been my pleasure to serve the organization for the last four years as President-elect and then President. I encourage all of you to warmly welcome Donna Terzano as incoming President, Jeffrey O'Neil as incoming President-elect, and Junior Martinez as Sargent at Arms in the success of the Society.

I must admit that I was absolutely unprepared and generally humbled by the applause/ovation received at the November regular meeting when I announced my exit as President. I graciously accept the society's appreciation and owe a debt of gratitude to those who supported me through the experience. The board members, committees, and other volunteers have definitely shaped any success. Unfortunately, I do believe that I missed an opportunity that night to acknowledge the efforts of the team at that point in November's meeting. It must have been the 50/50 drawing.

I could not have been effective without Lyndsay Schnell- Lusardi and Mike De Padova keeping me in line on the rules and general practices. The input of Bill Kelly, Tricia Romano, Caroline Polhemus, as well as the wisdom of Bill Anderson was and continues to be greatly appreciated. The steady diligent work of Diana Barsoum and Bob Morrison of the membership committee is invaluable. And last but certainly not least the incredible efforts provided by Cindi Vasta in support of much more than her role as Treasurer are truly acknowledged and appreciated.

Also much appreciated for their voluntary contributions are Victor Arencibia, Jesse Gandi, Matthew Van Wyck, Denise Schmidt, Janna Cohen, and Remika Sharma who have made many HFMSNJ events a success.

And then there is Frank Keller who selflessly gives back to the community with his distribution of necessities to the homeless and less fortunate. Please continue to support him. I have many fond memories of the Habitat for Humanity adventures with him.

The loyalty of the healthcare members, professional members, and business partners is to be commended. Thank you all. Please continue to support the society and its succession.

The networking, collaboration, and educational opportunities presented at the monthly meetings and all-day events is immeasurable to the mission of the society.

I truly feel at ease knowing that I have been educated as well as my facilities staff in all things healthcare facilities management through the mission of ASHE chapters. Although no one looks forward to a hospital experience, I am confident that those who experience a stay at one of our hospitals will be protected by our knowledge of best practices and regulatory excellence.

There have been many incremental changes needed to bring HFMSNJ membership back from the days of COVID and I believe we are on the way. The society depends on all of you for its succession. Again, thank you for your support over the last four years. I intend to stay on as a junior trustee and the AV guy.

Let's make 2025 a banner year for onboarding new members and quality educational programs. I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tom Sparling

President HFMSNJ 2023/2024

ASHE Update Advocacy Announcement

ASHE Advocacy Highlight: "How the Safety Guy Made the Holidays Safer"

During this holiday season, it is important for all to celebrate, and an important part of our celebrations are decorations. Decorating can help patients take their minds off heavy topics. Decorating can improve the mood and help staff, visitors and patients focus on the joy of the seasons. Decorating can build a sense of community and make the healing environment seem more approachable and friendly.

Yet, if not done properly, decorations can have a significant impact on the safety of the healing environment. Help spread the word of how to safely decorate within the health care physical environment by sharing the ASHE video "How the Safety Guy Made the Holidays Safer."

Thank you,
Tricia L. Romano, P.E., Vice President
Lockatong Engineering
Advocacy Chair, HFMSNJ
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ASHE 2025 Education Programming

Get Ready for Your 2025 Education Programming with ASHE's Hosted Programs

ASHE's hosted programs allow ASHE Chapters, health care organizations and private companies as well as government and military groups to deliver the highest quality educational programming focused on optimizing the health care physical environment in the marketplace without having to spend money to develop that training curriculum on their own. Programming ASHE hosted programs that align with ASHE's Health Care Facilities Core Competency Framework™ and product pathways can help your chapter's customers, members and community to successfully progress in their career development.

ASHE Chapters and regional conferences such as the Arkansas Association for Healthcare Engineering, Inc., Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois, Indiana Society for Healthcare Engineering, Kansas City Area Healthcare Engineers, New England Healthcare Engineers' Society, North Carolina Healthcare Engineers Association Inc., Northern Ohio Society for Healthcare Engineering, Oklahoma Association of Healthcare Engineers, Texas Association of Healthcare Facilities Management, Virginia Society of Healthcare Engineers, Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering and ASHE Region Six Conference have all leveraged ASHE hosted programs to help educate their members.

Get started on bringing in-person, Live Online Training and On Demand ASHE hosted program education to your chapter members. Learn more about how ASHE hosted programs can support your chapter's member professional development needs.

Region 2 Winter Update

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and commitment to the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE). Your passion for our profession and tireless volunteerism has been the driving force behind our region's success in 2024.

First and foremost, I am deeply honored by your decision to reelect me as your Region 2 Advisory Board representative. Your trust in me is not something I take lightly, and I will continue serving you with dedication and enthusiasm.

This past year has been a testament to the incredible energy and engagement within our ASHE community. From our educational programs to our networking events, your active participation has fostered an environment of growth, innovation and camaraderie. As we look ahead to 2025, I am excited about the continued great work that all of you do in your chapters to optimize the physical environment of our health care campuses.

In the coming year, I encourage each of you to take full advantage of ASHE's Core Competency Framework. The invaluable tools within the framework will help guide your professional development and ensure you're equipped with the skills needed to excel in our ever-evolving field.

Recruitment and engagement will be key focus areas for us in 2025. I urge you to reach out to colleagues who might benefit from ASHE membership and invite them to experience the value of our community. Your enthusiasm is contagious, and by sharing your positive experiences, we can grow our ranks and diversify our perspectives.

Lastly, as we gear up for another energetic year, I want to remind you of the importance of self-care. Our profession can be demanding and is a community of overachievers. However, it's crucial to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Remember to take care of yourselves!

I look forward to new adventures in 2025!

Upcoming ASHE Events

- International Summit & Exhibition on Health Facility Planning Design & Construction™ | PDC Summit: March 9-12, 2025; Atlanta.
- Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference™: July 27-30, 2025; Columbus, Ohio

Key ASHE Resources

- Understanding Health Care Compliance Handbook
- Building Success in Health Care Project Management e-Learning Course
- Emergency Management Playbook
- HealQuest™
- ASHRAE/ASHE Decarbonizing Hospital Buildings Guidebook

Thank you!

Laurie Anseth, MSL, CHFM, SASHE
ASHE Advisory Board Region 2 Representative
Account Director for Facilities
JLL/Main Line Health
Radnor, Pa.

Social Justice Committee Volunteer and Donate!

Together we make a Big Difference!

Donations are always welcome!

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.

Social Justice Chair:

Frank Keller

fkeller@carpetetcetera.com

Toys for Tots - Please bring a new unwrapped toy to the Holiday Party on December 6, 2024 at The Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank 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

**Thank you to the 2024 Executive Committee,
Board of Directors, Trustees, Committee Chairs
and Coordinators for your Service and
Dedication to HFMSNJ!**

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Dawn Johnson-Newsletter

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Jann Cohen- Special Events & Holiday Party
Frank Keller- Social Justice
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Quarterly Newsletter

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