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Meeting Notice

Topic:

FP&L HVAC Incentives and Rebates

Meeting Location:

Town Center at Pelican Preserve, Magnolia Room
(Just East of I-75 off Colonial Boulevard)

Date:

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time:

5:00 – 5:45 BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

5:30 – 6:30 SOCIAL HOUR

6:30 – 8:30 DINNER MEETING AND MAIN PROGRAM

Cost:

\$35.00 PER ATTENDEE – RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

Register by Friday, September 9 and save \$5.00

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**ASHRAE Function:
Membership Promotion Night!**

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Presidents Message - Chuck Spelman, P.E.

Greetings to all.

The attached picture was taken in Costa Rica where we recently concluded the ASHRAE Region XII Conference. It was a very informative conference where several of us from the chapter picked up new ideas about fundraising events and meeting topics. The chapter committee chairs and Board of Governors are motivated to plan an exciting year for our chapter.

We would like to hear from our members as we plan our monthly meeting topics. Last year we had a wide variety of topics ranging from Building Energy Modeling to Duct Leakage measurement to Designing in Hot Humid Climates. In fact, any PE who attended the four meetings where 1 Professional Development Hour was offered, attained their complete requirement for the two-year license renewal cycle in engineering. We are planning another informative slate of topics including another plant tour, but we still want your input.

We plan to expand our major fundraising events, Golftoberfest, and the annual fishing tournament. Mark your calendars for October 8. We will have an early morning shotgun start to our golf outing. Be a Sponsor, invite your friends and clients, and have some fun! See you at our first meeting September 14.

Sincerely,

Chuck Spelman, P.E.
President 2011-2012
SW Florida ASHRAE President

Membership – Robin Bryant

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to a new year of ASHRAE. As you know, membership is the life blood of our organization. With each new member come new ideas, contacts, diversity and strength. Over the last four years Autumn has done an amazing job growing our chapter in an environment where many others have failed. This year, with your help, I plan to continue her efforts and grow our chapter even more.

We are already off to a good start. We had five new members join over the summer. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Bryan Jones, Mr. Aaron Collins, Mr. David Cawfield and Mr. Jimey Moad from Conditioned Air and Mr. Bryan Mercier from USF. We hope to see them at our first meeting.

Our chapter has a very diverse membership base. This year I would like to put a spotlight on some of the people who are making a difference in our chapter, community, and industry. My goal is to learn more about our members, celebrate their achievements and show all the opportunities ASHRAE can provide. I look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting.

Membership Night! We are always looking for new people to contribute to our chapter. Our first meeting will be one of two membership nights this year. If you would like to join us, we can show you all the benefits of being an ASHRAE member. Membership sign-up will be available before and after the meeting. To show our appreciation for joining, we will buy your next dinner. We look forward to seeing you there!



Chuck Spelman Southwest Florida
Chapter 139 President



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T.E.G.A.- Heather Hsi

Debt Limit Deal Enacted Into Law, Substantial Cuts for Many Federal Agencies and Programs Likely

Excerpts taken from the "Debt Limit Deal Enacted Into Law, Substantial Cuts for Many Federal Agencies and Programs Likely" ASHRAE web article.

The President and Congress agreed to legislation on August 2, raising the nation's debt limit by about \$2.1 trillion through 2013. The Budget Control Act (S. 365) reduces the federal deficit by \$917 billion between 2012 and 2012, and creates a bipartisan "super committee" charged with crafting legislation that would reduce the deficit by an additional \$1.5 trillion over this same ten years. If the super committee (technically the "Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction") does not create legislation that reduces the deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion, then automatic, across-the-board cuts of \$1.2 trillion would be triggered. Because of the size of these goals, funding reductions for virtually all federal agencies and programs are on the table.

Congressional committees may provide deficit reduction recommendations to the super committee by October 14, 2011. ASHRAE is working with several other building industry stakeholders and is meeting with key Congressional offices to help educate staff and Members of Congress on how the industry uses various federal buildings-related programs. The goal of these meetings is to help reduce the likelihood of unintended consequences, which may result from uninformed Congressional decisions.

The super committee is required to develop legislation by November 23, 2011, and the House and Senate are required to vote on this legislation by December 23, 2011. No details on what may be in this legislation have yet emerged.

Fights Over Funding for Coming Fiscal Year to Begin Soon – Short-Term Continuing Resolution, then Omnibus Bills Likely

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When the House and Senate come back from recess in early September, they'll have less than a month to finish up work on the federal funding bills for the coming 2012 fiscal year (FY), which begins October 1. To date, none of the twelve regular appropriations bills have been enacted into law.

With time short, and funding a perennially contentious issue, Members of Congress will not have enough time to complete work on the regular appropriations bills, and instead will be forced to pass a short-term continuing resolution (CR) that will fund government programs at FY 2011 levels for a couple of months until policymakers can come to agreement and package all remaining funding bills into a single "omnibus" bill. If a CR is not enacted into law by October 1, the federal government will be partially shutdown (essential services and programs would be allowed to continue with little or no interruption).

Typically CRs fund the government at the prior fiscal year's levels, however fiscal conservatives in Congress will likely use the threat of a government shutdown to try to force spending reductions. Additional spending reductions will also likely be sought in the omnibus appropriations bill.

Together, the CR, omnibus, and \$1.2 to \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction from the super committee, may result in historic cuts in federal spending. Whether seen as good or bad, the decisions of policymakers over the next several months will have consequences that ripple across the American and world economies for years to come. As a technical resource for policymakers, ASHRAE is working with other societies to help Members of Congress better understand the potential results of proposed actions.

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2011 CRC Cost Rica Pictures

Past Presidents of Southwest Florida Chapter #139

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2005-2006	John Pennington
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2007-2008	Mike Myers
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This Month's Topic: **FP & L HVAC Incentives and Rebates**

Back Ground:

Our speaker will go over the incentive programs for FPL Business Customers.

- Building Envelope
- Lighting
- Custom Incentive
- HVAC
- Refrigeration
- Water Heating
- Solar

The main focus of the presentation will be the current HVAC incentive/rebate programs available and the possible future incentives to be offered.

Guest Speaker: Richard Brooks, P.E.

Richard is a native Floridian, born and raised in Jacksonville FL. A Gator, graduating from the University of Florida with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Richard is also a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. He has an extensive background in Commercial and Industrial HVAC systems and has worked for fortune 500 companies such as Johnson Controls, York, and Trane. Currently, Richard resides in Fort Myers, FL supporting FPL's Customer Service Field Operations group focusing on HVAC incentives/rebates.

Special note: Wine raffle tickets will be available with all proceeds going towards ASHRAE research.





Southwest Florida Chapter Meeting and Event dates: 2011/2012

September 14, 2011	FP & L Rebates / Membership Promotion	Richard Brooks, P.E.
October 8, 2011	Golf Tournament	Rick Junkins
October 12, 2011	Under Floor Duct Systems	Todd Williams
November 9, 2011	IAQ Procedure	Larry Sunshine
December 14, 2011	Incinerator Tour	
January 11, 2012	To be determined	
February 8, 2012	ICRA Requirement	Marlene Landers
March 14, 2012	ASHRAE "BeQ" Energy Labeling Program Overview	Ross Montgomery, P.E.
April 11, 2012	To be determined	
May 9, 2012	To be determined	
May	Fishing Tournament / TBA	

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER

Proudly Invites You To Join Us For Our:

2011 ANNUAL GOLFTOBERFEST

Saturday October 8th, 2011

FORMAT: 4-Person Scramble with a Shotgun Start.

PRIZES: Vacation Packages, Cruises, Gift Cards and a chance at \$10,000 cash!

FOOD: Banquet Awards Lunch in the River Hall Clubhouse after the event.

DRESS: Shirts must have collars. No denim. No spikes! (Soft spikes are OK).
For women: Long sleeve shirts with no collars are acceptable.

TIME: Registration @ 7:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m. – Shotgun Start
12:30 p.m. – Lunch & Awards

GOLF CHAIR
Rick Junkins @ 277-0029
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LOCATION: River Hall Country Club I-75 to SR 80/Palm Beach Blvd, head East 6.0
miles to River Hall Parkway, turn right, go straight to club house: 3500 River
Hall Parkway, Alva, Fl 33920