

***Welcome to our first
Summer Newsletter!***

***This summer issue contains good information from our
President, our VP Legislative our Young Professional
Liaison and Our VP Membership***

***As always, we are looking for feedback as to how to
continue to make this chapter better for you, the members!***

See you next month!

President : Don Ditter

Hopefully you all are having a great summer. Soon it will be time to get back to business! The board met for our summer meeting to line up the upcoming season. One thing that was decided was to send out an August newsletter as you see. Tom (VP Technical) is putting together a nice group of topics to start the season with some great topics and events. For this year, once again, we have chosen a new location for our meetings (**The Roman Bistro, Forest Hills**) that should hopefully entice a few new faces (and old) to join us for a few meetings this season. Let's see if we can get some good turnouts for the meetings this year. Remember that your chapter strives with your involvement.

We had our annual August board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2014 and the following items of importance were discussed...

- We are looking for some more Joint meetings with other groups like SFPE, ASSE, & ASHRAE. If you are a member of a group that would fit, let us know, we'd love to set something up.
- The Chapter October meeting event will be a tour of the Pittsburgh Water Treatment Plant with a social event after (location TBD). The tour part of event is limited to 30 persons. The social event will be a Steeler watch party that will be open to everyone. Stay tuned for details.
- Holiday tabletop will again be an event on our schedule. The location for this is yet to be selected so also stay tuned.
- We will again be publishing our Chapter Day Planner for 2016. If you are interested in an advertisement, contact the committee (Jack Getkin, Greg Torchia, Don Ditter) for information.
- 2016 golf outing will be held once again at River Forest Country Club in Freeport.
- The chapter board is still trying to plan some spring/summer events for 2016 (i.e. ballgame, picnic, Kenywood, etc.. any input would be welcomed. Volunteers will also be needed if we choose to do this.)
- We will be reinstating a 50/50 drawing at the monthly meetings.
- ACHD Plumbing has some changes in personnel and we will be updating you all on that soon.
- Our AYP Liaison and I are trying to set up a social event for the younger members of the society and chapter. We are looking at having a bowling night or something like that. If you have any ideas on what might be "FUN" then let Phil know so that we can get something planned out. As a reminder, not everyone that attends an event like this has to fit the AYP model, it will be open to anyone that wants to have a great time as well as friends and family.
- As always we are looking for new members.

Our Chapter VP Membership will be trying to remind our current members of renewal. National is only sending one notice now and we are losing members to expiration.

The **2015 ASPE Technical Symposium** is being held in St. Louis, MO, October 1-4, 2015. Phil Hober our Chapter AYP Liaison will be representing our chapter at this event. Those of you that are CPD's and looking for CEU's should consider attending this event. There are some awesome design classes offered on Friday thru Sunday as well as product show on Thursday. This could be a wonderful experience to see the latest products and innovations if you missed the convention last year. Just go to www.aspe.org and click on the [Conference and Meetings](#) tab to register!

Again, I hope you are having a wonderful summer and I hope to see a lot of you at the meetings this season. Please consider coming out to join us. It is a great opportunity to network and communicate with the other people in our industry.

Don

VP Legislative : Greg Torchia CET, CPD

HAPPY SUMMER ALL!!

I just wanted to update everyone with some of the current staff changes within the Allegheny County Health Department Plumbing Division over the past few months. There have been a few shifts with the department and I have highlighted these below.

•**Flawzel Hall** – Has retired and is no longer with the ACHD

Albert Lowman – Plumbing Inspector Supervisor

Registered Master Plumber hired as Plumbing Inspector for the ACHD in 2004.
Promoted to Plumbing Inspector Supervisor/Plans Examiner in 2012.
Certified as Sewage Enforcement Officer Commercial Plumbing Inspector, Plans Examiner and ASSE Backflow Testing.

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Thomas Ruffing – Plumbing Inspector Supervisor / Plans Examiner

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Greg

VP Membership : Paul McKee

The following is the membership roster as of the August 6, 2015 printout. Our total number of members is 95 and breaks down as follows:

53 Full
30 Affiliate
2 Associate
0 Governmental
7 Special
1 Student
2 Retired

23 members have their P. E., 20 have their CPD, and 5 members have both.

The following members celebrate a birthday in the month of August. Please wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY if you see them.

Mark Hall	August 1	Richard Blum	August 16
Jeff Smith	August 2	Steve Henry	August 20
Zachary Murray	August 4	John Patton	August 21
Guy Pedicone	August 4	Jerome Valenti	August 24
Tony Bruno	August 12	Corey Howard	August 25
Michael Cenkner	August 13	Jeff Murray	August 26
Steve Tarasovic	August 13	Walt Mager	August 28
Scott Jackson	August 14	Juliann Worden	August 30
AJ Kryzosiak	August 15	Roger Kennelly	August 31

I would like to welcome our newest members:

Jeff Smith from Allegheny Pipe
Kim Adams from Culligan Water
Andrew McLaughlin from Victaulic

ATTENTION: Again, I would like to reiterate that we are looking for new members. If there is anyone that you feel should be a member of ASPE, please forward their information to me and I will make sure to get a hold of them and send them a warm invitation.

Paul

Young Professional Liaison: Phil Hober

As always, summer is going too quickly and September is rapidly approaching. Hopefully everyone is having a fun, safe, relaxing summer and is ready to get back to ASPE! As Don mentioned in his report, we have a great new meeting location to be excited about this year, and we're hoping everyone comes out to join us next month.

As the Pittsburgh AYP liaison, I will be attending the ASPE technical symposium and AYP event this October in St. Louis. After implementing the AYP liaison position into our chapter last year, we are really hoping to build on it this year. We are planning to have a local AYP event (bowling, happy hour, etc.) and we welcome any ideas that are brought to the table. The idea of this event is to stir up interest and recruit new youth into our chapter. If anyone has co-workers under 35 and interested in getting involved with AYP, please feel free to share my contact information with them!

Everyone enjoy the rest of August and make sure you have the September meeting marked on your calendar!

Phil

Advertising!!

Keep an eye out for our September Issue where we will outline your upcoming Ad Opportunities....both print and on our website!!