

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, February 13, 2017
4:30 to 5:30 Board Meeting
5:30 to 6:00 Social with Cash Bar
6:00 to 6:45 Dinner
6:45 to 8:00 Business Meeting

TOPIC

Specialty Gases

LOCATION

The Roman Bistro
2104 Ardmore Blvd
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COST

\$30.00

RSVP

Kevin M. Morrissey: kmorrissey@mwspec.com

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President : Don Ditter

Chapter President Report for February 2017

By Donald R. Ditter, CPD, GPD

I would like to thank everyone that attended the January meeting. Norm Hilliard of Moen Commercial gave a great presentation on Optimizing Water Efficiency.

Coming soon will be our chapter's involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. Jack Getkin will again organize a group to present Plumbing Merit Badge to the scouts. If you are interested in getting involved or donating items for this event, please let one of your board members know the dates for this event are Saturday, March 4, 2017 and Saturday, March 25, 2017.

We also have an upcoming opportunity for members to visit the Highland Tank manufacturing facilities. If this is an interest to you, please contact our AYP liaison (Steve Pedicone) for more information.

The 2017 CPD exam registration is now open. The test is being held at various testing sites around the area. To learn more about this please visit www.aspe.org/CPD.

The 2017 Annual Pittsburgh Chapter Golf outing is starting to get into the planning stage. The date for the event will be Friday, June 16, 2017 and once again be held at River Forest Country Club. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring or being part of the committee, please see Joe Starr for any information that you need.

We need to get started in the planning for the upcoming Technical Symposium that will be held in Pittsburgh on October 24-27, 2019. If you are interested in being a part of the committee or volunteering at the event, please let me know and I will get you any information that is needed.

This year, Engineers Week will be held February 19-25, and the theme is "Engineers Dream Big." Visit discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week to learn how to get involved in your community.

Please join us this month to see a presentation on "Specialty Gases". Refer to the VP Tech report for additional information. Why not have a little more involvement in your chapter and attend a couple of meetings. Remember that ASPE isn't just a society of plumbing professionals; it is a group of people with similar interests that have become FRIENDS!!

Thank You and I hope to see a lot of you at the meeting !

VP Technical : Eric Reese

Sorry I missed last month's meeting. Thanks Don for once again performing the VP duties. I hope that the presentation on Optimizing Water Efficiency was informative and I'd like to thank Norman Hillard for driving in from Cleveland to present it.

Our speaker this month will be **Steve Tarasovic from Medpipe and Kevin Coyne from Concoa** for our presentation on **Specialty Gases**. Which will discuss the design considerations for applications using high purity, flammable and oxidizing gases.

Mr. Coyne has worked in the specialty gas field for over 20 years and has worked for specialty gas producers such as Praxair and has spent the last 6 years as a sales engineer for Concoa specialty gas controls.

I know that the most famous groundhog in Pennsylvania recently saw his shadow and we are supposedly in for another 6 weeks of winter. But I have a hunch that the furry rat is wrong once again and, like it's been for most of this winter, I'm anticipating the evening of February 13th to be another mild winter night. So please consider coming out and joining us at the **Roman Bistro in Forest Hills** for what I'm expecting to be a very educational presentation.

RSVP to Kevin Morrissey to reserve a spot at the meeting!

I still have an opening available for this month's table top display, as well as for March. So if any manufacturer's representatives would like to take one of these openings, please contact me at 412-209-2854 or ereese@cannondesign.com.

Eric Reese, CPD

2016-2018 Pittsburgh Chapter VP Technical

Membership Report: Paul McKee

February, 2017 MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Paul McKee

As of the last membership roster printout received from the Society office dated January 6, 2017, our total number of members is 97.

Our membership total breaks down as follows:

52 Full
4 Associate
30 Affiliate
0 Governmental
7 Special
1 Student
3 Retired

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

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

Tom Taylor	February 2
Melissa Walters, GE	February 23

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.



Young Professional Liason

Steve Pedicone, PE

Young Professional Liaison – February 2017

Another month gone by. Each season seems to go by so fast. There are only a handful of meetings left before another season closes. I hope you can attend a few of them, if not every one! I'd also like to organize a social event for our group before the close of this season. Please let me know if you have any ideas or even an e-mail just to let me know what would interest you would help me out.

The Highland Tank Plant Tour is coming up. The flyer is in this months' newsletter and has all of the details. The event is open to all members. Please let me know if you plan to attend and haven't responded, yet. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Adam Hemminger of Highland Tank.

To anyone who's interested in the CPD, please be mindful that registration is currently open for the April 6th & 7th exams. The registration will close on March 24th. If you're interested in the CPDT exam, let me know. I don't see any exam dates listed on the ASPE website, but I can look into it more at your request.

I hope you can attend the February meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Steve Pedicone, PE



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Tentative Schedule:
 Meet at Monroeville: 9:00
 Tour Friedens: 10:00-11:30
 Lunch at Stoystown: 11:45-12:15
 Tour Stoystown: 12:30-2:00
 Return to Monroeville: by 3:30

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Chapter Affiliate Liaison: Jack Getkin, Jr

I was randomly selected as the affiliate to be recognized for the month of February 2017 and my biography is included on our website. I look forward to being of service to the engineering and mechanical contractor community of the greater Pittsburgh region.

The chapter's next community involvement activity is Merit Badge University at Carnegie Mellon University scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 and Saturday, March 25, 2017. Any member who is interested in supporting this very worthwhile effort to help Scouts better understand the plumbing industry and potential career choices available to them is encouraged to contact me as soon as possible. ASPE national has recognized the Pittsburgh Chapter multiple times for our continuing commitment and outstanding service to our community by offering this opportunity. Many thanks to all members who have contacted me to-date offering their assistance - I could not do it without you! A report of the chapter's involvement in this event will be generated for the May newsletter and meeting.

Jack Getkin, Jr.

Chapter Affiliate Liaison

Pittsburgh ASPE Affiliate of the Month

January, 2017



Jack Getkin
Herrmann Associates Inc.

My name is Jack Getkin and I have worked as a manufacturer's representative at Herrmann Associates for nearly 18 years. Prior to joining Herrmann Associates in 1999, I served as a public school facility and student transportation manager at Wilkinsburg School District and Keystone Oaks School District for 13 years. Prior to my time in the public schools, I worked as a plumber and HVAC technician at Sembower-Mikesell Plumbing in Wilkinsburg.

Upon graduating Penn Hills High School in the spring of 1972, I attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in education. I left IUP after two years to pursue my interest in the Plumbing industry earning my Allegheny County Journeyman Plumber's License in 1979. In 1981 I earned the Allegheny County Master Plumber's License which I maintain to this day. Upon earning my Master Plumber's License, I studied HVAC technology at Community College of Allegheny County earning an Associate of Science Degree in 1986 with a 4.0 GPA.

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My wife Ann and I have two sons, Ben, an English as a Second Language teacher in living and working in South Korea and, Dan, a Senior Administrative Coordinator at Carnegie Mellon University here in Pittsburgh.

Beyond work and family, I have served as a volunteer firefighter in Penn Hills for more than 10 years and in various leadership capacities for the Boy Scouts of America for more than 25 years. I have been a member of the Pittsburgh ASPE chapter since 1999 serving the chapter by publishing its annual yearbook and as its Chapter Affiliate Liaison.

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Kevin



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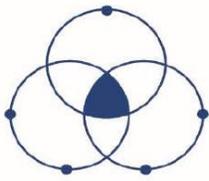
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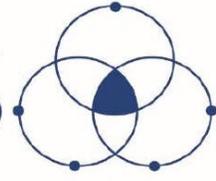


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