

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Our President – Stacia Valik

I'd like to begin by highlighting our February Monthly Meeting, which took place on February 10th. We were excited to welcome Russ Hoppes, who presented on High-Performance IT Cooling Systems—a topic that's increasingly important as data centers and mission-critical facilities continue to grow and evolve. This presentation provided valuable insight into modern cooling strategies, efficiency considerations, and real-world applications. A special thank you to Stark Tech for sponsoring this meeting and supporting our chapter.



Beyond our monthly meetings, we're also looking forward to several upcoming events designed to strengthen connections within our chapter and the broader community. One event many of you have been asking about is the YEA Bandits game, which promises to be a fun and relaxed opportunity to network, unwind, and enjoy some friendly competition.

In addition, we have a PR and networking event planned at the Indoor Golf Dome. This will be a great chance to engage with members, industry partners, and potential new faces in a more informal setting while showcasing the value and camaraderie of ASHRAE.

As always, your involvement and support are what make this chapter successful. I encourage everyone to attend these events, bring a colleague, and stay engaged as we continue to grow together.

Thank you for your time, your participation, and your continued commitment to ASHRAE. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Stacia Valik
President – ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter

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Editor's Note:

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YOUR CHAPTER NEWS IN ONE PLACE

The chapter has several board positions available. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the open positions, please reach out to our Chapter President: Stacia Valik



Welcome to our New Members:



- Mr. Joe Guido; Greenrock
- Mr. Michael Heberle; Clark Patterson Lee
- Mr. Nicholas Martin; API Heat Transfer

We're glad you've chosen to join the ASHRAE Buffalo Chapter and look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Chapter Events

Scholarship Opportunities!



There are scholarships available from both the chapter and national levels. At the national level, applications will be accepted from Engineering or Technical students majoring in Mechanical Engineering or in a technical course related to the field of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. Visit <https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/student-zone/scholarships-and-grants/scholarship-program> to see what opportunities are available.

At the chapter level, scholarships of up to \$4000 are available for students enrolled in an engineering or technical major relating to the HVAC field. Applicants must be a resident of Western New York or attending school in Western New York and be in good academic standing. Applicants must demonstrate a desire to locate in WNY post-graduation.

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Live Virtual Training



Check out Local Employment Opportunities!

ASHRAE is a great source to find your next career opportunity! Employers can easily post jobs at: <https://buffaloashrae.org/classifieds.php>.

- Postings are made available to the entire chapter membership through the website and the monthly newsletter.
- Postings never expire, they remain available until the employer fills the position or informs the chapter that the position is no longer available.
- There is a small, one-time fee of \$100 to post job openings. Proceeds are provided to the chapter to assist in annual chapter expenses.



LOCATION: Holimont Ski Area, Ellicottville NY

DATE/TIME: Monday February 16th, 9:30 am – 4:20 pm

DETAILS: Burgers and Hotdogs will be provided at noon. Please feel free to bring something to pass.

Everyone will be responsible for their own equipment and lift passes. Rentals are available at the resort. Please visit the resort website for rates and further details at www.holimont.com

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! Holimont is closed to the public 2/16, you will need to be called in as a guest.

RSVP TO: [Drew Nowak](mailto:drew.nowak@ashrae.org): 245-1824 (cell); 614-7450 x301 (work)



Research and Promotion Progress

For over 100 years ASHRAE has focused efforts on research to improve quality of life by improving HVAC&R systems, and how they are applied. The research and promotion committee funds numerous studies to address topics such as sound, duct design, load calculations, thermal conductivity, energy analysis, weather data, and fire smoke control. Each year, every chapter is tasked with a fund-raising goal, to contribute to this effort.

From a chapter perspective, our main R&P fundraisers are the golf outing in June and the Super Bowl squares in February. However, we are proud to announce the chapter achieved 30% of the goal by 12/1/25, which awarded us additional PAOE points.

2025-2026 Chapter Goal: **\$10,900**; 2025-2026 YTD Chapter Contributions: **\$4,470**



FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING RECAP

COOLING TODAY'S HIGH PERFORMANCE IT SYSTEMS

presented by: Vertiv



Thank you to our Speaker:

Russ Hoppes, Senior Technical Sales Manager at Vertiv


To start off this month's chapter meeting we welcomed Charles Bertuch, the Region 1 Director to give an overview of the region and society. Charles traveled in from the Syracuse area and highlighted topics such as membership, R&P, and engagement. The technical portion presented by Russ Hoppes from Vertiv covered how the effect of accelerated computing, mostly driven by AI, is reshaping the thermal requirements of data centers and the strategies evolving to adapt to these requirements. Russ educated roughly 35-chapter members on emerging technologies in the data center world, such as: liquid cooling and cold plates, coolant distribution units, and rear-door heat exchangers. The presentation concluded with imperative design, thermal, and power considerations needed to deploy these technologies and successfully achieve a high-performance data center in the new world of ultra-dense, data centers. The chapter thanks Russ for traveling in from Ohio to educate our chapter. We also thank our lunch sponsor, Stark Tech for providing the opportunity, as well as our loyal chapter membership for taking time from their busy schedules to stay current on these market trends.

Thank you to our Sponsor:




Details are tentative, be on the lookout for a formal email invitation as the meeting gets finalized

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

Date and Time	Location	Topic and Speaker	Event Sponsor	Cost*
March 10, 2025 5:30 – 7:30 PM	J's White Elephant 1404 Abbott Rd Lackawanna, NY 14218	Stairwell Pressurization and Controls	 H & V Sales Group Providing Integrated Efficient HVAC Solutions	Member: \$45.00 Non-member: \$50.00 Student: \$20.00

* Tickets purchased less than 24 hours prior to the event and at the door we will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Please RSVP prior to the 24-hour window so we can give a proper headcount to the restaurants and do not end up short or paying for extra seats.

UPCOMING YEA EVENT

Date and Time	Location	Event	Event Sponsor	Cost*
March 13 th , 2026 game start @ 7:30 PM	KeyBank Center with pre-game Happy Hour in the area	Buffalo Bandits vs Colorado Mammoth		Free for Members!! (space will be limited)

* Please reach out Aditya Sharda if your firm would be interested in sponsoring a future YEA Event. The chapter strives to keep these events free of charge for attending members so we're always in search of willing sponsors. Sponsoring firms will be recognized in the preceding newsletter.

UPCOMING WIA EVENT

Date and Time	Location	Event	Event Sponsor	Cost
Currently being planned for March	TBD	Happy Hour		Free to Members, cover your tab

PAOE SUMMARY

Category	Minimum Points	Par Points	Total Points
Chapter Operations	600	1500	145
Chapter Technology Transfer	550	1500	1000
Communications	300	700	270
Government Affairs	500	1250	0
Historical	100	500	190
Membership Promotion	800	1400	450
Research and Promotion	800	1050	820
Student Activities	500	800	0
Young Engineers in ASHRAE	300	900	525

* Point summary current as of 02/04/2026.



2025-2026 CTT / PROGRAMMING			
Date & Time	Presenter / Topic	Date & Time	Presenter / Topic
September 23, 2025 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Green Lab Solutions presented by Jeff Hodges of Siemens Industry, Inc.	February 10, 2026 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Cooling Today’s High Performance IT Systems presented by Vertiv
October 21, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Vibration Isolation Strategies presented by FP Langley and Mason Industries	March 10, 2026 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Stairwell Pressurization and Controls
November 11, 2025 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Sustainable Lab Exhaust and High Plume Dilution presented by RF Peck and Strobic Air Technologies	April 20, 2026 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Monthly Meeting <i>More Details to Follow</i>
December 4, 2025 5:00 – 8:00 PM	Annual Holiday Party at the Curtiss Hotel	May 12, 2026 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Clean Room Design <i>More Details to Follow</i>
January 13, 2026 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Hydronics as a Solution to Achieve Electrification and Decarbonization presented by ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Chris DesRoches	June 1, 2026 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Annual Golf Outing at East Aurora County Club

* Dates, times, locations and topics are subject to change throughout the year as meetings are finalized.



In ASHRAE meetings, we will act with honesty, fairness, courtesy, competence, inclusiveness, and respect for others, which exemplify our core values of excellence, commitment, integrity, collaboration, volunteerism, and diversity, and shall avoid all real or perceived conflicts of interest. Our culture is one of inclusiveness, acknowledging the inherent value and dignity of each individual. We celebrate diverse and inclusive communities, understanding that doing so fuels better, more creative and more thoughtful ideas, solutions and strategies for the Society and the communities our Society serves. We respect and welcome all.





Our Chapter Treasurer and Chair of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC), Charlie Grochowiak (RF Peck), had the privilege of holding an in-person meeting with New York State Assemblymember Karen McMahon and some of her staff on Thursday, January 15th. The goal of the meeting was to introduce ASHRAE and our local chapter to Ms. McMahon and facilitate future meetings on local and statewide legislative efforts. After a constructive meeting, Assemblymember McMahon now sees ASHRAE as a resource for information on things like energy standards and indoor air quality, which she understands as important policy topics. An invitation has been extended for Assemblymember McMahon or someone from her staff to attend one of our upcoming Chapter monthly meetings.

If you or someone you know has interest in participating in future GAC meetings with Ms. McMahon, or you would be interesting in spearheading future meetings with other members of our local government please reach out to Charlie at cgrochowiak@rfpeck.com; or (716) 276-8933

SUPER BOWL SQUARES

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chapter's Super Bowl squares pool. Each square was purchased and the results raised \$1200 towards the chapter's annual research and promotion goal.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Quarter (\$200): Tom Dorsheimer
- Halftime (\$400): George Denecke
- 3rd Quarter (\$200): Jim Cendrowski
- Final (\$500): Eben Piazza

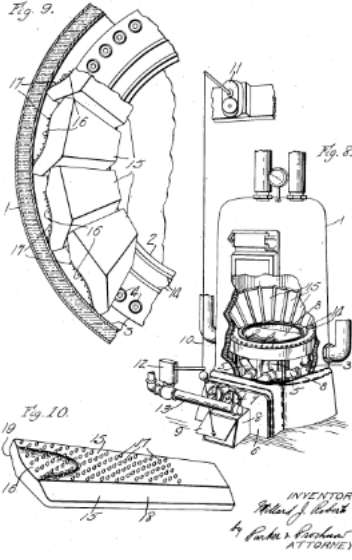
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A LESSON IN HISTORY



Aug. 20, 1929. M. J. ROBERTS
GAS BURNER AND THE LINE
Filed Jan. 6, 1928 2 Sheets-Sheet 2



One day prior to August 29, 1929 Millard J Roberts came up with a design for a gas conversion burner to help heating units go from coal to gas. From the information found, he had been previously involved with a group of men who started a gas exploration company in Ontario.

The Roberts Gas Burner Corp, started in 1925, began producing the burners at left shortly after getting the patent. They also made unit heaters at the Arthur St plant in Tonawanda. In 1929 when W. Stuart Gordon joined the company, it was renamed Roberts-Gordon Appliance Corp. Their biggest customers were the gas utility companies who used the burners to gain new customers, particularly customers who wanted to change from coal or oil in favor of nice clean natural gas. Unfortunately, Mr. Roberts was killed in an automobile accident in 1930.

After WW-II the burners really took off and, according to a company officer named Mr. Budden, they “sold jillions of conversion burners in the fifties.” 1954 the company acquired a plant in Grimsby, Ontario to take advantage of the expanding gas heating business there.

By the end of the fifties they saw the conversion business winding down and looked for a new market to develop. On staff was an engineer named Ronald Corey. He designed, built, tested and finally patented a vacuum condensing infrared heating unit that fires natural gas through steel pipes named ‘CO-RAY-VAC’, shown to the right. A whole new market opened up. They now targeted buildings such as large manufacturing plants, commercial garages, airplane hangers and storage facilities, that need to heat the people or object but not the entire space. This patent gave birth to the ‘tube-heater systems industry’ which now extends to a worldwide market.



Roberts-Gordon Appliance Corporation was eventually acquired by a conglomerate named A J Industries Inc which infused new capital, and helped Roberts-Gordon to expand the business while retaining the name. Mr. Gordon died in 1961 and was succeeded by Robert Warnecke.

At the time of the inventions the company was selling the infrared heaters as being more precise and providing better comfort. However, when the price of natural gas erupted in the seventies their new selling point was saving on gas costs. Mr. Budden, noted in a Buffalo News article that paybacks were usually three years, but one customer managed a one year payback. This further expanded their customer base.

Finally, the company patented the ‘Ultra-Vac’ controller, in the nineties that allowed the infrared heaters to be controlled by the outside air temperature.

Our story has a happy ending in that, instead of moving out or being phased out by out-of-town owners, Roberts-Gordon was reacquired by an employee group from Buffalo and Grimsby, Ontario in the eighties allowing the company to stay local at the time.

Rick Robinson, History Chair

Thanks go to the Grosvenor section of the Buffalo & Erie County Library and employees of Roberts-Gordon Co



Member Spotlight

Members are the foundation of our chapter. There are a lot of members of the Buffalo Chapter of ASHRAE and we want to get to know all of you! Each month we're going to ask one of our members some questions so the chapter can get to know them better.



This month we're going to get to know Michelle Valenti a little bit better. Michelle is currently a Sales Manager at Fulton Boilers. Michelle has been with Fulton for the past 9 years. Prior to Fulton, Michelle spent time working for B.J. Muirhead. Michelle has been an ASHRAE member for at least the last 20 years and has previously served in all of the officer roles including president in 2009-2010.

Q: When you were our chapter President is there an accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

A: We were most improved chapter for 2009-2010 as well as being awarded the PAOE.

Q: What aspect of your job do you find most rewarding?

A: Teaching and mentoring younger people entering the business is a passion of mine.

Q: What did you want to do when you were young?

A: A Medical Examiner and I did do my college internship at the ME's office

Q: What do you like most about being an ASHRAE member?

A: The social interactions and getting to know people outside of work.

Q: Tell us a little bit about a project you worked on that you really enjoyed?

A: Developing a new steam plant for a well-known beverage producer. It focused on efficiencies and turned out really well, was one of my 1st experiences working directly with that level of corporate partnership.

Q: What is your favorite travel destination? And would you prefer to drive or fly?

A: That's tough, I love New Orleans as well as Nashville. I'd much prefer to drive, but that's not always realistic.

Q: Who is one person that influenced your career most?

A: Mike Muirhead. Mike is an absolutely incredible person and mentor.

Q: Tell us something most members would not already know about you.

A: I was a Synchronized Swimmer and Coach for many years.

Q: What drove you to a career in HVAC?

A: My father was the Chief Stationary Engineer at Dunlop, when I finished college and couldn't find work within my degree (Chemistry) readily he reached out to B.J. Muirhead. I fell in love with the industry from there.

Q: What is one piece of advice you received that stuck with you?

A: Learn every aspect of what you do – everything is relevant.

We thank Michelle for her time in participating in the Member Spotlight. It's always fun to get to know our peers a little bit better. If you or someone you know would like to be featured in our member spotlight, please reach out to the newsletter editor.





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When?

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from 4pm-6:15pm**

*Mentor Volunteers are not required to participate in the entire 15-week program--though it is encouraged. Mentors can choose to attend any of the scheduled sessions that best fit their expertise.



Where?

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May 28, 2024

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The CDP certification program validates competency of the decarbonization professional to do the following: Assess, analyze, and develop effective and sustainable strategies that reduce/eliminate the life-cycle carbon footprint of new and existing buildings.



High-Performance Building Design Professional (HBPD) Certification

The HBPD certification, an ANSI-Accredited Personnel Certification Program under ISO/IEC 17024 (#1139), validates competency to design and integrate sustainable HVAC&R systems into high performing buildings.



Healthcare Facility Design Professional (HFDP) Certification

The HFDP certification validates competency to incorporate standards and guidelines as well as unique healthcare facility requirements and design principles in HVAC system design.



Operations and Performance Management Professional (OPMP) Certification

Developed with the participation of APPA and the General Services Administration (GSA), the OPMP certification validates competency to do the following:

Manage facility operations and maintenance to achieve building performance goals, including those related to indoor environmental quality, health and safety.



WHY GET CERTIFIED?

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

When: Wednesday February 4, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

Attendees: Eben Piazza
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Joshua Mee
Stacia Valik
Emma Waechter
Nick Farina
Aditya Sharda
Dan Arnold

Location: Pearl Street Brewery and Grille

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Next Meeting: March 4, 2026.

