Hello to all GASHE members,

Merry Christmas -- Happy Holidays -- Feliz Navidad!

I would like to take this time to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we draw to the close of this year, I think back and realize we had a busy year!

This newsletter will spotlight the great year we had as an association and inspire us to all continue the good work into 2015. The 2015 March Annual Meeting and Tradeshow will be held March 4-6, 2015 at Little Ocmulgee State Park. We will begin registration in the month of January. Check your email and the GASHE website for more details.

Engineers, remember our business partners invest a lot of time and money into this organization. Please do everything you can to support them by taking time to talk with them, return their phone calls, and buy their products and services.

As 2014 draws to an end, I would like to take a minute to say “Thank you” to everyone who supported GASHE this year. We couldn’t do it without you.

May God bless you and your family!
Tim Allen
GASHE President
2014-2015
Our March meeting was a huge success! It was held March 5 - 7, 2014 at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

MetroPower sponsored a golf tournament and trapshoot on Wednesday, March 5th. Following the Golf Tournament, M.J. Harris Construction Services hosted an Oyster Roast which was a big hit enjoyed by everyone.

We concluded the day with a new engineer and business partner welcome reception, dinner and our awards ceremony. We honored the following GASHE members:

- **Business Partner of the Year:** Ken Gregory, TSIG Consulting
- **Engineer of the Year:** John Ware, Coffee Regional Medical Center
- **President's Award:** Kelly Wilson, GASHE Secretary, TWIINS Relocation

Each evening the attendees were entertained at the hospitality suites hosted by Brasfield & Gorrie, Centennial Contractors, C.L. Burks Construction - CRC, EPIC Response, M.J Harris Construction Services and Siemens Industry, Inc.

On Thursday, March 6, we had a morning full of excellent educational sessions including:

- **Region 4 ASHE Update** - Robert Huffman, Facility Management Director North Mississippi Medical Center - West Point, ASHE Region 4 Representative
- **ASHE President’s Update** - Philip Stephens, MHA,CPE,CHFM,FASHE, FMG/Senior Specialist, Carolina Healthcare System, 2014 ASHE President
- **The Role of Infection Control in Facilities Management** - Dr. Wm Wagner, ScD, CHSP, CHER,CHCM, - TSIG Consulting
- **ASHE Advocacy/CMS Waivers/Top Joint Commission Citations** - Jonathan Flannery, MHSA, CHFM, FASHE, Senior Associate Director of Advocacy, American Society for Healthcare Engineering

**TRADESHOW & TECHNICAL EXHIBITION**

After lunch, the Tradeshow Sponsors hosted an excellent Technical Exhibition.

We had 62 Tradeshow Booths and appreciate all of the business partners who participated!
CASINO NIGHT
DPR Hardin Construction sponsored Casino Night following dinner on Thursday.
A great time was had by all!

Friday, March 7, concluded the Annual Meeting and Tradeshow. We had more excellent educational training including:

- **Medical Equipment Planning and its Impact on Construction - Is a Managed Equipment Strategy the Key to Project Success?**
  Debbie Heitzman, CEO of Strategic Hospital Resources

- **Restoration and Property Damage Mitigation and Repair** - Norris Gearhart, ROLYN Companies

- **Hazard Communication Update** - Ken Gregory, TSIG Consulting

- **Fire Protection Systems and You** - Kemper Smalley, Century Fire Protection

March 5-7, 2014
62 Healthcare Engineers
246 Business Partners
62 Tradeshow Booths
1 Golf Tournament
A HUGE SUCCESS!
GASHE hosted its June meeting on June 12 & 13, 2014 at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

Our June meeting came with a change in board members as well as the start of new committees to assist with the planning and organizing of the GASHE.

The committees include:
- Membership
- Website
- Historical
- Quarterly meeting planning
- Annual meeting planning

We were presented with the following excellent educational presentations:
- **Noise and Vibration Control** - BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc., Dwight Landry
- **Fuel Storage Needs** - Jarred Robbins, Fuel Quality Solutions
- **LEEN Topics** - Ted Kipreos, Assa Abloy
- **Laundry Equipment Maintenance** - Janice Ayers, Tristate/TLC Technical Services
GASHE hosted its September’s meeting on September 11 and 12, 2014 at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

We were excited to host the first **Engineer’s Crosstalk**. The Crosstalk consisted of healthcare engineers meeting to discuss everyday challenges they face in their jobs. The Crosstalk was held on Thursday evening and was well attended and successful.

The educational sessions consisted of Thermal Energy, Hazardous Energy Control, What Lies Beneath, Pumps, and a discussion from the Georgia State Fire Marshal’s office, Duane Garris.

**We were presented with the following excellent education presentations:**

**Thermal Energy / Hazardous Energy Control** - Troy DeLee, Safety Director, Metropower

**What Lies Underneath: Discovering Everything You Need to Know About a Property** - Henry Esterly, P.G. United Consulting

**Pumps** - Eric Cofty VP, Tri State Pumps & Mechanical

GASHE hosted its December meeting on December 11 and 12, 2014 at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

The organization hosted its second Engineers Crosstalk to discuss ways to reduce energy and save money. GASHE hosted its annual Christmas party which includes a trivia competition and a very entertaining gift swap. The organization is a very proud supporter of Toys for Tots and December meeting participants contributed toys to the campaign.

We were presented with the following excellent educational presentations:

- **Implementing Energy Solutions** - John Hayes, Hayes Energy Services
- **NFPA 70E - Electrical Safety in the Workplace** - 2015 Update Chapter 1 and 2 - Chris Simonson, Emerson
- **Hospital Ebola Preparedness** - Emmitt Smith, Infection Control Practitioner
BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: Hayes Energy Services

Implementing an energy conservation program at your hospital DOES NOT have to be complicated or expensive and you don't have to buy new equipment, software, or other gadgets to get started. Just let the professionals at Hayes Energy help you get started saving money the first day they are on site with the same common sense ideas and best practices we have developed over the past 15 years. Hayes Energy has helped develop energy savings programs at more than 600 hospitals across the country with several successful projects right here in Georgia.

Our process uses measurement and verification software to develop a weather correcting baseline that compares how you use energy at every weather data point during the previous year to current energy usage. Next we help your team implement our proven best practices and other optimization strategies to improve energy performance. Energy used and energy savings are monitored on a daily basis allowing you to document the savings associated with each optimization strategy implemented, but we don’t stop there, we continue to help you sustain this high level of energy performance and seek out other energy savings opportunities.

We are paid by the hour, not by percentage and our agreement allows you to exit without cause with 30 days’ notice. Check us out at www.hayesenergyservices.com.

Several of our members attended the annual ASHE convention in Chicago. Chicago is a nice place to visit with some beautiful scenery.

We received the Platinum Award once again this year. There is a lot of work that goes into to the efforts for the platinum award. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on pulling the information together to present for this award. Thank you to everyone working so hard to reach this goal! Let's not stop here...next year is right around the corner!
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