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LETTER FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT JOHN WARE



I am thrilled to be addressing GASHE with this first President's Letter of my term. I am so proud of our Society and the work that all of us do every day to take care of our patients, visitors and staff in our environment. I truly believe that no matter what your job in Healthcare is, we all do the same thing and that is "To take care of those that cannot take care of themselves". We don't always have the answers in our day to day routines and sometimes we need the support of fellow Society Members. That is what we do for each other and is a huge part of our Society. In this first of my GASHE President's Letters I am committing myself to an open line of communication to all of our members. I feel that it is my responsibility to be available to all of our members at all times. If any of you have concerns, suggestions, need advice or just want to talk, I would be glad to listen or offer advice. I don't know everything, but I can find out answers or get you in touch with someone that can give you answers. My phone is on 24/7/365 and I always respond promptly to e-mails.

GASHE has received the ASHE Platinum Award for 2015 again this year. There were 7 GASHE Engineers present to receive this prestigious award at the annual ASHE Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Among those present was John Storey from Monroe County Hospital. John was our "What GASHE Means to Me" essay winner. His essay is published in this newsletter.

With this Platinum Award, GASHE received waivers to take the CHFM Exam and now the CHC Exam well. I highly encourage our members to take advantage of these waivers and furthermore become certified as a CHFM or CHC. These certifications are tremendous career enhancers. There are certain guidelines for these waivers and we have a limited number of them. Please contact me for more information on these.

GASHE's goal for this year is to be awarded the Platinum "Elite" Award. This goal will require our participation in ASHE's "Energy to Care" Program. "Energy to Care" is a program designed to benchmark utility usages and assist Healthcare Facilities in energy conservation. Our September Meeting is focused on "GASHE 2 ASHE Energy to Care". Our primary speaker is Scott Wallace. Scott manages ASHE's Energy to Care program. He will be glad to assist our Facility Engineers in participating. We also have sponsors available that are directly involved in energy conservation that have many ideas and services that could benefit Facilities with their utility usages. I encourage all of you to visit with them and get as many ideas from them that you can. Remember our energy usage affects our Facilities' bottom line.

Our Society is growing by leaps and bounds. I am honored to be the sitting GASHE President. I want to thank Zack Holt, our immediate past President. Zack really believes deeply in our cause as Society Members. He has truly set me up in this new role with a Society that has a very good foundation, a great background and a future that we can all believe in. Please thank Zack for his hard work with our Society.

Lastly, I encourage all of our Society Members that are also ASHE Members to vote in the ongoing ASHE elections. Our Region 4 ASHE Director position is up for grabs. The elections close on September 1st. Historically, only 10% of ASHE Members vote in these elections. The Region 4 Director Position greatly impacts our Society. The ASHE President Elect position is also on the ballot. Please vote on the ASHE Website. If anyone needs a link to the voting please contact me and I will be happy to provide that to you.

I'm looking forward to a great meeting in September and seeing you there.

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The ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition is the trusted national conference and exhibition for health care facility management and engineering professionals. One hundred percent of all conference revenue is reinvested into the mission of optimizing the health care physical environment. More than 3,300 industry professionals attend the ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition to share perspectives on optimizing the health care built environment. Programming gives health care facility management and engineering professionals the tools they need to navigate and adapt as the health care landscape shifts. Sessions showcase thought-provoking research and presentations that focus on compliance strategies, operational excellence, leadership, management development, and other topics affecting health care facility professionals.



What GASHE means to me...

Monroe County Hospital
Director Plant/Facilities
Safety Officer

John Storey

My career in the Healthcare Industry began 9 years ago. That said, I still was all in, carrying my tool belt around with me all day, having coworkers look at me like I was crazy, trying to work myself out of a job. I remember thinking “there is not going to be enough to do around here to keep me busy”. Boy was I wrong! I knew there were building codes, and codes for this and that, but had never heard of NFPA or Joint Commission Codes. I was a little intimidated, but thought I was up to the challenge! I asked my Supervisor “how do you figure all this out”? He said that he didn’t. He does the best he can, and if he can’t figure it out the answer would only be a phone call away.

I’d never heard of GASHE, but knew that Tim went to the meetings on a quarterly basis and would be gone for a night or two, three if he was lucky. Tim would bring back bags of stuff that he would pass out around the hospital. That is what GASHE was to me. Over the years, Tim would come back to the hospital and tell the team about the Educational Classes, and what he learned while he was there. He’d describe new products, or ways to do things that he had gotten from business partners. The more involved with GASHE Tim got, the more I learned about it. Unfortunately, the first time I got to go to a meeting was when Tim was leaving. I had a good time the few hours we were there for him to say his goodbyes. On the way back, he told me that if I ever had a question to come up, any one of the people in that room would be more than willing to help out. Just call them, and if they didn’t know the answer, they most likely knew someone who did.

I decided to go to the next meeting. I learned a lot from the Education Classes and the Crosstalk session. I am not much of a talker, so I was not too involved, but took a lot of notes and took a lot of information back with me.

I never realized how much I did not know. The education classes have helped me more than anything in my new management position. With a group of people the size of GASHE, someone has most likely been through what you are going through, and they are willing to help. That is priceless.

I have only been to a handful of meetings, but have used the relationships formed through those meetings a number of times over the last year. I’ve had questions from O.R. replacement air handlers, to simple things like door openings. Just as Tim had said, help was only a phone call away. I hope that one day I will be able to return the favor and be able to help someone who has a question. It is great that the members of this Society have formed lifelong friendships in addition to business relationships. The members do not get paid for the help they offer to others; They do it because they want to see our profession provide the best facilities we can for our patients and their families. That is what I think of now when I see the GASHE logo. My goal is to make my facility the best it can be for our patients, their families, and my coworkers. I believe being a member of GASHE will help me get there.

September 2016
Quarterly Meeting

9/8 - 9/9

SCOTT WALLACE

energy 
to care *Greater efficiency
supports patient care.*

Scott joined Mazzetti's San Francisco office in 2014 to expand the firm's focus on energy services within existing buildings and to lead ASHE's Energy to Care program which helps hospitals across the country benchmark their energy usage and develop a roadmap for becoming more sustainable. Scott is a Certified Energy Manager and LEED Accredited professional.



Scott possess expertise in developing and implementing innovative energy solutions for large-scale commercial buildings that focus on reducing cost, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions while also improving occupant comfort & productivity.

Prior to Mazzetti, Scott spent 14 years with Siemens Building Automation and Energy Solutions teams where he led sales, business development, and cost estimation for the Northern California Healthcare market.





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