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## ***Don't Miss This Month's Event***

September 12, 2006

## **25th Anniversary Celebration of Mid-Columbia Chapter**

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## **ASHRAE Awards Scholarship in Memory of Frank Coda**

ATLANTA – A scholarship created in memory of Frank Coda, ASHRAE's former executive vice president who died in 2004, has been awarded for the first time.

The undergraduate engineering scholarship was awarded to Jeremy Dreiling, an architectural engineering student at Kansas State University. It provides \$5,000 for one year.

"Frank saw the need for ASHRAE's involvement with education and always advocated assistance for students and supported cooperation between ASHRAE and universities," Jeffrey Spitler,

Ph.D., P.E., chair of ASHRAE's Scholarship Trustees, said. "This scholarship is a very appropriate way to recognize his contributions and honor his memory. The endowed scholarship will provide significant help to a deserving student each year."

Coda became ASHRAE executive director in 1981, was named chief staff officer in 1984, and became executive vice president emeritus in January 2004. He continued to work for ASHRAE in a consulting capacity until his death in June 2004.

## **ASHRAE Sustainable Metrics Group to Develop Design Guidance**

ATLANTA – A new technical research group focusing on sustainable building guidance and metrics has been created by ASHRAE. The group will develop design guidance, performance metrics and rating systems to integrate indoor environmental quality, energy efficiency and other aspects of sustainable building performance.

"If you ask a group of engineers to look at a facility, you'll get a variety of opinions about how that building is performing in regard to energy efficiency, indoor air quality and comfort," said Bryan R. Becker, Ph.D., P.E., a member of ASHRAE's Technical Ac-

tivities Committee, which oversees Society technical committees. "Our goal is to develop metrics and rating systems that are repeatable, verifiable and that can be utilized globally."

Those interested in joining the new group can email [MORTS@ASHRAE.net](mailto:MORTS@ASHRAE.net) for further details.

The group will work with other organizations to integrate HVAC&R systems with other building systems to enhance the effectiveness of total building design and integrated practice.

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*Chapter President Bing Liu*

## Message from the President

Once again, our chapter had a great golf tournament for research promotion on June 15th at Columbia Point Golf Course. Many thanks to **Gil Hibbs** for organizing this event. We were able to raise \$2000 through the golf tournament which will be used for ASHRAE's research projects.

We plan to have a great kick off to this year by celebrating our chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We'll have an opportunity to meet the charter members and learn from them what has happened in our area during past 25 years. Our chapter's CTTC Chair **Lois Payne** and Historian **Rich Evans** are working very hard to organize the event. I am sure we will have fun cruising along the scenic Columbia River and have a taste of great wine from our local vineyards. I would encourage all of you to come and join us celebrating such a special occasion.

I am so proud to announce that our chapter received two awards at the 2006 CRC meeting in Victoria, BC. As the RP chairman, **Gil Hibbs** received the Wendell Wolfe Award recognizing the excellent work he did for the research promotion. I also received the Winston Award recognizing the best program that our chapter had last year in our region. The Mid-Columbia Chapter also had the highest Presidential Award of Excellence (PAOE) point in our region. I heartily thank Dale Green (as last year's President) and last year's officers for all of the hard work they put in to make the Chapter have a successful year.

I hope everyone has had a chance to take some time off this summer. I'll look forward to seeing you at our chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party!

*Bing Liu*



*Mr. Ron Jamagin*

## From The Summit: Busy Summer for ASHRAE

By Ron Jamagin

Everyone is now coming back from the summer break from chapter meetings, so I thought I would provide an update on some happenings over the summer that you might be interested in. The Annual Meeting in Quebec City was a terrific event in a fabulous location. The hotel overlooked the river and had a gorgeous view of the old French fortifications. Quebec celebrated their Independence Day while we were there, and the city was crammed with tourists as well as ASHRAE members. Those with hotel rooms on the river-side found out just how long the Canadians could party on their holiday!

Terry Townsend was sworn in as the new ASHRAE President, and he had one of the most interesting theme speeches that I have ever heard (or seen). His central theme was Sustainability, and in this speech he called for sweeping actions on the part of ASHRAE to deliver on the ASHRAE promise of a sustainable future. Terry has tasked every Council in ASHRAE with a list of actions necessary to move the Society forward in a dramatic and rapid fashion. As Chair of Technology Council I had plenty of work to do over the sum-

mer to get the technology machine geared up to respond to Terry's challenges. I think you will all see a much more agile organization under Terry's leadership.

ASHRAE is moving forward aggressively on its eLearning System of online, on-demand learning tailored for individual and corporate training. This system is designed for the busy professional who wants to expand their technical knowledge, but has difficulty finding the time to leave the office for technical seminars. All coursework is delivered online with interactive modules, learning bursts, and online self-assessments. If you haven't tried this out yet, you should. Simply go to [www.ashrae-elearning.org](http://www.ashrae-elearning.org) and try out a sample course module and experience a learning burst demo. You'll be glad you did!

And finally, for those of you who asked in the recent members survey, ASHRAE is moving forward on both Certification and increased Marketing and Public Relations. The Board approved new staff positions and budget supplements to begin these two important activities.



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**This Month's Event**

Mid Columbia Chapter Officers and Board of Governors  
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# 25th Anniversary Celebration



Come join us as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of  
Mid Columbia ASHRAE Chapter

**September 12, 2006**

on the

***Columbia Voyager***

*Tri-City River Cruises*

**Featuring**

***Food and Wine Tasting***

**Cost: \$40 per person or \$75 per couple**

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By September 1, 2006

**Dress Code:** Business Casual



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### Important Notice About Future Meeting Dates

The dates for the Winter and Annual Meetings in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are:

- 2007, Jan. 27–31 in Dallas, and June 23–27 in Long Beach, Calif.;
- 2008, Jan. 19–23 in New York, and June 21–25 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2009, Jan. 24–28 in Chicago, and June 20–24 in Louisville, KY.

