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DECEMBER *Past President's*

Submitted by: Matt Heil

DATE: MONDAY, December 14th, 2009

LOCATION: Nakoma Golf Club - Madison
4145 Country Club Road, Madison, WI 53711

TIME: 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Social Gathering
5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Discussions
6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Program Presentation

TOPIC: USE AND ABUSE OF COMPUTERS IN THE WORKPLACE

(Rediscovering the Lost Art of Verbal Conversation and Decreasing Your Legal Liability)

Is your computer system about to become your next liability by the misuse of computers in the workplace? One hundred and one romantic emails between a county clerk and his girlfriend were deemed to be "public records" and were released to the press. Busted by your Blackberry?

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PRESENTER: Bob Gregg, a partner at Boardman Law Firm

Bob Gregg, a partner at the Boardman Law Firm in Madison, Wisconsin, has been involved in Employment Relations for more than 30 years. He litigates employment cases. His main emphasis is helping employers achieve enhanced productivity, creating positive work environments, and resolving employment problems before they generate lawsuits. He has developed the employment policies of numerous employers and reviewed hundreds of employee handbooks.

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RSVP: Register by directing your browser to 12-14-09 or email to **Matt Heil** at Henneman Engineering: ASHRAE@henneman.com. You may also call Matt at (608) 833-7000.

Please RSVP by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9th**

The cost for the meeting is **\$20 for members and \$30 for non-members**, which includes dinner and presentation. The meeting fee will be paid at the door. Please make checks payable to **Madison ASHRAE Chapter**

(See Meeting on next page)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Submitted By: Robb Stone

Hello, Happy Holidays and welcome to the December Issue of the INFORMAIRE! Tis' the season for free cooling and increased heating bills.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and was able to spend time with family and friends. We also want to remember and thank those whom could not be with family and friends, especially those in the Armed Forces.

As we head into December and the end of the year, we can start to reflect on the challenges and successes we have had over the last year and prepare for the challenges of the New Year. The struggles of the economy have touched most every American in every industry. There are ever changing goals directly associated with our industry related to energy efficiency and conservation in hopes of saving our environment. We need to continue to look forward and find new and innovative ways to approach our industry that not only support our business but also contribute to a better world.

At this month's chapter meeting, **Matt Heil** has arranged a presentation on computer "Use and Abuse" in the workplace. This should be an eye opening presentation valuable to everyone in our chapter. Refer to the program section of this month's INFORMAIRE for additional information and sign up instructions. As a side note, we may be joined at future chapter meetings by our associates from the Rockford, IL chapter. Rockford has become a satellite chapter to Chicago. In an effort to provide them with alternatives for chapter meetings, the Board has agreed to invite them to our monthly meetings. Please take time to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for our Chapter, please feel free to contact myself or any of the BOG members at anytime. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you in this month.

Robb Stone
2009-10 Madison ASHRAE Chapter President
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DECEMBER MEETING

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TOPIC: (Con't)

A federal court decided that electronic calendars are discoverable records, even though they contain personal/family information along with work appointments. E-discovery reveals evidence of harassment, discrimination, defamation and more. Yet, employees also sue when the employer improperly intercepts electronic messages they claim were "private." Employers need to be aware of the issues of use, misuse, and rights to properly monitor and control the electronic system. Learn the current issues, legal trends and practical pointers for your electronic operations.

PRESENTER: (Con't)

Bob has conducted over 2,000 seminars throughout the United States and authored numerous articles on practical employment issues. His career has encompassed canoe guide, carpenter, laborer, Army Sergeant, social worker, educator, business owner, beer taster, Equal Employment Opportunity officer, and employment relations attorney. Bob is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, the National Speakers Association, and is a National Faculty Member of the American Association for Affirmative Action.

The presenter has made available two (2) documents he recommends you bring with you to the meeting. Download them here:

[Rediscovering the Lost Art of Verbal Conversation](#)
[Use and Abuse of Computers in the Workplace](#)

Please indicate a dinner selection with your reservation:

Roast Pork Loin

Slow Roasted Pork Loin with Fresh Herbs, served with your choice of Shiitake Calvados Cream, Raspberry Demi Glace or Hunters Sauce.

Stuffed Game Hen

Slow Roasted, Semi-Boneless Cornish Hen Stuffed with Wild Rice and topped with a Sherry Mushroom Cream Sauce.

Grilled Portabella Mushroom Fettuccine

Egg and Spinach Fettuccine tossed with Peppers, Onions, and Tomatoes. Topped with Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce and a Grilled Portabella Mushroom Cap.

MEETING MINUTES

Submitted By: Mike Gall

The latest meeting minutes can be found by selecting the following links.

[Madison BOG Minutes 10-21-09](#)

Thanks. *Mike Gall*

RESEARCH PROMOTION

Submitted By: Gene Nelson

At the November Chapter meeting we celebrated our 2008-2009 RP campaign successes. We recognized our donors with certificates for donors or medallions for donors \$250 and higher. These include **Masters Building Solutions, Hooper Corporation, H&H Industries, Erdman,** and the **Heating Piping Cooling Council.** Again thank you for a great year.

We are a little late in starting this year's campaign. We will be sending letters to past donors in the next few weeks and we will be following up with phone calls. Please give ASHRAE due consideration when we call.

Again we want to thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully,

Gene Nelson & Tim Meeker,
 Madison ASHRAE RP Co-chairs

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Submitted By: Matt Koukl

As this semester comes to a close, we reflect on the successes the student activities committee has achieved. This was a successful semester for the student activities committee as **Gene Nelson** gave a presentation on different career paths for mechanical engineers, and designing experience with the HVAC systems on October 8th for students on the UW-Platteville campus. We are looking forward to the spring semester to provide a similar presentation to the students on the UW-Madison Campus. Again, **Gene Nelson** has graciously agreed to provide this presentation. Thanks Gene!

On Oct. 12th we had 10 students from **UW- Platteville** and **UW-Madison** in attendance for our monthly meeting. Unfortunately the meeting venue was changed from Epic to Quality Inn & Suites – Fitchburg, but **Manus McDevitt** presented an excellent topic of Geothermal HP's and the commissioning processes associated with this design. It seemed that the students were very interested in this topic and was well received by the students in attendance.

We will continue to give out past ASHRAE handbooks to the students who come to meetings. We are looking for your old ASHRAE hand books to be passed on to the student members. If you have any handbooks collecting dust on your shelf we are asking you to bring them to any of the meetings or give one of us a call (**Matt Koukl** (556-1925) or **Jim Kraus** (263-3029)) and someone will pick them up. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

We are looking for companies interested in hiring students on a part time bases or as an intern. As the Christmas break approaches this would be an excellent time for the on-boarding process for a fall semester CO-OP or an

internship. If there are any openings for students on your staff over the next couple of weeks or possibly the next semester, please contact Matt or Jim and we will help connect you with a student.

Thank you!

Matt Koukl & Jim Kraus
Student Activities Co-Chair

ASHRAE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submitted By: Mark Miller

ASHRAE announcement this past month headlines are listed below. To find out more about the, search them out at www.ASHRAE.org:

- **ASHRAE Conference Goes Virtual**
- **National Building Energy Leaders Clarify Stimulus Act Funding**
- **ASHRAE, IES Seek to Lighten Energy Use through Changes to Standard 90.1**
- **Advanced Energy Design Guidance Offered for Small Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities**
- **Making a Case for Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings: New Industry Publication**
- **High-Performance Building Standard Provides the Foundation for Green Building Codes**
- **ASHRAE Handbook Becomes More Accessible in Online Format**

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	Topic	Location	Speaker (s)	Theme
Sep 14	Advance Energy Efficiency Guide for Existing Buildings	Doubletree Inn Madison, WI	Terry Townsend	Membership Night
Oct 12	Tour-Wisconsin Institute for Discover and Morgridge Institute for Research	Quality Inn & Suites Fitchburg, WI	Manus McDevitt Sustainable Eng	Student Night
Nov 9	Wind Tunnel Modeling in Mechanical System Design	The Coliseum Bar Madison, WI	Glenn Schuyler; VP of RWDI Canada	Research Promotion Night
Dec 14	Use & Abuse of Electronic Communications	Nakoma Golf Club Madison, WI	Bob Gregg; Boardman Law Firm in Madison WI	Past Presidents
Jan 11	LEED Duct Design (design, performance, & commissioning)		Gerard Iacouzze From McGill AirFlow	Student Night
Feb 8				Refrigeration
Mar 8	Construction Liabilities		Carl Sinderbrand; Partner at the law firm of Axley Brynelson, LLP	CTTC / Research Promotion Night
Apr 12			Julian de Bullet Distinguished Lecturer	Research Promotion Night
May 10				
Jun 8	Golf Outing	Stoughton Country Club		Social

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