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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 2009

The Plumbing Museum, Watertown

MAIN PROGRAM

Joint Meeting with PHCC
Code Updates

GUEST SPEAKER

Paul Kennedy & Joe Peluso

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Social Hour Main Program 5:30 - 6:00 Starts at 6:00

MENU

Buffet

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For information on booth space or guest list contact:

The New England Association of Fire Protection Systems Designers (NEAFPSD), P.O. 149. Wrentham, MA 02093-0149 or visit our web site at www.neafpsd.com

2009 Boston Chapter Product Show and Seminars

The Product Show will be in November of 2009. Frank Teebagy, Chair, Paul Taylor Deputy Chair, and Nancy Bonetti, Vendor Chair are forming the committee.

All interested members should contact Frank at 617-494-9090, Paul at 508-230-0260 or Nancy at 781389-2060.



Membership News

Check Your Mailing Label, Win A Prize

Please take a moment and look at your mailing label on this newsletter. See the date next to your name? That's your membership renewal date. That is the date that your annual membership will expire if you don't submit your dues to Society. Now don't panic quite yet! According to Stacey Kidd, the Director of Membership for Society, you will receive four notices (a.k.a. invoices) prior to that date. That should give you plenty of time to submit payment in a timely fashion.

So right about now you're probably asking yourself "So how do I win a prize"? It's simple. There are a number of you that have the word "Expired" on your mailing label, which means your ASPE membership has expired within the past few months. Having the word "Expired" on your mailing label is nothing to be proud of Sparky, but it does give you the chance to win a fabulous prize if you quickly rejoin.

The Boston Chapter has a limited supply of ASPE padfolios and 2008 ASPE Plumbing Engineering Design Handbooks. They will be given out (while supplies last) to anyone with an "Expired" membership that rejoins. Winners will be determined in the order that I receive notice from Society that your membership has been renewed. I will contact you to verify which gift you would like to receive.

To rejoin, you can do any of the following:

Go online to www.aspe.org and complete the "Online Membership Renewal";

Download a new Membership Application at www.aspe.org and send it with your payment

Dig down thru all that crap piling up on your desk, find your membership dues invoice, open it up, follow the directions and send it to society;

Hand me a sealed plain white business envelope filled with unmarked, non-sequential fifty dollar bills and I'll take care of the rest. (Honest)

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Technical Report

Joint Meeting With PHCC

This month's meeting is the annual joint meeting with the PHCC, and is being held for the first time at the **Plumbing Museum at 86 Rosedale Road, Watertown, MA** (directly across the street from J. C. Cannistraro's Office.

We are slated to have *Paul Kennedy* and *Joe Peluso* from the State Plumbing Board as the guest speakers, and they will let us all know what the Board has been up to, and what the potential code changes will be. Bring your questions and query the speakers, as this is a unique annual opportunity to ask them questions, outside of their offices and public meetings.

Please plan on the social hour starting at 5:30 PM, with the main program starting at 6:00 PM. The Museum will be open at 5:30 PM for tours, and as of the ASPENews deadline, will be closing when the meeting starts, so get there as close to 5:30 PM as possible.

I hope to see a great turn-out from the ASPE ranks.

By James Polando, PE, CPD, V.P. Technical

Snapshot of February Meeting



"The first photo taken by the speaker, of the audience".

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<u>Water-Saving Tips</u> (taken from <u>www.savewateramerica.com</u>)

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- Replace older, less efficient toilets with 1.28-gallon High-Efficiency Toilets (HETs) to save up to 16,500 gallons of water per year.
- Swap out your 2.75 gpm showerhead with a 1.75 water-conserving showerhead and you can save more than 7,700 gallons of water per year
- Fix leaky faucets and install faucets with water-saving aerators to effortlessly save hundreds of gallons of water per year.
- Use the appropriate water level and load size on the washing machine when doing laundry. Consider purchasing a front-load washing machine.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean off driveways, steps and sidewalks.
- Water your garden during the coolest part of the day, generally in the morning, and avoid watering on windy days.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving to keep excess water from going down the drain.
- Landscape with native or low-water plants to significantly reduce water usage outside the home.
- Use leftover water for houseplants, instead of pouring out a half-empty glass of drinking water.
- Make sure the dishwasher is fully loaded to maximize the dishes cleaned in a cycle

If you go to www.savewateramerica.com there is a short 90 second survey you can take regarding water conservation and the existing toilet fixtures within your home. Based on the type of fixtures in your home, it will estimate annual water savings if you upgrade to higher efficiency toilets. Also, if you take the survey, Kohler will donate \$1 to Habitat for Humanity. Take a look.

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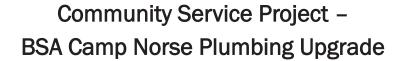
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The ASPE Boston Chapter is currently working on a new Community Service project and would like to enlist the help of interested Affiliate members and Plumbers in the effort. The goal is for our chapter to purchase a number of water heaters, ADA faucets, and potable water piping and fittings to be donated and installed at Camp Norse in Kingston, MA. Camp Norse is owned and operated by the Annawon Council of the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Norton, MA.

It recently came to our attention that Camp Norse doesn't have a potable water supply at three key remote program locations: Archery Range, BB Range, and the Boating Waterfront. Being the most popular and widely used program areas, large coolers of drinking water must be hand delivered daily by camp personnel. We would like to be able to bring a new potable water supply across the camp to each of these remote areas.

The camp also has two very old and inefficient LP gas water heaters that need to be replaced. One is in the Ranger's Station; the other serves the main scout Shower House. Numerous toilet facilities throughout the camp also need to be upgraded with ADA compliant sensor faucets. We feel that ASPE can be instrumental in helping the Annawon Council provide better facilities for the thousands of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts that attend Camp Norse each year. We have been given a plumbing "wish list" of needed items, and have listed them here:

Quantity	Item/Description	Location
1 1 4 4 4 2 3 3,500 ft	LP tankless water heater to supply 5 showers LP tankless Water heater to supply 1 shower ADA compliant sensor faucets 1" plastic domestic water piping & fittings	Shower House Ranger Station Shower House East End Latrine Akela Bathroom Kitchen Lief Bathroom Archery, BB and Water-
3	ADA compliant sensor faucets	Lief Bathroom

If you would like to help us purchase any of these items, please let us know. We want to donate these items to Camp Norse by early spring so that they can be installed prior to the upcoming 2009 camping season. We would also like to appeal to the plumbers in our chapter to request their help with the installation of the water heaters and fixtures. If you would like to offer your services to help with the installation of the heaters and/or faucets, please let us know.

Please contact: Jeff Gooding, Boston Chapter Affiliate Liaison

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Help is Available

Please note that although I report every month that we are trying to get members to send in their dues in a timely fashion, we are not insensitive to the fact that many members are facing tough financial times. I want to take this opportunity to report that if you are currently unemployed or struggling financially, help with your dues payment may be available through Society. If you would like to call Society to inquire about this further, feel free to speak with Stacey Kidd. Her number is (773) 693-2773 ext. 227. Or if you prefer, you can email her at skidd@aspe.org

Community Service Project 2009

As you will read in greater detail in this newsletter, the Boston Chapter is organizing a new Community Service Project this year to help the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts across Southeastern Massachusetts. The Board of Directors has approved a plan to purchase a number of plumbing fixtures, trim, water piping and propane-fired water heaters to be donated and installed at BSA Camp Norse in Kingston, MA.

The Annawon Council is located in Norton MA and operates Camp Norse. The camp is in need of some plumbing upgrades, and needs to replace two failing water heaters. (One heater serves the Ranger's Cabin, and the other serves the main shower house.) They are also looking to pipe potable water across camp to the remote scouting stations that currently have neither drinking water nor toilet facilities. In addition to making these and other badly needed plumbing upgrades, the Annawon Council is looking to install fixtures and faucets that will also help them conserve water.

Besides providing the heaters, piping and fixtures, we are looking into whether we can enlist the help of the MA PHCC to get some licensed plumbers to donate the labor to get the fixtures and heaters installed before the camping season begins.

Finally, once we get all that worked out logistically, I would like to ask the Engineers to help out also. All it would take is for a couple dozen engineers to travel to Camp Norse on a Saturday and help with a small cleanup project at the camp. There are a number of small projects that we could easily complete in a day. Whether it's painting one of the scout cabins, clearing brush along the fishing pond, or doing a spring cleanup around the camp, it would only take a few hours and a little bit of elbow grease.

I would like this community service project to become the first of many annual projects. I have recently learned that there are many scout camps throughout New England that could also use some help. One camp in particular in New Hampshire needs replacement shower valves, so maybe we can help them next...

As I've stated in the past, if you have any suggestions for future community projects, I'd really like to hear them. There's a lot we can do to help improve our community, and all it takes is for someone to ask for our help. I'll keep you posted on this.

By John Callahan, CPD, V.P. Memb., Boston Chapter ASPE



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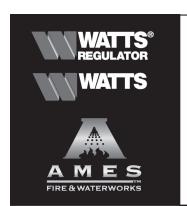
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