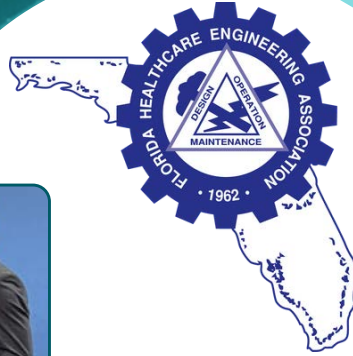


THE WHISTLE

FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Adam Mayle,
CHE, CHFM, CHC



Welcome to another edition of The Whistle and the President’s Corner. I am excited to say that the FHEA State Board just met at the location of our 2024 Annual Conference, and it is nothing short of amazing. We will be challenged to take full advantage of what this hotel, property, and conference space have to offer. I will reveal more details in the next edition of The Whistle, but it is definitely something to be excited about.

For now, let’s focus on our Fall conference that is quickly approaching. On November 29th to December 1st of this year, we will be holding our 2023 FHEA Fall Expo & Educational Conference at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton. In addition to our informative training sessions and multiple networking opportunities, we will be conducting both golf AND fishing tournaments. Thank you to the teams that have stepped up to make those events possible.

As I wrote in the last edition of The Whistle, this location is not in line with our normal Fall Conference rotation, but the board felt it was important to provide the highest quality location at a price our members and their employers will find reasonable. There are multiple conferences in and out of Florida that compete for your registration, and we don’t want the cost of an FHEA conference to be an issue for anyone. Our ultimate goal is to maintain the quality and integrity of our profession by providing education to our members and unreasonably expensive conferences is not how we will reach that goal.

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2023
Fall



**NOVEMBER 29 -
DECEMBER 1**

St. Pete Bayfront Hilton

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

The tabletops are sold out and the registrations are on track to exceed last year so it appears you agree with the path we are taking. I hope to see you in St. Petersburg.

Many of your FHEA State Board members attended the ASHE Conference in San Antonio in August - it was both educational and inspiring. There was a lot of emphasis on succession planning, the demands placed on Facilities Directors, staffing concerns, and the 2026 FGI guidelines. It is anticipated there will be a lot more of us retiring in the next 5 years than entering our profession. It was eye opening to see that the concerns we have locally are concerns for ASHE chapters around the country.

The highlight of the conference, however, was our very own Bobby Baird, FHEA State Treasurer and Past President, who received his Fellow status (FASHE) with ASHE. Congratulations, Bobby!!!



BOBBY BAIRD RECEIVES ASHE FASHE AWARD

National Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week is just around the corner, October 22 - 28. This week will be a great opportunity for you to recognize your team and highlight their value to the rest of the facility. Invite your administrators to have lunch with your department – it's a great morale builder.

Another idea is to give tours of your plant to the clinical staff with an explanation of how the equipment works and how it affects their ability to provide quality patient care. You may find that nurses having a better understanding of your operations and challenges can build respect for your department and help manage expectations.

Let me close this edition of the President's Corner by thanking the board and supporting members that donate their time to make things happen for every FHEA member. I've had multiple members, both active and supporting, tell me that FHEA is in their blood and their actions prove it. There is no pay or benefits involved with serving our organization. We are a group of dedicated and like-minded people coming together for the purpose of achieving a common goal. That is what makes us resilient and that is why we have been successful accomplishing our mission for over 60 years.

Thank you again for placing your trust in me, the rest of the FHEA Board, and our staff to keep your organization on the path to success and continue improving it for all members.

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Do you have a healthcare industry educational article to contribute? Submit to info@fhea.org

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FHEA AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO FHEA PRESIDENT ADAM MAYLE AND FHEA TREASURER AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT BOBBY BAIRD!



On behalf of the ASHE Awards and Recognition Task Force, FHEA President Adam Mayle was selected as the 2023 ASHE Regional Leader for our Region. This prominent award recognizes ten exceptional individuals, one from each ASHE region, for their exemplary leadership skills and their commitment to the field of health care facility management.

FHEA Treasurer and Immediate Past President Bobby Baird was presented the ASHE Fellow award. ASHE recognizes members who attained senior (SASHE) and fellow (FASHE) status. The FASHE designation is bestowed upon those who have been ASHE members in good standing for at least 10 years and have contributed to the field through education, leadership, and written contributions.



ASHE presented the awards to Adam and Bobby on Wednesday, August 9 at the Annual Business Breakfast, during the 60th ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition in San Antonio.

Congratulations to Adam and Bobby!

FHEA RECEIVES ASHE PLATINUM AWARD



LAMAR BRAGG RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S RING



REGISTRATION INFO



Registration fees include receptions; Friday continental breakfast, networking breaks, luncheon; and the FHEA Expo.

(If you are attending educational sessions, the Thursday continental breakfast and luncheon are also included with your registration.)

- Full Active Member: \$140
- CHE Member: \$120
- Supporting Member: \$350
- Non-Member: \$400

After October 13th, add \$50 to your registration fee

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

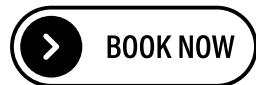


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CONFERENCE HOTEL



ST. PETE BAYFRONT HILTON
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To make reservations by phone, call 800-HILTONS and use the group code, FHEA, to get our special rate.

The group rate is \$162 + tax. There is no resort fee.

Valet parking, with in and out privileges, for guests staying in the hotel has been discounted to \$28 per day.



FISHING REGISTRATION



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - STILL AVAILABLE

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- **Wednesday and Thursday Networking Breaks \$1,400 each** (*includes one comp representative and a table during the event, not in the Expo*)



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FALL EXPO & EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- **7:00 am**
Bus departs the Hilton for the fisherman
- **7:30 am**
Bus departs the Hilton for the golfers
- **8:00 am - 12:00 pm**
In shore fishing - boats depart from The Pier
- **8:30 am - 2:00 pm**
FHEA Golf Scramble at the Broadmoor Country Club
- **3:30 - 5:00 pm**
What Keeps Facility Managers & Engineers Awake at Night
Moderator: Leeyen Sieza, MRSA, MBA; Clarity Roofing Solutions
- **5:30 - 7:00 pm**
Welcome Reception
- **7:00 pm**
FHEA Board Dinner Meeting

Thursday, November 30, 2023

- **8:15 - 8:45 am**
Supporting Member Meet and Greet
- **9:00 am**
Continental Breakfast (*for educational session attendees*)
- **9:30 - 9:45 am**
Welcome to the FHEA Fall Conference
Adam Mayle, FHEA President
- **9:45 - 10:45 am**
The Healthcare Facility Professional's Toolbox
Peter Martin, Gosselin
- **10:45 - 11:15am**
Networking Break
- **11:15 am - 12:15 pm**
Avoiding Leadership Findings in Documentation
Bruce Bennett, MAOM, BSHCA, CHSP, EMT; National Firestopping Solutions
- **12:15 - 1:15 pm**
Lunch (*for educational session attendees*)
- **1:15 - 2:15 pm**
Staying Ahead of Your Survey
Joseph Glaski, FASHE, MBA, CFDAI, CLSS-HC; Brand Services

Thursday, November 30, 2023

- **2:15 - 3:15 pm**
Water Management in Sterile Processing - What You Need to Know
Cole Kirmes and Rick Dandrow; Phigenics
- **3:15 - 3:30 pm**
Networking Break
- **3:30 - 4:30 pm**
Move Over 2022, Here Come the 2026 FGI Guidelines
Doug Erickson, FASHE; Facility Guidelines Institute
- **5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Welcome Expo Reception

Friday, December 1, 2023

- **7:30 - 9:00 am**
Breakfast in Expo
- **9:00 - 10:00 am**
Contaminated Air: The Invisible Threat to Patients and Staff
Dr. Linda Lee, UV Angel
- **10:00 - 11:00 am**
Resilience is in the Air: A Risk-Based Approach to Air Quality Management
Kathy Warye, Infection Prevention Partners
- **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Expo Open and Door Prize Crawl
- **1:00 - 2:00 pm**
Networking Lunch
- **2:00 pm**
Exhibitors teardown
- **2:00 - 3:00 pm**
Roof Budgeting and Asset Management
Jason Carruth; Advanced Roofing
- **3:00 - 4:00 pm**
Synopsis of What Happens the Day After the Open House? Implementing an Equipment Management Strategy at Master Planning
Gary Schindele; Paladin Healthcare

THE FHEA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE TOPICS, SPEAKERS, DATES, AND TIMES DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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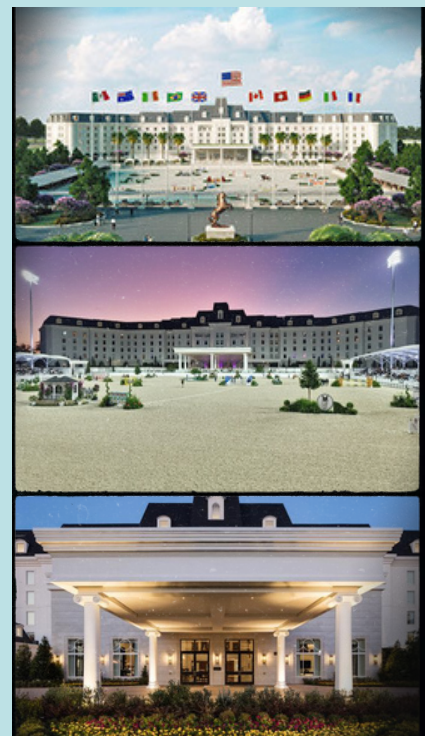
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SAVE THE DATE!
June 18 - 21, 2024

World Equestrian Center - The Riding Academy Hotel

Save the date for the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference at the Riding Academy Hotel, located in the World Equestrian Center complex in Ocala, Florida. The FHEA has negotiated rooms at a very reasonable rate of \$179 + tax (for up to 4 people). The family and pet-friendly hotel will include expansive, upscale accommodations and desirable in-room amenities, such as coffee makers, microwaves, and pull-out sofa beds. Guests can enjoy the outdoor pool and sundeck, dual fitness centers, and lobby marketplace - all within the thriving complex center. This meeting will be a great place to bring your families for a summer getaway; see beautiful horse shows, beginning on June 19th; (at no cost), and have a lot of fun.

Don't Miss it! Mark your calendars now!





ASHE NEWS



Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP; ASHE Region 4 Liaison

Despite high temperatures of 104 and 105 degrees, we had a great time at the 60th ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas. The conference had an inspiring keynote speaker in Anthony Trucks whose presentation was titled “Making Shift Happen.” Through his life, he shifted from foster care to the NFL but due to a career ending injury, played in only one game for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He shifted again and ultimately became an identity shift coach and motivational speaker. Check him out at www.anthonytrucks.com

The conference also had many excellent educational sessions and a large trade show with many new products for healthcare facilities. After each day’s conference sessions, San Antonio offered many things to do on the River Walk - the Alamo was my favorite. If you could not find a dining option you liked on the River Walk, you were obviously not looking. My favorite was Biga on the Banks, with spectacular menu options.

Next year’s conference will be the first with the new name, Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference. It will be held July 21 -24, 2024 in Anaheim, California. Go to www.ASHE.org for more information and mark your calendars now.

ASHE elections for the President Elect position closed on September 3rd at 11:59 pm.

It is time to start thinking about how you want to recognize your team during Facilities and Engineering Week, October 22 – 28, 2023. This year’s theme is Embracing Innovation, Achieving Excellence . ASHE has partnered with Jim Coleman to offer many great gift ideas for your team at ashe.org/celebrate. Please take time to celebrate your team for what they do for you, the hospital staff, patients, and the community.





CODES AND STANDARDS

Phil Cardone, CHFM, CHC
Chair, Codes and Standards Committee

ACCREDITATION PROCESS CHANGES- GUIDANCE OF UNANNOUNCED SURVEYS, BLACKOUT DATES, AND COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATIONS

CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Quality, Safety & Oversight Group released notice with guidance to all Accreditation Organizations (AOs) addressing inconsistencies between AOs and State Agencies (SAs) as it relates to unannounced surveys and giving advanced notifications, announcements, blackout dates, and contacting facilities prior to onsite compliant investigations.

Unannounced Surveys:

CMS, in accordance with 488.5 (a)(4)(i), has reiterated to Accrediting Organizations (AOs) that all surveys of providers and suppliers must be unannounced. No contact should occur with the facilities prior to surveyors or survey team's entrance into the facility.

Blackout Dates:

Facilities have been allowed to request dates when they wish not to be surveyed - this is not consistent with CMS' survey expectations. CMS believes providers and suppliers should always be "survey-ready" and will not allow AOs to allow for blackout dates any longer.

Offsite/Administrative Compliant Investigations:

SOM Chapter 5, Section 5075.5 states, "for non-long term care facilities, both deemed and non-deemed, administrative review or offsite investigation is generally not permitted." In accordance with Chapter 5, Table in Section 5075.9, if a complaint is found to be a non-immediate jeopardy (IJ) medium or non-IJ low, the SA must investigate no later than when the next onsite survey occurs.

CMS has found that AOs have contacted facilities prior to onsite investigations or conduct offsite compliant investigations. Both applications are not consistent with regulations and contacting the facility will no longer be permitted.

CHECKLIST CODES & STANDARDS

ASHRAE PUBLISHES NEW INFECTIOUS AEROSOLS STANDARD

ASHRAE recently announced approval for the publication of its new airborne infection risk mitigation standard for buildings. ASHRAE Standard 241, Control of Infectious Aerosols, established minimum requirements to reduce the risk of disease transmission by exposure to infectious aerosols in new buildings, existing buildings, and major renovations. The new standard applies during identified periods of elevated risk of disease transmission. Authorities having jurisdiction can determine when the enhanced protections of Standard 241 will be required, but its use can also be at the discretion of the owner/operator.

THE JOINT COMMISSION REVISES CAH STANDARDS

Effective Aug. 27, The Joint Commission is making several changes to the elements of performances (EPs) for its accredited critical access hospitals. The changes were made to better align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') Conditions of Participation. The changes include new EPs to address CMS definitions of rural health network and personnel qualifications, and expectation for compliance with the 2012 editions of the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, and NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code. Other revisions going into effect include removing the references to alternative equipment maintenance programs and manufacturer's recommendations from the requirements for equipment maintenance.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

John Crouch, FHEA Education Chair

Our Steam Education monthly seminars have been very helpful to our FHEA members. Leo Rocha (the instructor) said he has averaged 25 – 30 participants per month since January.

Upcoming seminars will be:

- #8: October 18, 2023
- # 9: January 17, 2024
- #10: February 21, 2024
- #11: March 20, 2024
- #12: April 17, 2024

Webinars:

If you are interested in presenting a webinar, please submit the Call for Webinar Presentations document for consideration and approval, visit the [FHEA website for the application form.](#)

For ASHE to give continuing education hours, submissions must be relevant and meet the following qualifications:

Content Code - CHFM Content Outline Category:

1. Compliance Planning
2. Design, and Construction
3. Maintenance & Operations
4. Finance
5. Administration

Content Code - CHC Content Outline Category:

1. Healthcare Industry Fundamentals
2. Planning, Design, and Construction Process
3. Healthcare Facility Safety- Additions & Renovations
4. Financial Stewardship

FHEA 2024 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, June 18 - 21, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, has availability for speakers. If you would like to submit a proposal for consideration, [visit the FHEA website for the Call for Presentations form.](#)

PRESENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR FHEA CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Marty Streeper, FHEA Education Coordinator and Meeting Planner

The mission of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association is to promote and develop the professional role of the healthcare engineer through effective communication, educational opportunities, and the establishment of professional standards. Providing educational opportunities is a key component of our mission.

To help you attain more knowledge in the healthcare engineering industry, the FHEA strives to present a variety of educational programs during our conferences that include topics addressing specialized training, infection control procedures, expertise in new construction and renovation projects, and sharing of best practices. It's our goal to serve as a primary resource for healthcare care related information to assist you in professional growth and development as well as promote recognition of healthcare engineers throughout Florida.

The FHEA also offers certification in the form of the Certified Healthcare Engineer. Highly regarded by the state's healthcare facilities, this certification is available to all healthcare facility members who meet established standards of proficiency. To apply, visit <https://mmgfl.wufoo.com/forms/2023-certified-healthcare-engineer/>

We are pleased to announce, that besides the ASHE Continuing Education and Continuing Education hours for Florida Professional Engineers, Florida Architects, Florida Interior Designers, we can now provide Continuing Education credits to Fire Inspectors. It's important to note that although we are a provider for these designations, each course must be pre-approved by the various licensing agencies before CE hours can be awarded by the FHEA.

If you attended the recent FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference in Orlando, you received an attestation and tracker form for use in recording your course attendance during the meeting. When these forms are returned at the end of a conference, your CE certificates are emailed to you.

If you are interested in presenting at one of our FHEA educational conferences, please complete the [Call for Presentations form](#).

We are also offering a new opportunity for presentations through the FHEA Webinar Program. [To submit a webinar proposal, download the application.](#)

Let us know if you have any questions regarding FHEA education and/or Continuing Education, info@fhea.org

BUILDING MULTICAMPUS PLANS FOR LIFE SAFETY

Building a life safety plan for a multicampus health system can be a daunting task. Understanding what is required can be tricky, and often the place to start is with your state authority having jurisdiction.

These plans typically include construction-related documents such as a life safety drawings that demonstrate inspection activity is performed properly. Keeping the plans accurate, easy to understand and updated are important, and knowing how to manage the risks associated with the physical environment will help bring the plan together. Think of the life safety plan as a program to manage the physical environment that starts with understanding the risks associated with each building in the organization. In addition to the buildings, risks apply to the equipment that is used to support the buildings and patient care as well as anyone who is in the buildings.

When developing plans, health systems and individual facilities will be accountable to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. A good place to start is with form CMS 276R, Fire Safety Survey Report, which lists requirements based on the 2012 editions of the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, and NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.

Another document that can be useful is the CMS State Operations Manual, Appendix I- Survey Procedures for Life Safety Code Surveys, which identifies what CMS looks for at any CMS-accredited building included in the health system's various licensures or certification numbers.

To help understand this, CMS notes that NFPA 99 and NFPA 101 will apply to any building, "including those that do not house residents or patients on a 24-hour basis. This situation is most common in large campus-type facilities such as medical centers, teaching hospitals, or large state-operated intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities."

Remember, a good program has policies and procedures that meet the CMS requirements. These documents define the program procurement and oversight to ensure the physical environment is managed properly.

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John Maurer, MBA, CHFM, CHSP, SASHE, CLSS-HC,
accreditation advisor, Vizient

FLORIDA HOSPITAL EXPANDS TECHNOLOGY TO HANDLE GROWING PATIENT POPULATION

A few years ago, the University Health Shands hospital realized referral patient demand at its main campus in Gainesville, FL, was quickly exceeding capacity.

The health system knew it needed to expand its facilities to better serve a rising patient population, improve access to care and ensure a positive patient experience. As part of its continued future-proofing strategy, UF Health Shands green-lit the construction of a specialty tower that would neighbor its cancer center and provide state-of-the-art care to patients with neurosurgical, neurological, and cardiovascular conditions.

UF Health Shands needed a technology consulting and engineering firm to design and construct several prominent towers on its main campus. The system's leadership team tapped Introba to lead visioning services to marshal these specialties around familiar technologies. It leveraged the interventional suite's programmatic and spatial arrangement to satisfy the diverse needs of these distinctive specialties.

In the end, the project spanned approximately 500,000 square feet. Construction costs sat around \$400 million, including an equipment budget of nearly \$100 million. Almost 18 operating rooms (ORs) were designed within an integrated platform to leverage common core support elements, such as central supply and anesthesia support for hybrid neurological and cardiovascular ORs, and trauma and general ORs.

The new specialty tower, completed in 2017, contains 216 beds, including acute care and intensive care unit beds. It also has clinic and diagnostic areas for neurological and cardiovascular assessment, prep and recovery, pharmacy, and pathology.

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TECHNOLOGY HELPS BOOST SECURITY AND CARE AT FLORIDA HEALTH SYSTEM

Security has always been a high priority for Lee Health, which manages health care facilities across Florida. With more than 13,000 employees and 4,500 volunteers, the organization is one of the largest medical providers in the state. More than 1 million patients are treated at Lee Health facilities each year, and the organization aims to greet each of them with a secure and welcoming environment.

Keeping patients, staff, and caregivers safe is an essential part of Lee Health's mission – and modern video analytics have helped make that mission easier than ever.

A few years ago, Lee Health began the process of modernizing its surveillance system and replacing older analog cameras with high-definition-quality internet protocol cameras throughout its facilities. The organization replaced or upgraded more than 1,100 cameras in just under two years, along with a wide range of new hardware and software solutions, designed to not only improve safety conditions, but quality of care and compliance standards as well.

The ability to monitor interactions between patients and their caregivers has helped ensure that patients are being given an appropriate degree of attention and care, and new analytics have helped keep an eye on patients who may pose a danger to themselves or others. Rather than paying individuals to sit in the rooms of high-risk patients to keep an eye on them, facilities can now rely on technology to monitor those patients in real time.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, other benefits became clear --- such as the ability to ensure that staff members properly adhere to health and safety standards, including the use of personal protective equipment. The upgrades also made it easier to monitor entrances, exits and other access points to prevent unauthorized ingress and egress.

From top to bottom, the installation of modern, analytics-enabled cameras has allowed Lee Health to provide peace of mind for patients and staff, improve quality of care and operational efficiency, and ease vulnerability concerns - clear wins for all involved.

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Scammer Alert !

It has come to our attention that FHEA members and conference attendees are being contacted by scammers, via both phone and email, offering to assist with hotel reservations or provide attendee lists, for the FHEA Fall Meeting.

FHEA does not provide its contact list to third parties for these purposes. If you receive any messages regarding hotel discounts or attendee lists, they are phishing scams and should be ignored/ deleted immediately.

The ONLY legitimate way to reserve your room at the St. Pete Bayfront Hilton is by using [this link](#) or calling 800-HILTONS and use the group code, FHEA, to get our special rate.

CALENDARS

FHEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information, visit: <https://www.fhea.org/fhea-master-calendar>

OCTOBER

- 4th - D-1 Meeting
- 13th - D-3 Meeting
- 18th - Steam Seminar #8
- 22-28th - Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week

NOVEMBER

- 11th - D-4 Holiday Party
- 17th - D-2 Clay Shoot
- 28th-Dec 1- FHEA Fall Expo & Conference; St. Pete Hilton Bayfront, St. Petersburg

DECEMBER

- 6th - D-1 Meeting
- 8th - D-3 Meeting; Neumours Children's, Orlando
- 20th - Whistle Published

FACILITIES & ENGINEERING

Embracing Innovation, Achieving Excellence



Celebrate Health Care Facilities and Engineering Week

October 22 - 28, 2023

Show your appreciation for your innovative and excellent team! Plus, raise awareness of the facilities & engineering profession.

FHEA DISTRICTS

FHEA DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOR 2023. BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE FHEA BY TAKING PART IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT THE DISTRICT PAGES ON WWW.FHEA.ORG.

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



District II Update

President Paul Hamilton, CHC, CHFM

Thoughts About the Future

Recently, I wrote about the ever advancement of technology in our industry, things that were seen in cartoons as a child, but now are a reality 45 years later. I mentioned that we will need technicians that can install, program, and utilize the technology.

Today, I want us to remember that we still have a need for the hands-on maintenance person. This individual uses their hands to cut the grass, plunge the toilet, change the lightbulb, replace the door handle assembly, and fix the leaky faucet. Even as technology advances, some things will stay the same. A screwdriver, channel locks, plunger and a meter will be tools of the trade for years to come.

Let's not forget the importance of the Shift Mechanic, Zone Mechanic, Building Engineer, and General Maintenance Technician. After all, no matter what title he goes by, we still know him as, "The Maintenance Guy."

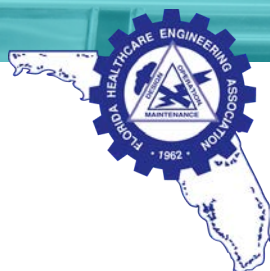
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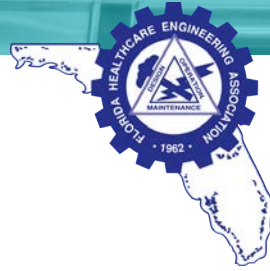
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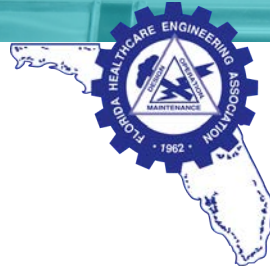
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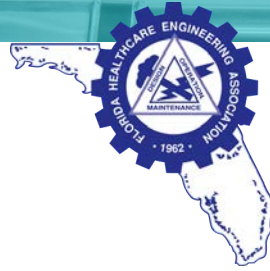
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