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The Charleston Chapter #113 of ASHRAE Newsletter

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Speaker: Jeff Ghezi | GPS Air

Topic: Leveraging Soft Ionization to Improve IAQ

Date: Tuesday, September 12th

Time: 6:00 PM—7:00 PM(EST)

Cost: Dinner Only - \$25.00

Dinner and Bar - \$30.00

Location: Top Golf—North Charleston

5000 Topgolf Way

North Charleston, SC, 29418

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This Month's Speaker:



Jeff Ghezi is the Regional Vice President of GPS Air after almost 20 years in the HVAC industry. He will be presenting on how Soft Ionization works in conjunction with existing HVAC systems to actively target and reduce airborne particles, including certain odors, viruses and bacteria. The presentation will include the latest testing results for agglomeration, filter capture and pathogen deactivation. Ionization and its inclusion in ASHRAE Standard 241 will also be discussed as well.

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Charleston ASHRAE members attending the 2023 Engineer's Joint Banquet (from left to right: Charles H., Mike L., Kenan G., Pete C., Kyle G., Darko M., Randy J.)

ASHRAE's Mission & Vision

Mission: To serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields.

Vision: A healthy and sustainable built environment for all.

President's Message

We are looking to get this year in full-swing as we kick-off our first meeting at TopGolf in North Charleston! Come join familiar faces over drinks, appetizers, and golf. ASHRAE saw a great 2022—2023 year. We had great success in programs such as Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) and our Government Affairs. We are eager to continue gaining momentum as we launch into a new year. If you are interested in becoming more involved in leadership within our chapter, please reach out to any of the BOG members! We are always looking for strong leaders to help drive our mission.

During this meeting, we will have Jeff Ghezi from GPS Air presenting on how Soft Ionization can be utilized to improve indoor air quality. We will cover some of the key events we have upcoming, as well as new initiatives that we intend to bring to the table this year. As always, we welcome new faces and encourage you to bring on peers in our industry that may have not been exposed to ASHRAE yet. No better place to break the ice than TopGolf! If you are interested in sponsoring a bay for the first meeting, please reach out to Mike Liddle.

We hope to see you at this upcoming meeting, and we are eager to jump into another year!

Government Affairs

On April 18 of this year, Charleston Chapter of ASHRAE Board member Pete Conroy joined the Greenville chapter for an Engineer's Day on the Hill day! Pete met with Representatives Wendell Gilliard and Robert Q. Williams. As engineers, we play a critical role in decision-making that impacts end-users, the environment, and the efficiency and complexity of HVAC projects. Thank you very much to Pete for getting in front of lawmakers to raise awareness for the values we stand behind! We hope to help motivate change that can benefit all.

This is just one example of ASHRAE's work with lawmakers and policy officials to keep the latest standards in building codes. The Grassroots efforts of ASHRAE start in the local chapters with each member. You DO make a difference!

Government Affairs Committee Chair



Young Engineers in ASHRAE

To ensure a bright future for ASHRAE and the industry, the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) Committee was developed to create programs and develop a path for our young professional members. Any current ASHRAE Affiliate, Associate or Member who is 35 years of age or younger is considered a YEA member, and automatically has a wide variety of programs, events, and opportunities at their fingertips! Please reach out to Jacob Shepherd if you are interested!





Calendar of Events

September, 2023	Speaker: Jeff Ghezi Location: TopGolf North Charleston Date/Time: September 12th @ 5:30 PM
October, 2023	Speaker: Bryan Latshaw Location: TBD Date/Time: October 10th @ 12:00 PM