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SAC VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Spencer Empey - Chapter President

Hello Sacramento Valley!

Welcome to the 2025 & 2026 ASHRAE Year. Our chapter is excited to host another year of awesome events to help bring the HVAC&R community together in our area. These events include monthly educational meetings, golf, shotgun shooting, YEA social mixers, and many more in the works. We are also working hard to plan strong educational aspect to our monthly presentation meetings that provide value to our local membership.

We wouldn't have a local ASHRAE chapter if it wasn't for the support of our volunteers on board and chair positions along with all our sponsors throughout the year for our various events.

This year as president I am focusing on spreading out the meeting locations across town to allow a chance for members in different areas of town to join in on meetings closer to their offices or homes. I am also planning on alternating between lunch and dinner meetings for the same reason of trying to accommodate a variety of members in the Sacramento area.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the upcoming year or would like to get involved with ASHRAE

Please reach out with any questions or areas where we can collaborate. I am open to ideas and feedback regarding how you want your local chapter to look and be structured. Please reach out with any items you want to discuss!

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Upcoming Meetings / Events

Meeting Updates:

- **Marble Game:** Make sure to bring cash to participate!! The pot is at \$850.

Next Meeting:

Date: 02/18/26 | **Time:** Happy Hour: 5-6pm & Presentation: 6-7:30pm

Location: Rock and Brews (Cal Expo)

1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815

Presentation Topic: AI in Action: Daily Tools Transforming Engineering and Construction

Presenter: Tracey Jumper

Sign up here: [LINK](#)

Please be sure to register by February 13th so we can get an accurate head count. Your RSVP helps us plan a great event for everyone!

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTATION	TIME	LOCATION
02/18/26	General Meeting	AI in Engineering & Construction	Dinner	Rock & Brew
03/19/26	ASHRAE President Visit	Indoor Environment	Lunch	TBD
03/20/26	Trap Shoot	--	8 AM	Camanche Hills
04/09/26	General Meeting	100% OSA VRF	Dinner	TBD
04/27/26	Gov. Outreach	Day on the Hill at the Capital	7AM-4PM	Capital
05/06/26	General Meeting	McCarthy / Insurance Presentation	Lunch	TBD
06/03/26	General Meeting	Women in ASHRAE Panel	Dinner	TBD
06/12/26	Annual Golf Tournament	RP Golf Tournament	8 AM	Rancho Murieta

Typical Dinner Pricing

\$ 60 per member

\$ 70 per non-member

\$ 0 for ASHRAE

Student Members

Typical Lunch Pricing

\$ 50 per member

\$ 60 per non-member

\$ 0 for ASHRAE

Student Members

**Got a Speaker?
Interested in presenting?
Reach out to us!**

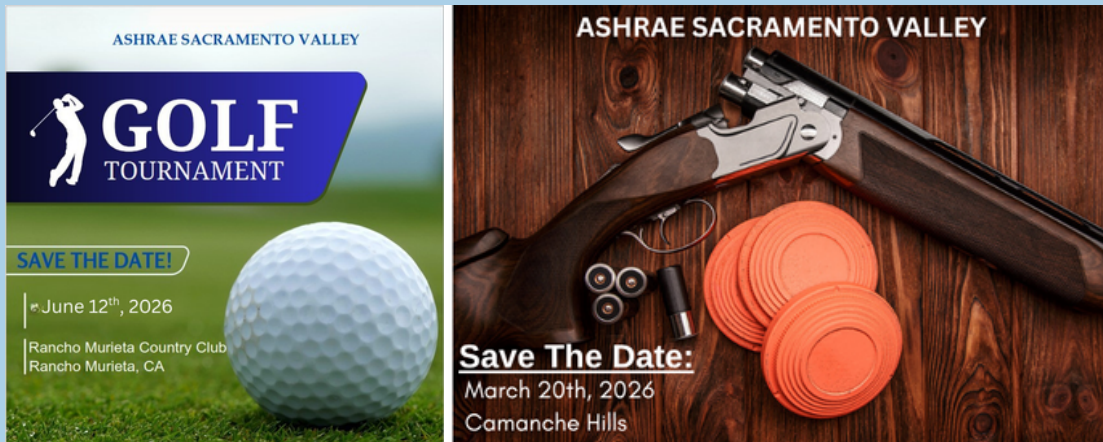
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Editorial

Happy New Year!

While we are not holding a general meeting this month, the board has been hard at work finalizing plans for the rest of the year. We're excited to deliver a strong lineup of meaningful speakers and engaging events for our members.

We also encourage everyone to support our two major upcoming fundraisers. The March Clay Shoot directly funds our student scholarship program, and the annual Golf Tournament supports ASHRAE Research and Promotion initiatives.



For more information about the Clay Shoot, please see page 8.

We'd like to take a moment to recognize and give a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Chad Bogan
- Matthew Smith
- Vanessa O'Connor
- Devin Cheong
- Hunter Clark
- John Crawford

Felipe Victoria
President Elect



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Did you know?

ASHRAE's website has a page dedicated to the education of building owners, occupants, and law makers? [LINK](#)



Water



Commissioning



IAQ



Thermal Comfort



Key Economic and Justification Factors



Microbiomes



Acoustics



Lighting



Assessment

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ASHRAE CLAY SHOOT TOURNAMENT 2026

Join the Sacramento Valley ASHRAE Chapter for our Annual Clay Shoot Tournament Fundraiser for Student Scholarships and Activities. Registration includes ammo, PPE, team cart, breakfast and lunch.



Where - Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve

When - 8 a.m., Friday March 20, 2026

*Event will be held rain or shine

5-person Team - \$1300

Individual - \$300

Ammo, Trucker Hat, Eye & Ear Protection, Team Cart, Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Shotguns are not provided

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos and Coffee

Lunch: Old School Smoke BBQ



[Register Here or by check](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Hat Sponsor
- Golf Cart
- Water Bottle
- Snack
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Shooting Station (Qty 4)
- Grand Prize
- Door Prize
- Score Card
- Details on page 2

Have a question?

Reach out to an officer or Felipe Victoria, Chapter President Elect, felipev@frankbooth.com



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Fellow Sacramento Valley ASHRAE members. My name is Scott Wayland, and I am grateful to serve our chapter as the GAC Chair. I hope to inform you and engage you. I totally encourage you to get involved with ASHRAE if you have not ever served or participated in the past. GAC is one of our Grassroots committees which was formulated back in 2012, spun from CTTC and TEGA.

GAC is here to help ASHRAE be the leader we are in the built environment and as a resource for policy makers when legislation pertains to HVAC. So we aren't lobbyists but we do help advocate. So at the Chapter and Region grassroots levels, our committee helps promote ASHRAE and what our members care about. I encourage you to join our committee.

As you may know, in 3 of the last 6 years, we have conducted a Government Outreach Day at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for more on this year's event, which other members from the California Chapters in Region X will attend. I encourage you to join us, most likely on a day in March-April (TBD).

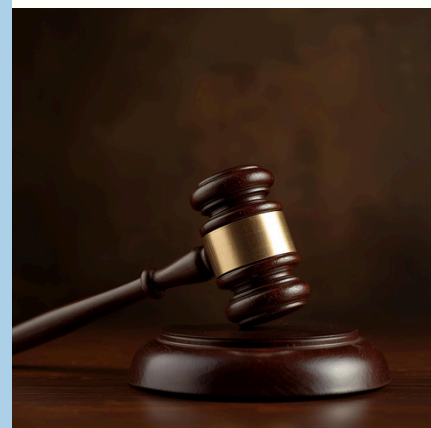
4/27/26

If you are not already a subscriber, please check out the Government Affairs Update newsletter. You can find a link to signing up at the GAC website here:

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs>

On that page, you will find info on Member Resources, links to Society Position Papers, and more

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**IF YOU WISH TO JOIN,
REACH OUT TO AN OFFICER**

Save The Date



Sponsor-A-Student

See below for information on how you can sponsor a local student to help build up the next generation of the HVAC community!



SPONSOR AN ASHRAE STUDENT MEMBER

HELP PREPARE OUR NEXT
GENERATION OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP COST IS \$30 ANNUALLY.
STUDENT DINNER COST IS \$20 PER DINNER.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO EMAIL KYLE NAKAGAKI AND DONATE TODAY!

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRS:
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Honors and Awards:

Dear Sacramento Valley Chapter Members,

We are proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our members! Your dedication and contributions to the industry deserve to be acknowledged, and we would be delighted to promote your successes within our chapter and beyond.

ASHRAE offers a wide range of honors and awards that highlight excellence in engineering, leadership, research, and service.

In this section, we will:

- Share information about current award opportunities
- Highlight recent award recipients
- Invite nominations for deserving individuals

If you or someone you know is making a significant impact in our field, let us know—we're always looking for potential nominees. Together, let's shine a spotlight on the talent and dedication within our community!

Developing Leader Award

This award recognizes new members who have shown diverse involvement and commitment to ASHRAE within five year of becoming an Associate Member.

- Recognition is in the form of a plaque and lapel pin
- No limit on the number of recipients per year
- Recommended by the YEA Committee
- Please visit the [YEA website](#) for details and nomination instructions

Please send all completed nominations and photos to the YEA Committee Staff liaison at YoungEngineers@ashrae.org.

Do you know someone who is eligible?

Please contact Ashkan Azarkeyvan

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in ASHRAE

The Sacramento Valley ASHRAE Chapter continues to support ASHRAE's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative through intentional programming that fosters connection, learning, and representation.

Recent events such as **Sip & Swing** and the **Brewery Technology Tour** created approachable opportunities for networking and technical engagement across career stages. Our chapter has also expanded K-12 outreach through **Junior Brew Crew**, hosting Girl Scout troops for hands-on STEM experiences that introduce engineering concepts and broaden awareness of HVAC&R career pathways.

Looking ahead, our Women in ASHRAE panel this June will highlight women leaders across technical, sales, and entrepreneurial roles, provide mentorship and real-world career perspectives, and encourage inclusive leadership and open dialogue within the HVAC&R community.

These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to building an inclusive, connected, and forward-looking professional community aligned with ASHRAE's mission. Members interested in supporting or participating in future DEI initiatives are encouraged to join the DEI committee or reach out to get involved—we welcome all voices and perspectives.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASHRAE DEI, UPCOMING EVENTS, OR IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Why Join?

ASHRAE members bring the world of ours together through the exchange of technical information, writing of standards and through committee work and networking.

When you join ASHRAE, you are making an investment in yourself. When you become active in the Society by giving your time and sharing your knowledge, you get even more out of that investment.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ASHRAE Handbook – this reference manual is the most widely cited reference for HVAC&R technology in the world. Each year one of the four volume Handbooks is updated and delivered to members to add to their library and knowledge base
- ASHRAE Journal – a monthly magazine that brings current trends and information to your desk in your choice of print or digital format
- ASHRAE E-newsletter – delivered to your desk in print and digital form, these publication help you keep on top of what is going on in the Society and the industry, all over the world
- Discounts – on ASHRAE publications – ASHRAE members earn 15% off publications through the ASHRAE website at www.ashrae.org/bookstore. More than 300 titles are available including the ASHRAE standards
- Chapter Meetings – ASHRAE chapters convene for an informational program featuring speakers and topics key to professionals in the industry. Also, an excellent opportunity to network with your peers
- Become an Industry Leader - Develop leadership skills, work with and lead ASHRAE committee members, and network with industry professionals at ASHRAE chapter, region, and society meetings
- Advance your Career - Look for employees & employment at ashraejobs.com and network with other HVAC&R professionals at ASHRAE meetings, participate in job postings, maintain your professional education and designation with 40+ courses, earning CEUs/PDHs/AIA LUs, and explore technical topics at ASHRAE chapter, region and society meetings
- Protect Yourself Through Insurance - If you're in the market for insurance, keep in mind that ASHRAE members have access to a variety of plans through March U.S. Consumer

ASHRAE MISSION

To advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world.