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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

Next Meeting:

Date: 05/06/26 | Time: Happy Hour starts @ 5pm

Location: Cattleman’s Rancho Cordova
12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Topic: Past President’s Dinner Meeting

This will be a relaxed, informal gathering to honor our chapter’s past presidents and to celebrate the transition to our incoming president.

As a past president, your dinner is complimentary, and all attending past presidents will be entered into a presidents-only wine raffle.

Please use the link below to register and select the \$0 ticket option.

Sign up here: [LINK](#)

Please be sure to register by April 28th so we can get an accurate head count. Your RSVP helps us plan a great event for everyone!

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

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTATION	TIME	LOCATION
04/27/26	Gov. Outreach	Day on the Hill at the Capital	7AM-4PM	Capital
05/06/26	General Meeting	Past Presidents Event	Dinner	Cattleman’s
06/12/26	Annual Golf Tournament	RP Golf Tournament	8 AM	Rancho Murieta
06/24/26	General Meeting	Women in ASHRAE Panel	Dinner	Crawdads on the Lake - Folsom

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

Greg Skinner
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Editorial

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that the 2025–26 ASHRAE year is already drawing to a close. We've been fortunate to see such strong member support across our events and fundraisers.

Under Spencer's leadership, and thanks to the dedication of our outstanding volunteers, we delivered a wide range of timely, relevant topics that truly resonate with our industry. Hosting meetings across multiple locations also gave members greater flexibility and choice in how they engaged throughout the year.

That said, we still have two busy months ahead here at Sacramento Valley, and we look forward to your continued support as we finish the year strong.

- **Scholarships:** Thanks to the incredible support shown at our Clay Shoot fundraiser, we are proud to share that \$10,000 was raised for our student scholarship fund. This meaningful contribution will help support the next generation entering our industry. We have extended the application deadline. For details on how to apply, please refer to page 8.
- **Next Year Board of Governors:** As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 year, we are actively seeking volunteers to join our committees and Board of Governors. Getting involved is a great way to connect, contribute, and help shape the future of our chapter. If you're interested in participating, please reach out via email. We will also be holding a vote for the Secretary position at our upcoming May meeting.

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

- Brittney Lopez
- Kendall Barlett
- Yunus Zden
- Timothy Levering
- Dennis Swoboda
- Richard Tysen Lindsey
- Noah Fisher

Felipe Victoria
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President Elect



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

REGISTER TODAY!

Head over to our Charity Golf Today Website to register your team and sponsor the event!



[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you don't want to pay online, no problem. Reach out to me directly to pay via check or credit card directly.

For questions contact
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Sacramento Valley Chapter

EVENT INFO

Location

Rancho Murieta Country Club
7000 Alameda Dr.
Sloughhouse, CA 95683



Rancho Murieta Country Club

Time & Date

Friday, June 12, 2026

Check in 7:00AM

Shotgun Scramble Start 8:00AM
Lunch, Awards, Prizes 1:00PM



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EVENT SPONSOR

Bloody Mary / Mimosa Bar Sponsor • \$500
Includes breakfast and table set up. Sponsor to supply own beverages and serving items.

Twosome • \$550
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch

Beverage Cart Sponsor • \$650
Includes breakfast and lunch. Includes golf cart for use to supply drinks. Sponsor must provide beverages for distribution.

Cigar Cart Sponsor • \$650
Includes breakfast & lunch. Includes golf cart for use to supply cigars. Sponsor to supply their own cigars and any supplies for distribution.

Foursome • \$1,150
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch

Hole Sponsor W/ Foursome • \$1,750
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch Includes a designated hole for tent set up with signage. Breakfast and Lunch Provided for (2)

Hole Sponsor • \$600
Includes a designated hole for tent set up with signage. Breakfast and Lunch Provided for (2)

Closest To Pin Sponsor • \$800
Includes signage and prize for closest to pin contest

Long Drive Sponsor • \$800
Includes signage and prize for long drive contest

Golf Tee Sponsor • \$800
Company logo featured on the pack of tees each player receives at check-in

Water Bottle Sponsor w/ Foursome • \$1,800
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch Company logo featured on the water bottles each player receives at check-in. Sponsor receives an additional 10 water bottles

Golf Cart Sponsor • \$1,200
Company logo featured on the front of all golf carts

Golf Ball Sponsor • \$1,400
Company logo featured on the sleeve of golf balls that each player receives upon check-in

Golf Towel Sponsor W/ Foursome • \$2,500
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch Company logo featured on the golf towel that each player receives upon check in

Hat Sponsor w/ Foursome • \$3,500
Includes breakfast, bag valet, range balls, 18 holes with cart, putting contest and lunch Company logo featured on the hats each player receives upon check-in

Koozie Sponsor • \$1,300
Company Logo featured on Koozie that each play receives at check-in



2026 SAC VALLEY ASHRAE ANNUAL

All proceeds from The Sacramento Valley ASHRAE annual golf tournament go to ASHRAE Research!

Mission & Vision

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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Panelist
Karine Leblanc
Equipment Sales Manager – West | Author

Panelist
Victoria Garcia Massimo
Director of Sales and Business Development - Americas | 2025 ACHR News 40 Under 40

Panelist
Gina Griffiths Rodda
Business Owner | Industry Leader

WOMEN IN ASHRAE

PANEL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

- Premier Sponsor - \$1500**
 Includes Signage throughout the event, Media Recognition, Website Display, and everything included in a Table Sponsorship
- Cocktail Sponsor - \$800**
 Includes Signage at the Cocktail Bar, Media Recognition, Website Display

SOLD OUT
- Headshot Sponsor - \$800**
 Includes Signage at Headshot Station, Media Recognition, Website Display
- Raw Oyster Bar - \$800**
 Includes Signage at Oyster Bar Station, Media Recognition, Website Display
- Table Sponsor - \$360**
 Includes Signage throughout the event, event tickets for (4) attendees, Table Signage, Media Recognition, Website Display

All proceeds from this event will directly support the 2026 Sacramento Valley ASHRAE Scholarship Program. Contact Daphny Payne for questions or details.

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.

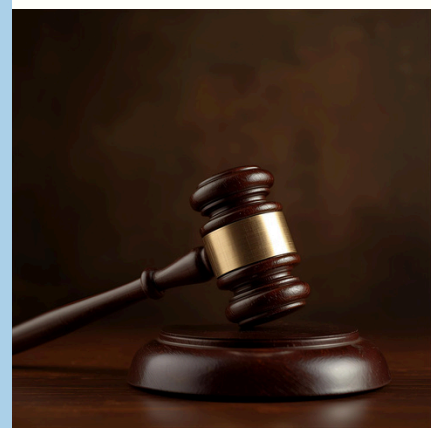
As you may know, in 3 of the last 6 years, we have conducted a Government Outreach Day at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for more on this year's event, which other members from the California Chapters in Region X will attend. **I encourage you to join us on Monday, April 27th.**

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

Scott Wayland, GAC chair
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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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Scholarship Opportunities

About the Scholarship

The Sacramento Valley Chapter of ASHRAE is committed to supporting local students and continuing its annual scholarship program.

For the upcoming academic year, the Chapter will award three (2) scholarships of \$2,500 each to qualified college students.

In addition, to celebrate our recent partnership with the Sheet Metal Training Center, we are pleased to offer one (1) additional \$2,500 scholarship, which will support two students in attending the 2027 AHR Winter Conference in Chicago—providing valuable industry exposure and professional development opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships are awarded for the academic year following the application deadline, beginning with the fall semester. Students may receive only one Society scholarship per academic year.

Applicants must submit their application by 05/20/2026 and they will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrated service to the HVAC industry
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial need
- Proven leadership ability, including involvement in activities, leadership roles, and community engagement

Award: Winners will be announced at the end of May and will be recognized at one of our June events, where they will receive their awards.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASHRAE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD SEND A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO SERGIO RODRIGUEZ (SERGIO.RODRIGUEZ@MEADHUNT.COM) BY MAY 20, 2026.

PLEASE PASS ALONG TO ANY STUDENTS YOU FEEL WOULD BE QUALIFIED / INTERESTED IN APPLYING.

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



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.