

MARCH 2026

# SAC VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## March is Women in Construction Month

Join us in celebrating all women in our industry. From design to construction, from sales to installation, women continue to shape, innovate, and lead every step of the way—building stronger spaces, communities, and futures together. Please check out page 8 for our upcoming event!



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# Upcoming Meetings / Events

## Meeting Updates:

- **Marble Game:** the winner of the marble game this month took home \$600+!! The same amount went to the ASHRAE Student funds to ensure we keep sponsoring students' lunch/dinner at our general meetings.

## Next Meeting:

**Date:** 04/09/26 | Time: 6-8pm (Happy Hour starts @ 5pm)

**Location:** Cattleman's Rancho Cordova

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**Presentation Topic:** 100% OSA VRF

**Presenter:** Dan Hahne

**Sign up here:** [LINK](#)

**Please be sure to register by April 6th 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                      |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 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        | Past Presidents Event          | Lunch   | TBD                           |
| 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 |

## 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!**

**Greg Skinner**

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# Editorial

Hello Everyone!

March was an exciting and eventful month for all of us at the Sac Valley Chapter! We kicked things off at the Central Valley Facilities Expo in Lodi, then had the privilege of hosting ASHRAE President Bill McQuade and Region X DRC Buzz Wright at our March general meeting, where we explored Indoor Environmental Quality. We wrapped up the month with our Annual Clay Shoot Tournament at Camanche Hills. Thank you all for your incredible participation and continued support—it's what makes our membership so 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. For details on how to apply, please refer to page 9.
- **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:

- Juliana Rugani
- Leon Tran
- Allison Schulte
- David Clark
- Philip Bakarich
- Bowman Wachob
- Mick Sharma -
- Garlen Leong

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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916-337-1384



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



Sacramento Valley  
ASHRAE  
**GOLE**  
**TOURNEY**

## 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

## THANK YOU TO OUR CLAY SHOOT SPONSORS

### Hat Sponsor



### Golf Cart Sponsor



### Snack Sponsor



### Breakfast Sponsor



### Shooting Station Sponsor



### Door Prize Sponsor



### Water Bottle Sponsor



### PPE Sponsor



### Grand Prize



# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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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.

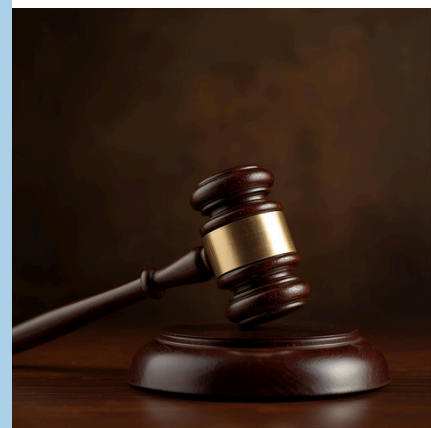
As you may know, in 3 of the last 6 years, we have conducted a Government Outreach Day at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for more on this year's event, which other members from the California Chapters in Region X will attend. **I encourage you to join us on Monday, April 27th.**

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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# Women in ASHRAE Panel

**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.

# 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](mailto: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 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 April and will be recognized at our May General Meeting on May 6, 2026, 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](mailto:Sergio.Rodriguez@meadhunt.com) BY APRIL 20, 2026.

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

# Officers

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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](http://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](http://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.