



## ASHRAE Region I Newsletter

**January 2024**

**This ASHRAE Region I Newsletter is published to bring you timely information about ASHRAE and Region I in order to keep you fully informed.**

Link to Region I website:

<http://ashraeregion1.org>

Check back often, as the site is currently being updated.

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### **EDITOR's Message:**

Wow!

We have a tremendous amount of news to report, so strap yourself in, and prepare to keep strolling down to read all about what is going on in ASHRAE and Region I!

The highlight of the year ASHRAE-wise is almost upon us, which is the Winter Conference in Chicago from Saturday Jan. 20 to Wednesday Jan. 24.

This includes the AHR Expo, which is expected to draw over 40,000 attendees.

New this year is that the ASHRAE headquarters hotel is now the Marriott Marquis Chicago, located right next door to the McCormick Place where the Expo is being held.

Scroll down for exciting news about the Irish themed joint Region I Dinner being held during the conference on Sunday evening. Reserve your seat NOW before tickets are sold out! Yours truly will be there, and in fact I'll be manning the Region I check in-table, so I hope to see many of you there!

Scroll down to see the news about ASHRAE joining 10 other world class engineering societies in order to preserve engineering history. I personally lead this effort to join the engineering collaborative through my role as chair of the ASHRAE Historical Committee. So glad that everyone in ASHRAE was on board with this, and that my committee and I were able to bring it

across the finish line!

Speaking of finish lines - we are almost there in our support of our own Darcey Carbone who suffered from a devastating house fire late last year.

The ASHRAE community support has been tremendous, and we are almost at our goal of getting Darcey totally back on her feet again. Please scroll all the way down for more info. Thank you all for your support!!!

Yours in ASHRAE!

Spencer Morasch

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**Message from:  
Steven Sill  
Director and Regional Chair (DRC)  
Region I**

I am Steven Sill, the Director, and Regional Chair (DRC) for Region I of ASHRAE. Region I is the oldest Region in ASHRAE. It has 15 Chapters and over 5,200 members encompassing all the Northeast.

The ASHRAE Winter meetings will be held in Chicago, Illinois from January 20, 2024, to January 24, 2024. The Joint Region I, III, VII and XI dinners will be held at Emerald Loop on January 21, 2024, from 6pm to 9pm. If you are planning to attend the Winter Meetings feel free to attend the dinner - the registration link / QR code is below.

Members of the Region, if you have not donated to ASHRAE Research Promotion yet, I urge you to do so. Your contribution helps ASHRAE Society fund independent research that aids in advancing the arts and sciences of our built environment. If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter's RP Chair or Eric Fontaine, the Regional Vice Chair for RP.

Lastly Region I's membership has been declining this Society year. I have tasked the Region's Membership Chairs to reach out and assisting delinquent members about possible different levels of membership within Society. If you have not had a chance to pay your dues yet I encourage you to do so as this a great value for your career. In doing so gains you access to a 52,000-member network, ASHRAE handbook, standards, and ALL Learning

courses. Lastly, I want to acknowledge and say thank you for all you do in ASHRAE.

Cordially,  
Steve Sill

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# Joint Regional Dinner at the ASHRAE Winter Conference in Chicago!

>>>There are still limited seats available -  
reserve NOW to avoid disappointment!!!

**Please join us in Chicago on Sunday, January 21, 2024!**

This is a mega joint Regional Dinner which includes 5, count 'em - FIVE ASHRAE Regions! Scroll down to see flyer with details & registration info.

What is great and different about this dinner, is that the dinner price INCLUDES the special "St. Patrick's Night Out" entertainment program (Irish dancers & music), which immediately follows the dinner.

The Irish themed dinner runs from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, and the St Patrick's Night Out festivities & entertainment runs from 8:00 to 10:00 PM.

Dinner / St Patrick's Night Out tickets are \$60.00 per person, and includes 2 drink tickets for beer & wine (cash bar for drinks).

For those who show up after the dinner, will be charged \$25.00 to enter the premise (ie. St Patrick's entertainment only).

**LIMITED Sponsorships are still. available - scroll down for more info.**

Scroll down to view the flyer with QR code to register.

Simply "click on" the QR code or scan with the camera in your smart phone.

See note on flyer regarding info for FREE round trip bus transportation.

Please email any questions to the ASHRAE Baltimore Chapter (who has the lead in organizing this dinner & event) at:  
president@ashrae-balto.org

Round Trip Bus transportation  
from hotel Lobby Starting at  
5:15 PM to event. Last bus  
leaves event at 10:30 PM



# REGION I, III, VII, XI AND XIV DINNER

SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024  
5:30-10:00 PM

Sponsors  
Are  
Welcomed



216 N. Wasbash,  
Chicago, IL, 60601  
[www.emeraldloop.com](http://www.emeraldloop.com)

- Door open at 5:30 PM
- Buffet Dinner 6-8 PM
- Irish Dancers 8-9 PM
- Irish Music 9-10 PM
- Open to Public After 10:00 PM



### BUFFET

- House Salad
- Irish Sausage Bites (GF)
- Veggie Quesadillas (GF)
- Tomato Caprese Bites (GF)
- Corned Beef Sliders
- Shepherd's Pie
- Fish & Chips
- Lemon Chicken
- Steamed Broccoli
- Poblano corn

**\$60.00 /  
Person**



"St. Patrick's" Night Out  
Irish Themed dinner  
Irish dancers  
Irish music

**2 Drink Tickets for beer and wine  
included in price then  
Cash Bar for drinks**

**TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.  
TICKETS ISSUED ON A FIRST  
COME BASIS. BOOK EARLY TO  
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.  
USE QR CODE TO REGISTER.**



# “ST. PATRICK’S” NIGHT OUT

SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024

5:30-10:00 PM

Sponsor  
Opportunities



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Chicago, IL, 60601  
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**Dublin Sponsor (\$5,000):**

4 event tickets (dinner and after dinner event), Advertisement at event and regional websites.

**Galway Sponsor (\$2,500):**

2 event tickets (dinner and after dinner event), Advertisement at event and regional websites.

**Waterford Sponsor (\$500):**

1 event tickets (after dinner event), Advertisement at event and regional websites.

**Cork Sponsor (\$250):**

Advertisement at event and regional websites.

**Bus Transportation Sponsor (\$1,500):**

Buses will run between from Hotel Lobby to Event between 5:30-10:00PM.

**Irish Dancers Sponsor (\$2,500):**

Touring group of Irish Dancers (approximately 20 dancers) Dancing will be between 8-9 PM.

**Irish Music Sponsor (\$1,500):**

Irish music during regional dinners and between Irish Dancer routines.

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## ASHRAE Research Promotion UPDATE

Happy New Year!

I am Eric Fontaine, the Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for Research Promotion (RP). I am looking forward to the upcoming Winter Conference in Chicago, attending the meetings and events and I hope to see you all there.

We are about half way through the ASHRAE year and we have been making good progress with the RP donations, and we have completed Regional Full Circle, which is a great accomplishment. There were 6 Chapters who meet Full Circle and 5 Chapters who held a Donor Recognition award night, so thank you to all chapters who attained these.

To date, we have raised just over \$44,800 and we thank everyone who had donated so far. We still have a lot of work to do through. We are about 12% behind where we were last year and we have an assigned goal of \$218,000 to raise this year.

Please consider donating if you can. I have been in contact with each of your Chapters RP Chairs and looking to setup meetings and help support your chapters RP campaigns to help meet the Regional goals this year. Link to donate is here: [www.ashraerp.com](http://www.ashraerp.com).

Thank you,

**Eric J. Fontaine, P.E., LEED AP BD&C**

**ASHRAE Region I**

**Regional Vice Chair - Research Promotion**

*Vice President*

**van Zelm Heywood & Shadford, Inc.**

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Below is a media (press) release issued by Habitat for Humanity:

On November 14, 2023 our New York City Chapter was recognized for its contributions to our partner organization, Habitat for Humanity. We have teamed up with both the ASHRAE NYC Chapter and Westchester chapters, and together we've helped support low-income families in the community.

Local ASHRAE chapter members, Natalie Kovac and Anthony Montalto, accepted an award on behalf of our organization.



**NYC Chapter President Natalie Kovac, PE accepting award.**



**NYC Chapter member Anthony Montalto accepting award.**

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# ***SAVE THE DATE!!!***

**2024 Region I**

**Chapters Regional Conference (CRC)**

**August 15-17, 2024**

**Held at The Crown Plaza Albany - Desmond Hotel,**

**Albany, New York**

**Hosted by the Northeast Chapter**

The Chapters Regional Conference is an annual event held by every Region across ASHRAE, giving Chapters an opportunity to meet, collaborate, and socialize on a Regional level.

The conference offers workshops and training for incoming Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs, technical sessions and tours, business meetings, and addresses by Society Officers and Staff.

CRCs are not all about meetings and training, we have a lot of fun too!

A number of social events are scheduled, which starts off with the Welcome Party.

The CRC is not only for Chapter volunteers, but families as well! While our members are busy conducting business during the day, families and companions will have their own special group activities exploring (by bus) some of the local attractions in the Albany area.

The conference concluded with an awards luncheon where dozens of awards were presented to many deserving, hardworking Chapter volunteers.

The CRC is a gathering of Region I's EXCOM & chapter members; where chapter officers, committee chairs and Board of Governor members are invited to attend.

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## Engineering and Technology History Wiki

ASHRAE has just recently joined the Engineering and Technology History Wiki (ETHW) Collaborative!!!

The Collaborative consists of 11 world class engineering societies.

The goal of the ETHW & Collaborative is to store and preserve engineering history in the form of an easy to use and access Wiki format.

Click this link to visit the ETHW:

[https://ethw.org/Main\\_Page](https://ethw.org/Main_Page)

WARNING - Give yourself LOTS of time when you visit the ETHW, as there is a tremendous amount of highly interesting engineering history that you can really get absorbed in!!!

The ETHW is administered by **the IEEE History Center**.

ASHRAE just recently approved membership into the Collaborative.

Click this link to learn more about the ETHW:

<https://ethw.org/ETHW:About>

Bottom line - The ETHW is a powerful new tool for ASHRAE history, and can be a game changer for the ASHRAE Historical Committee.

We are now joining 10 other societies to preserve engineering history!



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# ASHRAE Helps It's Own!

Darcy Carbone - ASHRAE Leader, Past President Boston Chapter & Friend just experienced a devastating house fire. She lost everything and is in the process of finding a new place to live & replace all that was lost.

A GoFundMe website has been set up for Darcy:  
<https://gofund.me/842a8d28>

## IMPORTANT

Gofundme takes a nickel (5%) from donations so many have opted to use the Venmo account for Darcy Carbone. This way all the money goes to her.

Darcy Carbone Venmo acct. number

<https://venmo.com/u/Darcy-Gagne-2>

Darcy's ASHRAE friends set up this GoFundMe request for our ASHRAE friend, Darcy Carbone. Darcy is a long-time member, Past-President of the Boston Chapter, and an avid supporter of all things ASHRAE. She has been dealt a few blows lately, and we're hoping we can all pitch in to help her out a bit.

Last January, while attending the ASHRAE conference in Atlanta, New England was hit by a cold snap with -20F temperatures for two days. A pipe burst in Darcy's home causing major damage to the first floor, including her kitchen. The finished basement was also a complete loss. Recently, Darcy had hired some contractors to fix this damage, and it was mostly completed, when a fire broke out early Friday morning. She was taken to the hospital and has since been released, but only with the clothes she escaped the fire in. Thankfully, her two teenage boys are safe as well.

The house is still standing, but the city has deemed it uninhabitable until major work is completed. While she faces the challenge of working with insurance, lawyers, and the city to sort everything out, we hope our community can help her out with the basics. Darcy's immediate needs are to find housing and clothing.

Any donation, no matter how small, will go a long way in getting Darcy and her family

get back on their feet!



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