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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Fortunately we have been having some great weather in St. Louis with the exception of a few rain days. Maybe someday the weather man will learn how to forecast the weather.

Not a lot to report on again this month. I am looking at sending out notices to the couple of people who advertise in our newsletter to hopefully renew their ad with us this year.

I know this has not been a good year and we all are feeling the worst of the economic recession. But, we still need to move ahead and be optimistic and reach out and try to get more manufacturer representative, vendors, suppliers, contractors, or other types of business to take an ad out in our newsletter. This is our only means of income at the moment. We need to look deep into ourselves and make contact with someone even if that someone is ourselves and ask them to take an ad out in the newsletter. This is the only means of staying an active chapter and we must stay an active chapter. Also, if anyone has any ideas or if someone is willing to help contact people to see about getting our newsletter out to more people let me know. I can use all of the help I can get.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting is September.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!!!

By: President, Don Summers



DATE

SPEAKER

SUMMER BREAK

JUNE–AUGUST

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- Meeting Dates and Speakers
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- Main office happenings

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If you are interested in looking at the Missouri Website on line just go to <http://www.asse-plumbing.org>. Once on the National Website look up to the buttons at the top of the page and click on ASSE Chapters. A drop down menu will come up and choose Region 4, another drop down menu will come up and click on Missouri, and our Website on the National Website will appear. **ENJOY!** You can download or print our Newsletter from this site if you wish.

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St. Louis City and St. Louis County Plumbing Code Issues

St. Louis County had MSD at their meeting this month and discussed Grease Interceptors **AGAIN**. This seems to still be a huge issue and is still being worked on. MSD is wanting to meet the needs of their regulations through the EPA and also work with the County. It looks as though it is finally coming to some type of agreement. A couple of changes that you will see in the future are; everything in a commercial kitchen being ran through the Hydro-mechanical Grease Interceptor except for sanitary waste from a water closet, urinal, bathtub, or shower. All floor drains, floor sinks, hub drains, sinks, hand sinks, dishwashers, garbage disposals, etc. will go through the Hydro– Mechanical Grease Interceptor. In fact MSD would like to outlaw Garbage disposals commercial and residential. Not going to happen. So far everyone is in agreement with this type of ruling. Oh! In the case of the dishwasher and garbage disposal there will have to be a solids interceptor before the Hydro-Mechanical Interceptor. Other than that it looks as though the County only has chapter 5 and chapter 1 to review and they will be completed and ready for their first public meeting. Strap plumbing is going to be handled the way it is written in the Code now. Just as a **WARNING** backwater valves will be needed to be installed in a lot of areas where we have never been installing them even though the code has been written this way for some time. Everyone will need to look at that part of the code and see what it is going to take to install these from now on. This is the County's agreement with MSD.

St. Louis City is in just about the same shape. They need to hold a meeting with MSD to discuss grease interceptors and strap plumbing. We are hoping that strap plumbing can be handled in the same way as the county did, with the code being written the way it is now. Although I was not able to attend their last meeting and heard that MSD is going to try and bully the City into something different. I plan on trying to talk with committee members and get the same as the County. Grease interceptors should be the same as in the county, so we are looking at the same things to discuss in the city as in the county. The City still needs to visit chapters 7, 11, 5, and 1 to finish their review.

As I have stated in previous months it looks as though we are getting closer to having our new codes

ASSE Main Office

As 3rd Vice-President I did get the opportunity to attend the 3rd quarter meeting of the Board of Directors for the ASSE. This is always an interesting meeting. It is great to be able to hear and be informed of all of the different things happening throughout the ASSE. The ASSE is such a forward thinking organization. They are constantly looking at different avenues or ways to expand. One such way is there has recently been a committee put together, believe it or not, with the ABPA. Now you would normally think that this is our rival in the backflow industry but the ASSE is trying to make an aggressive stride in promoting Backflow to the public. So they have made a partnership with the ABPA to promote backflow. This is just one example, there are so many more things that are being looked at.



GO CARDINALS!!

WHAT AN ALL STAR WEEKEND WE HAD HERE IS ST. LOUIS!!!!!!!

Eastern Missouri



Chapter, St. Louis

**REMINDER!!!!
HELP!!!!**

We still need all of our members to work on getting manufacturers, contractors, suppliers, etc. to advertise in our newsletter. **We can't do it without your support.**

ATTENTION !!!!

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Our next Meeting is not set. We are taking a break for the summer. Please watch your mail during the summer for the next meeting notice. It will be held at our usual location for meetings—Bella Serra Restaurant.

ASSE Mission Statement

The American Society of Sanitary Engineering is a nonprofit organization that is comprised of individual and sustaining members who represent all disciplines of the Plumbing Industry. It's mission is to, in the spirit of its motto "Prevention Rather Than Cure," continually improve the performance, reliability and safety of plumbing systems by:

1. Developing and maintaining consensus products
2. Developing and maintain active product seal control, and professional qualifications credentialing programs.
3. Providing interactive platforms on the local, state, national and international levels to receive, understand, performance and professional qualifications standards whose sole purpose is to protect the health of the public.
4. Promoting public awareness about the importance of safe and correct plumbing installations.

solve and provide guidance regarding legislative, engineering, installation/workmanship and manufacturing challenges as they are related to enhancing the health and safety aspect of plumbing.

MEMBER ALERT!!!!

REMEMBER WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER PLEASE CONTACT DON SUMMERS AND I WILL GET THE NECESSARY PAPER WORK FOR THEM TO JOIN.

ALSO IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR ALL OF US TO TRY AND BRING SOMEONE NEW EACH MEETING TO GET NEW PEOPLE INVLOVED.