

# Newsletter

March 2026



## March Dinner Meeting:

### Date:

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

### Location:

Double Tree by Hilton, Ft. Myers at  
the Bell Tower Shops

### Time:

5:30 – 6:30pm Networking  
6:30-8:00 pm Lunch & Main  
Program

### Presenter:



David N. Schurk

Director of Applied Engineering &  
National Sales Manager  
Innovative Air Technologies

David@dehumidifiers.com

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Greetings SWFL ASHRAE!

If the first couple months of 2026 were any indication, this year is determined to keep us on our toes—in the best way possible. With winter officially in the rearview mirror (as much as Florida ever *has* winter), March is rolling in with more opportunities to learn, connect, and gear up for what's ahead. Let's jump into what's happening this month:

### CTTC March Technical Meeting:

We're bringing in some serious expertise this month. Distinguished Lecturer David Schurk is heading our way—yes, traveling in from out of state—to deliver a talk on *Battling the Environment in Hospital OR Rooms*. If you've heard David speak before, you know we're in for a treat.

We'll be gathering at the DoubleTree for a dinner meeting on March 11th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, with the first hour dedicated to mingling and catching up. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and your appetite for both dinner and knowledge.

### Fishing Tournament Preview:

It's almost that time again—sunshine, friendly rivalry, fish tales that definitely get exaggerated, and a boatload of fun. We're targeting late May for this year's tournament, similar to last year. Venue confirmation is in the works, but you can absolutely count on the usual lineup of great prizes, competitive energy, and a raffle that never disappoints. Get those rods ready... bragging rights will be on the line.

### A Note of Appreciation for Our Supporters:

Our chapter grows stronger thanks to the organizations and individuals who choose to stand behind us. Their commitment keeps our programming vibrant and our community thriving. If your company is curious about supporting the chapter in any way, we're always happy to connect and share how you can play a part in shaping our upcoming initiatives.

As always, thank you for bringing your enthusiasm, ideas, and camaraderie to SWFL ASHRAE. This community thrives because of each of you. Looking forward to seeing you throughout March and keeping this momentum going strong!

Let's make it another great month!

---

# *March Dinner Meeting Announcement*

---



## **SWFL ASHRAE Chapter Presents: March Dinner Meeting Announcement \*\*History Special Meeting\*\***

**DATE: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**LOCATION: Double Tree by Hilton, Ft. Myers at Bell Tower Shops**

**5:30 – 6:30 pm Networking**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner and Main Program**

**In-Person Cost: \$35.00 Per Attendee – RESERVATIONS VIA RSVP LINK BELOW ARE REQUIRED No Cost for College Students with a Valid I.D.**

**- Card Payments will be Accepted at the Door**

**- Pre-Pay via [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [swfl.ashrae@gmail.com](mailto:swfl.ashrae@gmail.com)**

**- RSVP by March 10th, 2025 via the following link: <https://forms.gle/hMDGnao7ii18UxHi9>**

**For Last-Minute RSVPs, please email [casey.hazen@trane.com](mailto:casey.hazen@trane.com) We will try to accommodate on a case-by-case basis.**

### **Presenter:**

#### **David Schurk**

Director of Applied Engineering and National Sales Manager at Innovative Air Technologies  
ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer

Instructor for ASHRAE's Humidity Control I & II professional development training courses

Prior Chair for the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) Sustainability and Decarbonization Leadership Task Force

### **Main Program:**

#### **Battling the Environment in Hospital Operating Rooms**

Many spaces in a hospital require special design considerations due to intensified infection concerns, high air change rates, special equipment, unique procedures, high internal loads, and the presence of immunocompromised patients. But in no other healthcare environment does the design of the HVAC system take on more importance than in operating rooms, where its purpose is to minimize infection, contribute to an environment of patient care, and maintain surgeon and staff comfort.

# Lecturer Profile

## David N. Schurk

Director of Applied Engineering and National Sales Manager  
Innovative Air Technologies

Region: VIII

[david@dehumidifiers.com](mailto:david@dehumidifiers.com)



David Schurk holds the positions of Director of Applied Engineering and National Sales Manager at Innovative Air Technologies in Covington, GA. Additionally, he serves as an ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer and Instructor for the Humidity Control I & II professional development training courses. Previously, he chaired the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) Sustainability and Decarbonization Leadership Task Force. With over 40 years of experience, David has contributed significantly to HVAC systems design and analysis across diverse sectors, specializing in healthcare and aerospace environmental control and air quality. His expertise is recognized through numerous ASHRAE Journal articles, frequent speaking engagements both domestic and internationally, and acclaim as an authority in dehumidification analysis, system design, component selection, and building integration.

---

# *ASHRAE February Chapter Meeting*

---



---

# *Membership Promotion*

---

## Welcome members and possible new members to our ASHRAE SWF Chapter!

I personally want to welcome the returning members, as well as extend a hand of camaraderie to the prospective members. Members and perspective members will include many like-minded professionals, ranging from engineers to construction management teams, sales professionals, building automation and estimation specialists. All gambits of HVAC professional are present during our meetings, with a wealth of information at your disposal. Just extend an introduction, expand on friendships developed with members. We welcome back our seasoned members, as well as our new members.

We would like to remind our present members of the plethora of benefits, grade advancement, such as a Handbook PDF, an e-learning course, or a certification study guide. Advancement to a higher membership grade, with our help through the process.

To our potential members, what can ASHRAE do for you? Look no further for networking opportunities, technical resources, or career development. Testimonials from long-time members expressing the value of ASHRAE membership, and how ASHRAE has helped them grow professionally. Local events are monthly, with opportunities to chat, ask questions, furthering your knowledge of our expressed fields.

For our students and young professionals, there are scholarship opportunities, design competitions and grant aids. ASHRAE is here to assist you on your path to becoming a proficient asset to your future employer.

Monthly meetings will include either a “lunch and learn” atmosphere or evening meeting including dinner with the accompaniment of a visiting speaker. Many opportunities to learn and expand your knowledge base of our ever-growing industry. So just show up! Show up, feel at ease, and know you’re in the company of like-minded folks that are eager to learn from each other and develop closer relationships.

To wrap things up, we need you! We need your presence and help! The only way we continue to make our local chapter thrive is with all of us being involved. Let’s all set a goal of supporting ASHRAE, supporting each other, and making our local ASHRAE chapter something to see and be proud of this new year. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting or activity. Check out the newsletter for upcoming events. SEE YOU THERE!

Jeff Brooks, Membership Promotion Chair

---

## 2025-2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

---

**DIAMOND  
SPONSORSHIP:  
Tom Barrow Company**

I would like to thank those of you who have already committed to sponsorships for the 25-26 society year.

We would encourage anyone who values their membership in SWFL ASHRAE to review the many benefits of sponsorship detailed in the annual sponsorship letter attached at the end of this newsletter.

If you have agreed to be a 25-26 sponsor and do not see your name listed below, please reach out.

[gdevore@bandiflorida.com](mailto:gdevore@bandiflorida.com) / (239) 671-6448

Thank you, we appreciate your continued support.

---

## Student Activities

---

### Scholarship Award Ceremony

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- **Honoring Our Future Leaders:** SWFL ASHRAE is proud to announce the winners of our high school scholarships. This year, we are awarding two exceptional students for their committed excellence and dedication to the engineering path:
  - **Deetya Gogineni** – Dunbar High School
  - **Alyssa Bryant** – North Ft. Myers High School
- Join us for this special evening as we celebrate their achievements and support their journey into the world of professional engineering.

---

# Upcoming Meetings

---



## SWFL ASHRAE Chapter Presents: April Lunch Meeting Announcement

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**LOCATION:** Double Tree by Hilton, Ft. Myers at Bell Tower Shops

**11:30 – 12:15 am** Networking

**12:15 – 1:30 pm** Lunch and Main Program

**In-Person Cost: \$35.00 Per Attendee – RESERVATIONS VIA RSVP LINK BELOW ARE REQUIRED No Cost for College Students with a Valid I.D.**

- Card Payments will be Accepted at the Door

- Pre-Pay via [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [swfl.ashrae@gmail.com](mailto:swfl.ashrae@gmail.com)

- RSVP by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 via the following link: <https://forms.gle/7zCT9Wfk8UvRvcWH9>

For Last-Minute RSVPs, please email [casev.hazen@trane.com](mailto:casev.hazen@trane.com) We will try to accommodate on a case-by-case basis.

### **Presenter:**

#### **Patricia Graef**

Professional Engineer

ASHRAE Fellow

LEED Green Associate

Retired from Munters Corp.

### **Main Program:**

#### **The New Legionella Standard: ANSI/ASHRAE 188-2023 ‘Legionellosis: Risk Management for Building Water Systems**

ASHRAE has been actively involved in providing information on Legionella since 1979 in response to the first Legionnaire’s disease outbreak in 1976 and the subsequent discovery by the CDC of the causative bacteria – Legionella. While Legionnaire's disease has been known for many years, recent outbreaks have increased awareness of the disease, its causes and prevention strategies. The CDC estimates 8-18 thousand cases per year, of which more than 10% are fatal.

---

*Thank you to our Sponsors*

---



**2025-2026 Gold Sponsors**



**2025-2026 Silver Sponsors**



**2025-2026 Bronze Sponsors**



## YEAR-ROUND MOBILE ENGAGEMENT – ASHRAE 365

Download ASHRAE 365 using the buttons below from your mobile device or search on the App Store or Google Play.

Welcome to ASHRAE 365 – a free app providing year-round updates on all things ASHRAE. This 2-minute video provides a quick overview of what ASHRAE 365 has to offer including information about events and the ability to connect with other members, find resources, and support ASHRAE.

