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*President's Message*



*James Yang, CPD, President*

**DC Chapter Holiday Social**

The DC chapter had its annual holiday social event at the Savage Mill. We send our special thanks to our local supporters:

- AMES,**
- Bay Associates**
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We had more than 30 people joined our holiday social. Was dinner good? My answer is I only wish you were there. The feedback was very positive and many attendees would like to have it at the Savage Mill again.

What did we achieve in 2007? Things have changed in our chapter. Our membership has increased by more than 10 people and our attendance has doubled at the monthly meeting. It follows that our finances have also gotten better. Thanks to all the chapter officers' hard work and support—we are making good progress as time goes by.

2008 is here. What are the plans for the DC chapter? One goal: better service to all our members. We aim to provide more professional education and opportunities to

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## *President's Message (Continued)*

*James Yang, President*

share experiences in the trade. Our monthly speakers and tabletop information will be listed on the DC chapter website in a timely manner. In addition, the chapter officer elections will be held at the last meeting of the year before the summer, the third Wednesday in May. If you are interested at any position, please submit your information to our chapter officers listed at the website ([www.aspedc.org](http://www.aspedc.org)).

We are always open for good suggestions and articles. If you have something that is related to plumbing or fire protection, please submit it to the chapter president at [jyang@ghttd.com](mailto:jyang@ghttd.com). We will publish it on our website in the monthly newsletter.

As the president of the chapter, I wish you and your family a great New Year. We will see you in the upcoming monthly meeting on January 16th.

James Yang

DC chapter President



### *Code Updates*

*Ron Ball, VP Legislative*

#### **January 2008**

Welcome to the New Year and the board members of the DC chapter of ASPE hope your holidays were joyful.

#### **Code Updates**

##### **New York City**

An article in the New York Times explains the first revision to the city fire code in more than 100 years. Increases in dangerous fires in the city prompted changes to the code. The article can be accessed at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/06/nyregion/06fire.html?ex=1197608400&en=35012d29bb25dc85&ei=5070&emc=eta1> .

##### **California**

Updated versions of the California Plumbing Code (CPC) and the California Mechanical Code (CMC) became effective on January 1, 2008. Senior members of the International Code Council (ICC) are assisting code officials in the transition. For more information read the article in the December issue of PM Engineer magazine at: [http://www.pmengineer.com/CDA/Articles/Breaking\\_News/BNP\\_GUID\\_9-5-2006\\_A\\_1000000000000213252](http://www.pmengineer.com/CDA/Articles/Breaking_News/BNP_GUID_9-5-2006_A_1000000000000213252)

#### **Code Issues**

Thanks to Dennis Cavallaro who discovered that Alexandria (Virginia America Water) requires cement lined ductile iron piping at an interior water service entrance. Due to concerns about the weight of the water meter and bypass piping the cement lined pipe is required for stability. Some of my former ASPE partners in crime back in Ohio confirmed this is often a requirement there. It pays to not only check written codes of local jurisdictions but any detail drawings that are provided as well. When in doubt call the code officials.

## *VP Technical Report*

*Juan Rojas, VP Technical*

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time during the holidays and that you had chance to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family. It is hard to believe that 2007 has gone by, and now 2008 is here. If only I could save time in a bottle and be able to access it when needed, wishful thinking.

The beginnings of a new year are always times of great anticipation. First I want to thank you all for the great support during the year 2007 and hope that everyone is preparing for 2008.

Kudos goes to all companies and individuals that contributed with door prizes at the ASPE holiday social and to everyone that took time out of their busy schedule to attend this event. It was nice to see all the familiar faces along with their significant other, and to all that could not attend we sincerely missed you.

The chapter cannot be as successful as it is without everyone's support from the plumbing community, thank you again for all your support and dedication.

The January meeting tech presentation will be presented by Mr. Dave Mohile, his experience extends beyond the verification of medical gas systems installation for the entire health care industry. The table top will be presented by Mr. Ray Bourne from Tom Weavers Associates representatives of Amico a leading manufacturer of medical equipment for the global health care industry.

Designers, engineers, contractors, etc. need to stay on track with medical gas systems design technical changes per latest NFPA 99 guidelines and the ongoing requirements for qualifications to improve systems safety and reliability.

The medical gas piping systems require significant consideration in the design and construction of a health care facility. Fortunately for us we can turn to NFPA 99 for quick reference about requirements on what is considered adequate for all aspects of medical systems design. However with all this vast information available, it is always a good idea to confirm specific gas requirements with the end users to the extent that we know our design will work properly and that will meet the client's expectations.

Many projects involving existing facilities rely on existing equipment that is reused for new work. In these instances, we should request the owner to perform tests on the equipment prior to starting a design to determine if the equipment is capable of providing the required capacities.

Again thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sincerely,

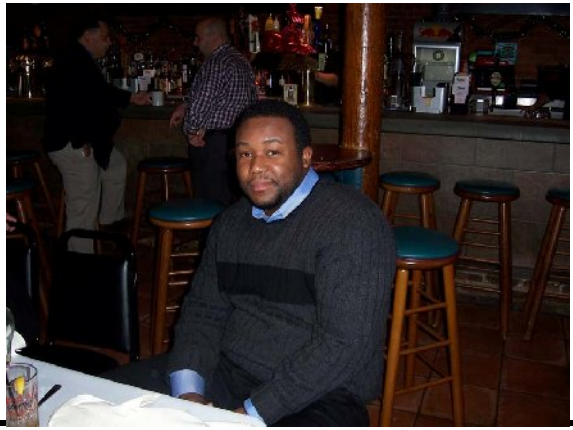
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**Washington Chapter** meetings are currently being held at the Olive Garden located on Route 7 (8133 Leesburg Pike) in Tyson's Corner. Please join us for our **General Meeting January 16, 2008**

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**All Reservations for dinner are requested by:**  
Tuesday, January 15th

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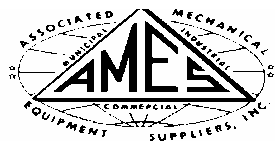
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