

The 63rd NCHEA Annual Conference and Exhibition was another success. Thanks to our members, vendors, attendees, and volunteers for making this the most attended conference in NCHEA history with 417 signed up for the educational sessions. Not only did we blast past our previous attendance record by over 50 attendees but we again had the most full hospital members in attendance ever at any event. This just shows that our efforts to continue growing is working despite the financial restraints many healthcare organizations are putting in place.



Michael Rich, Sampson Regional; Bill Chapman, Retired & Golf Organizer; Bernie vonLehmden, GMK; Jerry Thompson, Duke Hospital

Things kicked off on Tuesday with a full day of events. The golf tournament had a full slate of golfers at the Grove Park course. The weather held out and made for a great day on the course. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and especially Bill Chapman and Wilma Joyner that helped make it another successful event.

Tuesday morning also brought our second Community Outreach project. Over 30 volunteers came to pack the book bags and filled them with all the generous donations of school supplies received from individuals and companies. The Children First staff

were very appreciative of our donations so it was a very rewarding experience for all who participated. Thanks to all those that donated and a special thanks to Sara Riggerbach for putting this together for us. District 3 was the winner for the most donated items.

Tuesday concluded with the Opening Reception in the vendor hall and offered plenty of networking opportunities. It was also the kickoff of the Silent Auction to benefit the NCHEA scholarship fund to support healthcare engineers attending future conferences. Plenty of great items were donated and available for bids. Close to \$4,000 was raised, so thank you to all who donated and purchased items. We look forward to putting these funds to good use to benefit our members.

Wednesday brought the opening of the education portion of the conference. After the opening ceremony, we started off with another great keynote speaker. Matt Jones "Leadership is a Marathon" was encouraging, motivating, and informative and really was a great way to kick off the conference. With a wide range of topics, there was at



Matt Jones, Keynote Speaker



Terry Fair, NCHEA 2015 President and wife, Pat Fair,

least something for everyone during the education sessions. Bret Martin did a great job of lining up a diverse and engaging line-up of speakers.

We had 135 booths setup for the Exhibition Show and still had a waiting list! We had prize drawings each day and a \$500 grand prize drawing that kept all the full members visiting booths in order to be eligible.



Winner Best Booth - FORBO Flooring Systems

Thanks to William Baird and Bonnie Smith for a successful show!

Thursday brought the NCHEA Guest Event and the Annual Banquet. The Guest Event was well attended with over 40 people present for the Wine and Design Lunch. The group ate lunch and went home with an original art canvas that they painted themselves. I heard that the wine was pretty good also!!

The new format for the Annual Banquet this

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year seemed to again go over very well. Our entertainment "The Three Waiters" surprised many of us during the banquet reception with their singing, comedy and also their waiter skills. This was kept under wraps as to not steel the surprise and it came off a success, based on the feedback we received.

Finally, we encourage you to share your ideas with the 2015/2016 Planning Committee about ways to improve the conference. Better yet, we want you to UNITE more with NCHEA by getting involved. It all begins at the District level. On behalf of the NCHEA board I would like to thank all of the Conference Sponsors for their help with making our event so successful. Without our vendor's support we would not be able to bring quality education at a reasonable price to our membership.

Well, this year has flown by and it has been a very busy but also very rewarding experience for me as your president. I want to thank everyone for all their support and encouraging words. I especially want to thank my planning committee because it took us all to make it happen!!



Guest event sponsored by DPR: Wine & Design Graduates!

LtoR: Linda O'Hara, Lesia O'Hara, Bonnie Smith and Trish Wilson Your NCHEA Staff having a little fun at the banquet.



LtoR: William Baird, Vendor Chair, Bonnie Smith Vendor Chair Assistant, Dennis Smith, Vendor Staff



LtoR: Wilma Joyner, Dewberry, Golf Event Coordinator, Mary O'Donnell with Otis Elevators and Linda Chapman, Bill's wife and Best Volunteer ever!!

DISTRICT NEWS

District I

Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015

Place: 63rd Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC

- Annette Sherlin, Chairperson gave a review of some things she had participated in to encourage college students and introduce them to Healthcare Facilities Management.
- There was a brief discussion on items the Joint Commission Life Safety Surveyors were concentrating on during recent surveys
- New members were recognized:
Alan Owens - Pardee Hospital, Hendersonville, NC; Brent Elks - Carolinas Health Care, Shelby, NC; Kelly Floyd - McDowell Hospital, McDowell, NC
- New Officers were elected for the upcoming year: Deon Lewis - Chairman, Alan Owens - Vice-Chairman, Bonnie McCall-Kemper - Secretary Treasurer
- Next meeting will be held at Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, NC -- Date to be determined

District II

Meeting: August 6, 2015

Place: 63rd Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC

Submitted by: Robert Culp

1. The last District meeting was held 5/13/15 at Alamance Regional Hospital. 43 members were present. Business meeting was held, summary of meeting:
 - a. Associate board member nominee will be Todd Taintor.
 - b. Request for officer nominations was made thru 8/1/15.
 - c. Notification made that Bill Payne will be planning to run for ASHE president elect for 2016, and requested support from District.
 - d. Randy Collins/Mike Cooke discussed a recent class held at Hoffman and Hoffman by CICTI for facility Technician and accreditation.
2. Presentation made by Duke Energy, Bill Garganus, on their Smart Saver Incentive Program.
3. Current District 2 Balance as of 8/3/15 \$5,776.91.

District III

Meeting: June 18, 2015

Place: Rex Hospital Cancer Center Auditorium.

- 44 Members were present; 15 full members and 29 associate members.
- Election of Associate Board Member

Elect was held. Todd Taintor (Enpuricon) was elected as District III nominee for Associate Board Member Elect.

- Elections for District III Officers for 2015/2016 - Robin Thomas was elected Secretary Treasurer. Steve Sexton was elected Vice Chair. Derek Dillahunt was elected Chair.
- Jerry Thompson discussed the upcoming Annual Conference and CHE/SR. CHE applications due by 7/1/15. Jerry also discussed the community event in support of the Children First charity.
- Larry Holder informed the meeting that sponsorship funds are available for the Annual Conference.
- Nancy Padgett and Scott Myrick discuss Guidebook app and QR codes.
- David Murray was recognized by Mike Elks and Larry Holder as the recipient of the ASHE Emerging Leader award.

District IV

Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015

Place: 63rd Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC

- District participation – Sponsorships - CHFM candidates - Other items Discussed Mike Rich is being sponsored by the district for his CHFM. There are funds to have others sponsored as well.
- Discussion moved to participation and attendance to the next meetings.
- Jeremy offered to assist where needed in the district.
- Update NCHEA News Discussed upcoming goals, future locations, and on-line video for conferences along with the hiring of administrative person.
- District Elections
Gary Milewski is district chair, Mike Rich vice-chair. And Joe Buri Sec/Treasurer for 2015/16 Informational
- District meeting Next district meeting to be held at Southeastern Health on Thursday, October 22, 2015



DISTRICT III WINS! Children First Donations

Success with Energy Management: Using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager Tool

On September 23 and 24, twenty-three (23) NCHCA members attended training on "Success with Energy Management: Using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager Tool." There was diverse attendance comprised of full and associate members. The presentation from Christine Mauer, PE, CEM, Advanced Energy, included topics such as: why and how to benchmark, stand-alone buildings vs. complex healthcare campuses, and included specific energy savings initiative examples which generated the sharing of multiple experiences in energy reduction from the attendees.

Heather Platt, PE, Mazzetti, discussed the ASHE Energy To Care program and dashboard. Duke Energy reviewed the Smart Saver program and ways to obtain incentive funding for energy initiatives. The presentation topics generated a lot of discussion during the networking opportunities. Those attending received 5.0 CEUs. These seminars should go a long way in a helping North Carolina hospitals reduce their energy consumption and utility budgets and towards NCHCA becoming an ASHE Elite Chapter. Many thanks to the events sponsors – Duke Energy and Hoffman & Hoffman.

NCHCA Sustainability Liaison to ASHE:

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2015 Engineer of the Year

JOIN us in congratulating Trent Taylor of Cone Health for this important honor with NCHCA. Trent has been a long time contributor, leader and positive influence to his facility, NCHCA and his community. He is another in a long line of worthy winners of NCHCA's highest honor and well deserved.

