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March CHAPTER MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, March 11, 2025

NEW Location: Countryside YMCA
1699 Deerfield Rd
Lebanon, OH 45036
Tel 513.932.1424

Cost: \$20 online

Schedule: 11:30PM-1:30PM

Infection Prevention w/ Franke Sinks

Reservations: Make a reservation and pay for the meeting
through the Chapter Website or email Bill Berger
at bill.berger@kohler.com or John Fox at
jfox@mwspec.com before noon on MONDAY,
March 10th, so that a head count can be
established. As always, guests are welcome.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Chapter Meetings to be held at Countryside YMCA,
Lebanon, OH unless noted otherwise.

March 11th: World Plumbing Day

April 14th: High Purity Water w/ Water Control Corporation

Presidential prose...



This month's technical session coincides with World Plumbing Day! World Plumbing Day is sponsored every year on March 11th by the World Plumbing Council. This year's theme is "Plumbing is More". More what exactly? More environmental impact, more community resiliency, and more healthy communities for a start. Wear blue on March 11th to show support for World Plumbing Day and celebrate that you are part of the infrastructure of our society. Find out more here:

<https://www.worldplumbing.org/worldplumbingday/>

World Plumbing Day

MORE IMPACT

Plumbing Powers Prosperity

Every \$1 invested in water and sanitation returns \$4.3 in economic benefits

#PlumbingisMore

The ASPE Young Professionals hosted a Happy Hour with Hydromax and Pinnacle Sales at the Yard House. Thanks to everyone for attending, look out for future get togethers for our next generation of engineering leadership!

Our March Chapter meeting will cover hygiene sink design. Please see the article from our new VP Technical later in this newsletter for more information.

As always we are open to programming requests, please reach out to a Board member or submit on the website YOUR ideas for a technical presentation.

Upcoming Events:
 March Chapter meeting – March 11, 2025 - World Plumbing Day!

Thanks for being here, we like having you.

**– Andrew Hemmelgarn
 President**

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Technically Speaking...



Technically Speaking

While the time change is usually a pain to deal with, I know I'm not alone in being excited for some extra daylight. In February, Scott Holloway presented stainless steel push-fit DWV systems. This was a great course for anyone looking for alternative materials for drainage systems, as well as some more nuance to selection when it depends on the cost of install vs cost of materials.

In March, we can look forward to Franke's course "Engineered Infection Prevention for Healthcare, Food Safety, and High Traffic Areas". If you work in areas where hygiene is paramount, this will be a valuable course for you! If you don't, there are plenty of good design principles to make our less controlled spaces more sanitary.

Cheers,

– **James Fiorini**
VP, Technical

Looking to stay in touch
with the Chapter



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The Southwestern Ohio Chapter would
like to wish a

Happy Birthday

to the following members celebrating
their birthday this month:

**Travis Burke, Ron Cobb, Tony DeNiro,
Michael Hagan, Erich Knemeyer, Jon
O'Donnell, Christopher Swank and
Matthew Wyles**

And the Chapter would like to wish a

Happy Anniversary

to the following members
commemorating their ASPE
anniversary this month:

**Travis Burke, Terry Cannon, Deana
Crawford, Doug Dockus, John Fox,
Kevin Hansman, Bob McGinnis, Jim
Miller, Andy Monnig, Ben Oisten, Jeff
Papania, Tyler Smaga, Christopher
Swank and Kevin Witte**

Legislative lingo...



Proposed 2024 Ohio Plumbing Code Amendments

The proposed amendments can be found here: [OPC Rules Combined.pdf](#)

Not a whole lot to get excited about besides some cleanup items. Looks like they clarified the carbonated beverage backflow preventer requirements to allow integral backflow compliant with ASSE 1022 instead of an external means of backflow prevention. Also added ASSE 1032 as an option for non-carbonated beverage dispensers.

– *Jeremy M. Williams PE, LEED AP BD+C
VP, Technical*



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Membership musings...



This month will be a quick update with February's numbers again; with the change in meeting dates we will start to publish in arrears on membership in order to get our columns out prior to the meeting. We'll have new numbers for next month!

We hope to see you all on Tuesday at the Countryside YMCA for our presentation on Engineered Infection Prevention for Healthcare, Food Safety, and High Traffic Areas w/ Franke

Total Membership		
	Feb. 24'	Feb. 25'
Buffalo-Niagara	40	44
Central Indiana	121	131
Central Ohio	103	128
Cleveland	90	98
Eastern Michigan	104	114
Evansville	32	40
Johnstown	31	31
Kentucky Bluegrass	28	38
Pittsburgh	97	105
Rochester	76	86
Southwestern Ohio	103	107
Toronto	112	109
Western Michigan	91	93
Region 2 Total:	1028	1124

Thanks,

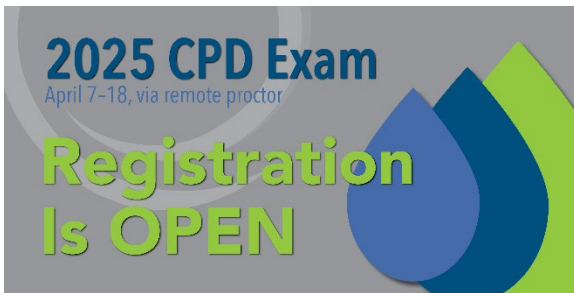
***– Brian Selander
VP, Membership***

Through the pipes...



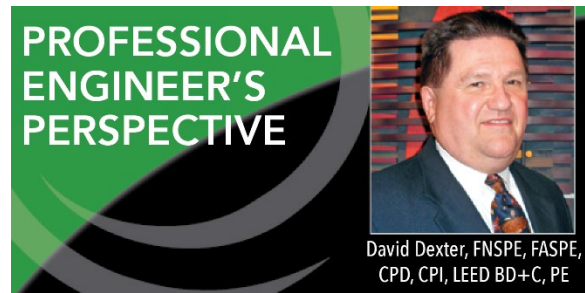
- [Do You Need ASSE 6060 Training?](#)

Register now for the next in-person MedGas Workshop on March 20-23 at ASPE's headquarters in Rosemont, IL. Get personal interaction with their expert instructor and benefit from hands-on activities during this 32-hour workshop, where you will gain the training needed to sit for the ASSE 6060 exam and earn 1.2 ASPE CEUs. You can [register at ASPE Education](#).



- [Become a CPD This Year](#)

The 2025 Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) exam will be held via remote proctor from April 7-18, and registration is now open for eligible candidates on [ASPE Education](#).



- [Why Is PE Registration Important?](#)

Our Chapter's own **David Dexter** delves into the history of registration for Professional Engineers to explain why licensure is necessary to protect public health. [Learn more>>](#)

- **ASPE's Book of the Month** program continues with the **Pharmaceutical Facilities Plumbing Systems** (eBook version). Through March 31, 2025, you can purchase the digital edition for 25% off the regular member price. Just enter the coupon code **hellospring** when you check out.



The discount is only valid on the digital version of the publication, and the coupon code can only be used once. If you

are purchasing multiple items, the discount will be applied only to the assigned publication.

Don't forget to enter the coupon code when you check out to receive the discount.

Parting thought...

Hello, March.

May you be filled with warmth, love and kindness.

May you bring an abundance of everything my heart desires, and may you fill my days with the beauty of a smile and the touch of a caring heart.

-Rebecca Fox

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