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**Full Speed Ahead in 2019! HESNI Indoor Race Returns January 15**

HESNI's HALF-FAST CUP race returns January 15. This year the indoor winter classic moves to a new track in Mokena, IL. There are two challenging tracks for racers and other fun things to do — axe throwing and a noisy, exciting arcade area — for non-racers. Join in the competition or relax and watch this year’s field of racers sprint for the checkered flag.

Those who don’t race will gain new activities this year. For example, head over to the designated cages for a little coaching in the friendly art of axe-throwing — or how about some playtime in the arcade area where hundreds of flashing lights and bells will coax you to sit at one of the variety of machines? Of course, there’s also room to relax and mingle with members in the upstairs lounge or at any of the trackside tables.

Please arrive by 4:15 PM. Food and refreshments will be available 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the lounge private room. **There is no charge to attend** the annual Half-Fast Cup Indoor Race and attendance is limited to HESNI individual members (please, no guests). Register online beforehand (and let us know if you plan to race) so that we may make adequate preparations with the track.

Once again we thank our beverage sponsors, **F.E. Moran Fire Protection**, for their support of the annual race. Joining them this year, as sponsors of our axe-throwing competition, are **J.C. Restoration, Inc.** and **Rose Paving LLC**. Sign up online today and come on out and enjoy yourself!
CALL GOES OUT FOR 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION IDEAS AND ABSTRACTS

HESNI is seeking abstracts offering educational presentations at the 2019 HESNI Annual Conference, May 2-3, 2019, at the NIU Conference Center in Naperville, IL.

How much information is required for abstracts? You should be the best judge of that. At this time, the selection committee is mainly interested in ideas – so simply summarize your topic. In 1 or 2 pages, your abstract should describe your presentation title, key themes and take away points, speaker biography and contact information. The 2019 conference theme is “Drive the Future.” Past topics have addressed regulatory changes, infection control, energy management, new technology and building planning, design, construction and maintenance.

Presentations should last 60 minutes with time allotted for questions. Don’t miss this opportunity to be selected as a 2019 Conference seminar presenter. Email questions and abstracts to programs@hesni.org.
Greetings HESNI Family,

As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to recap the year’s biggest events. “Staying Connected,” our Annual Conference theme, set the right tone also for other expanded education opportunities and social events all year long. Our 17 conference seminars were augmented by excellent education programs at two well-attended membership meetings in February and September. The latter meeting also brought a refreshing change of scenery. Held in the auditorium and clubhouse at Guaranteed Rate Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, members also enjoyed great food, a walk on the playing field and dugouts. Then it was back inside the clubhouse for more refreshments and networking.

In 2018, we conducted two preparatory seminars, in April and November, to help 50 members prepare for the CHC and CHFM Exams. We followed those up with another daylong ASHE educational program, “Managing Infection Prevention During and After Construction” on November 30.

HESNI members also came together in 2018 to get to know and enjoy each other’s company at our annual Indoor Car Racing event in January and Golf Outing in August. While some of the 300 participants came to compete, all added to the fun. Perfect summer weather helped deliver a fun day for the 90 members who enjoyed HESNI’s Summer Outing on June 15 in a private terrace suite for lunch and refreshments before afternoon baseball at Sox Park. HESNI’s community service hat was again worn at Chicago River Clean-up Day in May, where volunteers spent a Saturday morning removing debris along the Skokie Sculpture Park riverbank.

At the ASHE Annual Conference in Seattle in July our achievements were recognized when the society’s highest Platinum Elite status was conferred again on HESNI. Our chapter also won the Energy to Care Chapter Challenge and our own Ryan Ollie was designated the Regional Leader in Region 5. Needless to say, 2018 was a great year and to top it off our membership grew by 10%. I am proud of all these accomplishments and grateful to everyone who had a connection to one or more!

Looking forward, our 2019 Conference theme is “Drive the Future,” and it has propelled us to introduce several new initiatives. For example, we are in the process of revising our Scholarship Programs and also implementing a Mentoring Program for new members. The new year will also offer preparatory classes for the CHSP and CHFM exams. Some events have already been posted at our website so please save these dates. More events — a Family Outing and a new NFPA training class — are still being organized so look out for future details.

Before I close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Campanile for his years of service on the HESNI’s Board of Directors. Jim has resigned at the end of 2018 and will be succeeded by Jessica Sherwood. Good Luck Jim and welcome Jessica!

Finally, thank you Members for your participation and continued support. I’m looking forward to the new year. Like our recent themes seem to suggest, I hope you will “Stay Connected” and let’s work together to “Drive the Future.”

Mark Hanicits,  
HESNI President

[Image of Mark Hanicits]
Eighty Chicago-area health care facility managers, plant and maintenance operators, project managers, contractors and other HESNI members attended the **Managing Infection Prevention During the Construction & Operation of Health Care Facilities**. They gathered Friday, November 30, in the auditorium at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in downtown Chicago.

The full-day education program identified infection sources during construction and presented preventive steps for safeguarding patients, workers and hospital visitors from hospital-acquired infections. Three health care providers combined their experiences and expertise in lectures, case study reviews and problem-solving exercises aided by handheld digital devices that enabled rapid audience feedback. The instructors were: Steven Cutter, MBA, CHFM, HFDP, FASHE, Senior Consultant, MSL Healthcare Partners; Andrew Streifel, Hospital Environment Specialist, University of Minnesota; and Paula Wright, RN, BSN, CIC, Project Manager, Infection Control Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital.

HESNI discounted registration fees for members to attend this important new ASHE educational offering. Attendees also received breakfast, lunch and free parking vouchers.

We are grateful to our hosts, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, and to our event sponsor:
Getting Ready For CHFM Exam

Getting mentally prepared to sit for the intensive Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) exam can be challenging enough, but fortunately there are many available study aids to help. Among them is ASHE’s Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) preparatory seminar, offered at various locations and times during the year. On November 9, HESNI sponsored the all-day seminar for members and other healthcare facility personnel.

Held at the Aramark Conference Center in Downers Grove, IL, it drew 38 attendees who wanted to find out what they might expect on the test. A few who came used the seminar as a professional review.

Our instructor, Tom Stewart, MBA, SASHE, CHFM, CHC, MSL Healthcare Partners, is a health care facilities consultant with 40 years experience. After describing the exam application process and the variety of self-study aids available, Tom outlined areas that test questions were likely to touch on, areas everyone should study, and pitfalls to avoid. The ASHE seminar was provided at a discount to HESNI members. While the exam was not included, HESNI awarded exam fee ($275 - $425) waiver vouchers to four lucky winners in a raffle early in the day.
Sox Park Welcomes HESNI Again for Quarterly Meeting

On Thursday, September 20, some 70 HESNI members responded to a second special invitation from the Chicago White Sox, gathering once more for an afternoon event at Guaranteed Rate Field on the city’s south side (site of our Summer Baseball Outing in June). This time, however, no baseball game occurred, as the Sox were in Cleveland on that day winding up their 2018 season on the road. Before leaving town, they left the key under the mat by Gate 3 and the limited use of the park for the whole afternoon to HESNI.

The Sox organization and baseball park hosted our Quarterly Membership Meeting. Everyone received a warm welcome at the spacious sports themed Magellan Scout Lounge inside the park for a buffet lunch. There was ample time to mingle with members while viewing the historical memorabilia and souvenirs on display.

Then it was time for work. The action shifted to the adjacent auditorium for the afternoon’s presentation, “Navigating IDPH Processes and Procedures”. At the podium in the center of the same facility that holds the daily postgame press conferences stood Henry Kowalenko, Division Chief, Illinois Department of Public Health -- always an informative and entertaining speaker. When the day’s lessons had been delivered it was time for TEAM HESNI to head for the playing field. From one dugout to the other, people were spread out, everyone getting a rare look and experiencing a little of the excitement athletes feel when taking to the field for the first time. From the dugout seats to the baselines and batters boxes behind home plate – even the huge centerfield Jumbotron screen took on a HESNI look.

The field tour eventually led everyone back to the lounge area where a reception with more food and refreshments concluded the day’s agenda. We are grateful to the Chicago White Sox organization, to Henry Kowalenko for an informative program, and to our September 20 meeting sponsor Kleen Air Corporation.
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
August 27, 2018
Ivanhoe Golf Club
212 golfers
MORNING ROUNDS

1ST PLACE -6
The team from IFS

2ND PLACE -6
Dave Mathys – Greg Klyczek
Jason Vitas – Guest

3RD PLACE -6
Greg Weeks – Bob Cochran
Phil Weeks – Brian Everett

CLOSEST TO THE PIN
PRAIRIE 6
Bradley Roberts

LONGEST DRIVE
FOREST 1
Erik Carlson
AFTERNOON ROUNDS

1ST PLACE -10
Gehrke Group

2ND PLACE -9
Tim Weidman – Walker Moore
Jerry Meineke - Dave

3RD PLACE -6
Anthony Guaccio - Saliba Kokaly
& Guests

CLOSEST TO THE PIN
MARSH 8
Walker Moore

LONGEST DRIVE
FOREST 1
Jesse Arndt
ASHE AWARDS HONOR HESNI PERFORMANCE

At its quarterly meeting in September, HESNI Board members displayed two plaques honoring HESNI at the ASHE 2018 Annual Conference. One marked the chapter’s selection as a Platinum Elite affiliate chapter in 2017. The highest-level award recognized achievements in keys areas of chapter operation. A second plaque recognized HESNI as the winner of ASHE’s Energy to Care Chapter Challenge contest. HESNI showed the highest level of member participation in the large organization category.

(Left to right) are Board Members Kurt Martz, Tim Shanahan, Ryan Ollie, Mark Hanicits, Wendy Peterson, Brittany Remec, and Vince Shanahan.

ENERGY TO CARE WEBINARS OFFER SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

If you are still wondering why you should care about ASHE’s Energy to Care sustainability initiative for health care facilities, here’s a good place to look into what it’s about and how it might benefit your hospital. View one or more of ASHE’s four quarterly Sustainability Liaison Webinar presentation files for 2018. The webinar files may be viewed by following the links below.

Sustainability Liaison 2019
First Quarter Webinar

Sustainability Liaison 2019
Second Quarter Webinar

Sustainability Liaison 2019
Third Quarter Webinar

Sustainability Liaison 2019
Fourth Quarter Webinar
How You Can Benefit from ASHE Membership

ASHE members represent a diverse group of professionals who work to optimize the health care physical environment. When you join ASHE, you gain access to a robust network of 12,000 professionals who are passionate about delivering safe and effective patient care environments. Plus, you will have access to several trusted resources to further enhance your experience as a professional working in health care. If you are not already an ASHE member, maybe it’s time to look into the possibilities and benefits of membership.

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