Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a great Summer! Your Board and Committee Members are getting ready for a virtual CRC Aug 17th - Aug 24th, feel free to tune in if you are interested to join a committee or learn about your chapter - https://www.regionx.org/crc-register.

Take a minute to mark your calendars with our proposed meeting dates starting with a September Social on 9/16. Hope to see you there!

Cheers,
Brian Chacon
Golden Gate President

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**2021-2022 Golden Gate ASHRAE Meeting Schedule**

September meeting: 09/16 – Meet and Greet  
October meeting: 10/21 – Dinner  
November meeting: 11/18 – Lunch  
December meeting: 12/06 – Joint with SJ & RE – President Mick Schwedler  
January meeting: 01/20 – Refrigeration – Dinner  
February meeting: 02/17 – Debrief on ASHRAE Winter conference – Lunch  
March meeting: 03/24 – Product Show  
April meeting: 04/21 – Student Night – Dinner  
May meeting: 05/19 – Amy’s kitchen – Joint with Redwood Empire  
June meeting: 06/16 – Technology Awards and Board Installment - Dinner
“In the Good Old… Summertime…”....Lyrics- Ben Shields 1913 -Music is by George Evans 1915

We are ready for some...“Good Old Summertime!...Enough is enough!...Looking back at a strange year...we surly must applaud the ASHRAE Golden Gate leadership for all of the extra, and devoted work that they performed to take us through an entire year...without a single in-person Golden Gate Chapter meeting. ...NO MEETINGS???...How did they do that?...They worked very hard!

ASHRAE...over the years, has provided many opportunities to have a close look at history...ASHRAE was the great enabler that allowed me to peek-in on history!

John L. Lewis the leader of the United Mine Workers who was a pivotal figure during and after WW2. The United Mine Workers’ building in Washington D.C. was a candidate for conversion into a hotel. I was able to enter the unused building, a small, old office building at 4 stories, and the ONLY building allowed to burn coal in Washington D. C. ...(an exclusion granted by Congress to the United Mine workers)...and here, unsupervised...and in a time warp... I was to have complete run of the facility...and there was John L. Lewis’s office...just the way he had left in in 1964... His desk, his conference table...and his files stacked on all surfaces...just the way it was...when he had left...There I was...alone...in the very office of John L. Lewis....touching a bit of American History...basically because of ASHRAE.

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Montgomery Meigs, General of the Union Army and its Quartermaster during the Civil war, was the Lt. in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers when, starting in 1836 he began, and later finished construction of the U. S. Tariff Building in Washington D. C. The building’s architect was William Mills…the man who designed the Washington Monument. The U.S. Tariff Building was eventually converted into a Kimpton Monaco Hotel...The building was the first lease, of a U.S. Government Owned, historically designated structure, to private enterprise...I was to spend hours researching the building for the conversion. This, most importantly, included air-conditioning…and plumbing and electrical coordination into the structure...under the watchful eye of the National Park Service. I found out that General of the Armies...(that is 6-stars!...the only 6-star General, ever…) General Pershing had commanded the WW1 activity from his temporary office on the 3rd floor. This was long before the Pentagon. General Pershing only used 6,000 sq ft for his entire office....This building also held the first installation of Samuel F. Morse’s telegraph...for the U. S. Government. Wandering the halls of this long vacant building I heard echoes of many historic personnel…I would like to have re-heard what was said in those rooms…again the opportunity came to me because of ASHRAE.
Captain Leroy Alexanderson was one whom I met. He was the last ship captain of the SS United States...the fastest ocean liner ever put in the water. Captain Alexanderson told many interesting tales...the 8, or was it 9 trips, that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor made for their ocean crossings...and history of the SS United States being able to reach 46 or 47 knots...as a military secret. The ship with its four, 18 ft-6 in diameter propellers driven with steam from the 250,000 hp boilers...the Pride of the United States. ASHRAE technology gave me the opportunity to examine every nook and cranny of the ship as we prepared the ship for the refitting.

Subsequent, and multiple trips to Germany and Finland’s shipyards allowed me the tour of the HDW and Blohm & Voss Shipyards...as we sought to find the yard to re-fit the S.S. United States...HDW was where the giant submarine pens of the German Navy were located...(bomb and demolition damage to the HDW Office and the submarine pens were still evident)...and it was Blohm & Voss that had built the battleship Bismarck and the famous cruiser ...SMS Scharnhorst for WWI...The Finish shipyard “Wartsila”, was busy at work building the nuclear ice breakers for the Russians...lots of history to think about...and all because I was able to apply ASHRAE’s technology...and someone wanted it...Thank you ASHRAE for arranging to give me the opportunity to get a little closer to history.

If your time allows, take a moment and...GOOGLE...John L. Lewis, Montgomery Meigs, Leroy Alexanderson, Blohm & Voss, Bismarck, Scharnhorst, and Finland’s “Wartsila”...it may give you an insight into history...an insight that ASHRAE-involvement, allowed me to have.