



# Northeastern Chapter News

July 2010

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **By Charles Witcher**

It was with great sadness that I received the news of Dan James passing on June 22, 2010. Dan was always a very energetic and active supporter of CSHE especially the Northeastern Chapter. I had the pleasure of working with Dan while he was at UCDHS for a number of years. I will personally miss Dan tremendously; he was a supportive friend and a mentor. My deepest sympathies go out to his many friends and family.

The May 19<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting was well attended. Tony Moddesette hosted the meeting at affiliate member FM Booth in Marysville. The excellent dinner was also generously sponsored by FM Booth. Thanks to Tony who provided a very informative presentation on "SB 499: changes to seismic regulations and the new reporting requirements due to OSHPD." Michael Lewis and Kevin VanderVelden who won chapter sponsorships to the CSHE Annual Institute both thanked the chapter and provided brief comments on what they learned from attending the Annual institute. Raffle prizes were sponsored by Brendan Keely from Grainger. Thanks to FM Booth and Grainger for their support. We could not do it without you.

The CSHE Northern California 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at River Oaks Golf Club took place on June 4, 2010. It was a beautiful day and all who attended had a great time. One of these years maybe I will win a raffle prize. Special Thanks to Tony Moddesette, Mike Lewis and posthumously to Dan James for all of your hard work in planning the tournament. Next years tournament is scheduled for June 3, 2011 and reservations have been made for River Oaks Golf Club for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California CSHE Tournament. Please mark this date on your calendars.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> new Gold Sponsor West-Com hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual CSHE meeting at their facility in Fairfield. All CSHE chapters were invited and attendance was

excellent. The dinner could not be beat and the 3 presentations were very informative. Special thanks to Larry Peters and his corporate family from West – Com for hosting and providing the raffle prizes and to the program presenters Tony Moddesette with Fremont Rideout Health Group, William B. Rader with Buehler & Buehler Structural Engineers and Paul Langstroth with West – Com for presenting the program.

Next Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Mario Pereira at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Carsten Lunde with CYA will sponsor the dinner and the raffle prizes. Tony Moddesette has arranged for Cameron Bruce with Cameron Bruce Associates to do a program on new Joint Commission Standards 2009/2010, common trouble area for hospitals and how to prevent them. Cameron will also address emergency management standards related to utility systems.

Once again I want to welcome all new CSHE members. Thank you for supporting our organization and I look forward to seeing all of you at the next chapter meeting.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

### **Bill Carmody**

L+H Airco

### **Bryan Trybus**

City Building, Inc.

### **David Ellsworth**

HWA Sales

### **Matt Ralls**

City Building, Inc.

### **Robert Blair**

Enloe Medical Center



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## PAST PRESIDENT DAN JAMES PASSES AWAY

By Tony Moddesette

My friend and shipmate Dan James passed away in June. He was too young to leave us; I believe he was 63 years old. Dan was a cancer survivor and we thought all was good but fate stepped in and now Dan is gone.

I first met Dan in 1984 when he reported aboard the USS Mount Hood (AE 29), in Concord. I was the Chief Engineer and Dan was the Main Propulsion Assistant, he was in charge of the boilers and main engines, a big job. We bonded almost immediately, who could not??? We made a 7 month Western Pacific Cruise together, worked hard and played hard. One of the problems that we had to deal with was the young sailors acting up. Dan suggested that when he could not control a sailor he would bring them to me and I would read them the riot act and, if I did not like their attitude, I would call their Mother. Yes, their Mother. I would ask the young sailor for their home phone number and make them stand at attention while I dialed the number. When Mother came on the phone I would introduce myself and Mom would be very happy that I was calling and would ask how “Johnny” was doing? Then I would tell her that “Johnny” was being a bad boy and if he did not straighten up I would be forced to take him to Captain’s Mast. Usually the phone was quiet then Mom would say “Let ME talk to him” or she would say “Just a minute let me get his FATHER on the line.” By this time young “Johnny” was in agony! It was all Dan and I could do to keep a straight face!! When Mom or Dad finished talking we usually never had any more trouble from “Johnny.”

After Dan retired from the Navy in 1987 he went to work for UCSF Medical Center where he worked for 15 years and then he came to UC Davis Medical Center and ran the CoGen Plant until 2007. The last 3 years he worked for Dave Mathews at Northbay Healthcare in Fairfield.

Dan was a very active member of CSHE, he joined in 1998. His vast knowledge of diesel engines and generators proved to be very valuable; he chaired the CHA/CSHE Diesel Generator Work Group. This work group was instrumental in getting Cal/EPA mandated hospital generator replacements in line with seismic mandated requirements. The work group was also instrumental in supporting the change in diesel generator testing from weekly to monthly testing.

Dan served as the Northeastern Chapter President from 2004 – 2009 after being San Francisco Chapter Vice President 2000-2001. Dan gave his time and talents freely:

- CSHE Outstanding Member 2008
- CSHE Annual Institute Chair 2009
- Chair, Northern CA Institute 2007-2008
- MECH Facilitator 2006 – 2010
- ASHE Region 9 Emerging Leader 2009
- CSHE Distinguished Member 2009

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Dan will miss him. I know I will; **I ADMIRE DAN, HE WAS A GOOD MAN!**

## MORRIS GEE GETTING BETTER

Morris had a set back recently and spent some time in the hospital to get his spleen removed. Since then he has been released to convalesce and is resting comfortably at home. The surgery will help reduce the number of dialysis treatments required each week, so it’s good news! As you can guess he needs some entertainment, so please send him a message at [mtgee7@aol.com](mailto:mtgee7@aol.com) to wish him well and help him keep in touch.



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## MAY MEETING RECAP

By Franc Blackbird

Business report by Charles Witcher:

- Facility members who want an opportunity to be sponsored by the Chapter to attend the Northern California Seminar in October should attend the September meeting.
- Tony Moddesette is serving his last year on the Hospital Building Safety Board and recommends that a CSHE member get involved to influence upcoming legislation.

Presentation by Tony Moddesette:

- Senate Bill 499 was passed last fall and requires all hospitals to report on buildings seismic compliance and the impact on inpatient beds and patient days. The report deadline is November 1, 2010 and has to be submitted on line. As of May 19, the online form was not yet available, but was in the final refinement stage. It sounds to me like the report will require information from the hospital facilities department as well as the financial folks. Good luck with that!

Earthquake Safety by Dave Lockhart:

- The Red Cross website is a great reference.
- 7 steps
  - Secure it now (anchor things)
  - Make a plan (for family, business)
  - Make disaster kits
  - Evaluate – is the house safe?
  - Protect yourself (drop, cover, hold on)
  - Recovery (check it out, injuries, damage, utilities, etc.)
  - Communicate and recover

Attendees: Clyde Patterson, Greg Schnable, Mike Pierce, Carsten Lunde, Tony Moddesette, Dan James, Mike Lewis, Charles Witcher, Brendan Keely, Bruce Clark, George Moore, Bill Joyner, Steve Martelli, David Lockhart, Les Doll, Rodney Fjeld, John Martinelli, Steve Street, Tom Hawkins, Brian Bloker, Mike Fields, Rod Halsey, Helen White, Robert Ball, Scott Karpinen, Bob Blair, Kevin VanderVelden, Dave Hodder, Franc Blackbird, Rick Shepard.

## 2010 Chapter Meeting Schedule

### July 21 Chapter Meeting

Location: Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital

Contact: Mario Pereira

Topic: 2010 Joint Commission

Sponsor: Carsten's Yearly Analysis

### September 15 Chapter Meeting

Location: Enloe Medical Center

Contact: Les Doll

Topic: IORs and OSHPD Field Staff

Sponsor: FS Medical Technology

### October 28 Northern CA Seminar

Location: Concord Crowne Plaza Hotel

Contact: Joyce Jones

### November 17 Chapter Meeting

Location: Mercy General Hospital

Contact: Britt Mason

Topic: Seismic Certification for Equipment

Sponsor: Trane

### December 8 Holiday Party

Location: Holiday Inn Sacramento

Contact: Morris Gee

Sponsors: All Affiliates

### January 19, 2011 Chapter Meeting

Location: UC Davis Medical Center

Contact: Charles Witcher

Topic: 2011 Chapter Planning

Sponsor: Coast Environmental



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## JUNE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Mike Pierce, Dayton Pierce, Charles Witcher, Mike Lewis and Dan James at the serving line.



The winning team! Kelly Maves, a mystery golf pro, Mike Pierce and Dayton Pierce. Congratulations!

## JOB OPENINGS

Safework, Inc: Mechanical Engineer – technical expert in the design of mechanical HVAC and plumbing systems for commercial, industrial, institutional and medical industries. Experience in design/build environment is highly desirable. Contact [amy.day@safeworkinc.com](mailto:amy.day@safeworkinc.com) 916-475-5023.

Barton Health: Maintenance Mechanic Position – Perform preventative maintenance duties, operate equipment, perform general maintenance activities including minor repairs on electrical equipment, plant machinery and plumbing. Contact [www.bartonhealth.org/careers/](http://www.bartonhealth.org/careers/).

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## Chapter Meeting – July 21, 2010

Sign in and mingle at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

## JOINT COMMISSION UPDATE

Cameron Bruce will speak on the new 2009/2010 Joint Commission standards and trouble areas and how to prevent them. He will also address emergency management standards related to utility systems.

Mr. Bruce has 29 years of consulting experience in healthcare compliance, facilities management, safety management and mechanical engineering. Since 1987 he has specialized in Joint Commission compliance consulting with numerous hospitals throughout California.

Meeting location:

**Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital**  
**11815 Education Street, Auburn**  
Conference Room A

Dinner and Raffle are sponsored by Carsten's Yearly Analysis

**RSVP for dinner** via email [franc@blackbirdassoc.com](mailto:franc@blackbirdassoc.com) or 916-446-6227 by July 16..

Please invite potential members to join us!

