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## President's Message

Hello ASHRAE members and friends.

Welcome back Anthracite Chapter! I hope everyone had a great summer. With Labor Day and the unofficial end to summer behind us so starts a new year of activities for the ASHRAE Anthracite Chapter.

This year I am truly honored to support the Anthracite Chapter as President. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve and would like to take a moment to acknowledge our 2023-2024 officers and committee chairs who have stepped up to volunteer this year. The officers and committee chairs have worked very diligently over the summer planning the meetings, social events, and tours for the chapter year. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and believe their hard work will benefit the Chapter through a successful year.

Last month I was able to represent the Anthracite Chapter at CRC (Chapters Regional Conference) in Baltimore MD as the Chapter Delegate. We received the Membership Promotion Boomerang Award for the best membership retention rate in the region. Also, I had the privilege of accepting chapter service awards for four of our dedicated members; Mike Mecchi, Ron Sibulsky, Charlie Smith, and Charles H. Swinderman. If you see them, please thank them for their service to ASHRAE and the Chapter.

September's meeting theme is **Membership. Bring-a-buddy** at The Woodlands. See you there!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Pensyl".

James Pensyl  
ASHRAE Anthracite Chapter President 2023-2024

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# **ASHRAE ANTHRACITE CHAPTER MEETING**

## **Tuesday, September 19, 2022**

### **Pennsylvania Commercial Utilities Incentive Programs**

Presented by

**Kevin Lugo (Wildan/ First Energy)**  
**Bud Fogelman (PPL Utilities)**

FirstEnergy Pennsylvania utilities provide programs to assist customers in saving energy and reducing their utility costs. Whether your business is replacing an appliance with an ENERGY STAR model, upgrading your buildings core systems, installing solar, or building a whole new building – FirstEnergy has programs to help you save! Willdan is a contracted implementer for FirstEnergy in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey. Willdan will present on the many programs available to help customers, and their engineering and design teams, make smart decisions about energy efficiency. For example, eligible HVAC upgrades and retrofits can receive \$1.85/kWh saved up to 80% of project cost through the Building Tune-Up program. This presentation will be specific to Pennsylvania, but there are similarities for those working on projects in Maryland and New Jersey.

Kevin is a professional with experience working for and with local and regional governments, non-profits, private businesses, utilities, and political campaigns. His work has centered on sustainability initiatives with tangible benefits to quality of life, economic opportunity, and environmental health. As the Senior Outreach Specialist for Willdan, Kevin educates FirstEnergy customers on utility incentives and creates value for them by connecting their energy and cost goals to tangible projects. Kevin also educates, recruits, and trains contractors who become the Program Allies that implement energy-saving projects. Outside of work, Kevin enjoys travel and partakes in many outdoor activities including biking, climbing, hiking, and camping.

**Bud Fogleman (PPL Utilities)**

Bud is a SR. Account Manager with PPL Electric Utilities Business Energy Efficiency Program

**A Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to attendees**

**Location: The Woodlands Inn**

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**Schedule:** 5:00-5:45 p.m. Business Meeting (All are Welcome)  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar)  
6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner/Program Registration  
6:30-7:15 p.m. Dinner (Buffet)  
7:15-8:30 p.m. Announcements & Presentation

**Cost:** \$ 35.00 advanced registration, cash, or check / \$ 40.00 credit card at the door / FREE for Students

Only If You Are Planning to Attend Please Respond by 2 pm on **FRIDAY, September 15, 2023**  
to James Pensyl at (570) 912-2422 or via e-mail at [c134@ashrae.net](mailto:c134@ashrae.net)

## **NEWS and Notes**

### **New Members**

Please welcome Mr. Stephen Mikolajczyk one of our newest members.

### **Newsletter Sponsors**

I hope all who sponsored our Chapters newsletter last year will continue with your support. Your check can be sent to Michael Mecchi, Treasurer, or given to any of our Officers at the next meeting.

If anyone else would like to sponsor the newsletter, or know of someone who might, please contact myself, or any of the Officers.

### **Technology Corner**

Technical articles are always welcome to be included in our newsletter. If you have a technical article that you would like to see included in a future edition of the *NEWS*, please submit articles to CTTC Chair Dennis Gochoel [c134prg@ashrae.net](mailto:c134prg@ashrae.net) for consideration.

# Photos From CRC



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## *ANTHRACITE CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS 2022-23*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
Sept. 19	Membership/ Bring-a-Buddy	PA Commercial Utility Incentive Programs First Energy and PPL	Kevin Lugo Bud Fogelman
Oct. 17		Plant Tour of PT Tubes, Waymart PA Dinner to follow at the Gravity Inn, Waymart PA	Plant Tour
Nov. 14	Research Promotion/ Donor Recognition	Decarbonization- Lessons Learned from the Rainforests Location: East Mountain Inn	Tracy Jumper*
December	Research Promotion Social/ Formal	TBD	--
Jan. 17	Family Fun Night	W/B Penguins Game and Arena Refrigeration Plant Tour, Mohegan Sun Areana.	Plant Tour
Jan 20. -Jan 24	Winter Conference/AHR Expo	2024 ASHRAE Winter Conference & AHR Expo, Chicago, IL	--
Feb. 21	Engineer's Week Joint Meeting w/ SMACNA	TBD Location: Cooper's Seafood Scranton PA	TBD
Mar. 21	Nominating Night Joint Mtg. w/ AIA	Don't Let your BIM go Boom Location: Apple Tree Terrace, Dallas PA	Mitchell Swann*
April 18	Students/Membership	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership Promotion Mixer and Corn Hole Tournament Location: Susquehanna Brewing Company Pittston PA	--
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Past-Presidents</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>Location: Sand Springs, Drums PA</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Jun. 18	Fun & Fellowship	Mark A. Hagan, PE Memorial Golf Outing	--
Aug.	Chapters Regional Conf. 8/15/24 thru 8/17/24	2024 Region III CRC, Bethlehem, PA	--

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