



## Chapter Traditions

While attending our last Board of Governor's meeting and listening to the board and committee chairs discuss activities for this year, I got to thinking about chapter "traditions" of times past but have been lost for one reason or another. Some of the activities below lasted longer than others, but each of them were practiced for multiple years; some for decades:

- Banners hanging on the walls and from the ceiling at the chapter meetings.
- Officers and guest speakers all sitting in a row at the head table during chapter meetings.
- All meetings being evening (dinner) meetings with an open bar.
- Separate tech sessions before each main chapter meeting.
- Having a joint meeting each year with the Tulsa (Northeastern OK) chapter, with the meeting location alternating each year between our place and their place.
- "Roasts" of past presidents for fun at one of the meetings.
- An annual chapter tennis tournament.
- Every member receiving a printed roster booklet at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of each year.
- One meeting a year dedicated to student chapter presentations on their ASHRAE research.

Can any of you "ole timers" remember any others that have gone by the wayside? Some long standing traditions remain active. Thanks to Jim Wolfe for keeping the metal badges tradition alive! Also, thanks to Bryan Garcia for organizing the fall golf outing each year. By taking this stroll down memory lane, I'm not trying to infer that we need to bring back any or all of the items in the list above. We have some new activities that are quickly becoming traditions, such as the sporting clays shoot and poker tournaments (thanks to Chris Dolan). Another recent "tradition" that many look forward to is having fun YEA events every year. Times change and the leadership is doing a great job customizing today's activities and procedures to best serve the membership.

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