This Book is Dedicated in Memory of

Thomas C. “Tom” Taylor Jr.
August 7, 1942 – April 6, 2017

We began the 2017 AAHE Annual Meeting with heavy hearts learning that an old friend and devoted member had passed away only several days prior. Tom spent most of his career as an Executive Engineer for hospitals in Batesville and El Dorado; eventually retiring in 1994 from the Medical Center of South Arkansas after 12 years. He was a 32nd degree mason and a U.S. Army veteran. After graduating Cave City High School, he earned an engineering degree from the University of Southern California. He was also a licensed real estate agent. Throughout his life he was an avid wood carver.

In 1992, Tom received the A.W. “Doc” Zimmerly Award for Outstanding Leadership in Engineering. He served as a board member for 10 years, holding the President position from 1984-85. He served as a state instructor for AAHE and was awarded “Senior” status within the organization. In addition to his service on the Advisory Board of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s School of Engineering, Tom was a former staff member of the Office of Emergency Services.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 55 years, Donna; three children; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings, and one grandchild. Several of his grandchildren have benefitted from the AAHE Scholarship Program. AAHE has been permanently impacted by the dedication and support of Tom and his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Despite his successes in his professional career, Tom was quoted many times as saying that his greatest accomplishment in life was being a husband, father, and grandfather.
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What
AAHE is a non-profit educational corporation, established on April 23, 1966 and incorporated on July 2, 1982.

Purpose
AAHE is an organized and functioning society for the advancement of scientific knowledge in the profession of healthcare engineering.

Motto
Education through Association

Affiliations
American Society for Healthcare Engineering
(an affiliate of American Hospital Association)

Arkansas Hospital Association
A Message From Our President

Mark Robertson

AAHE Members,

Spring is here, the days are getting longer, and we are excited for our annual meeting in Hot Springs. We have several ASHE-Level speakers including Steve Spaanbroek, Tim Adams, George Mills and more. We had a good turnout to our Scholarship Trap Shoot. Despite the heavy rains, we still had 19 teams competing. We have completed review of our our By-laws to update them and make sure they reflect the intentions of AAHE. We have done lots of work starting the Sustainability Program. This work not only helps facilities monitor energy consumption, but it is also a requirement to keep our ASHE “Platinum Elite” status. AAHE was honored to once again reach “Platinum Elite” status, the highest ranking level given to chapters by ASHE. We are still focusing on attaining new members and working to get all of Arkansas hospitals involved. We hope to have a record crowd at our Hawaiian Luau themed annual meeting! It was a great year working with you all, and I appreciate your continued support of our organization.

Thank you,
Mark

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bonding on the course

19th Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit the Scholarship Trust
Longhills Golf Club, Benton AR
September 25, 2017

putting in effort
This year we hosted our 4th annual trap shooting competition, benefiting the Arkansas Hospital Engineers' Scholarship Trust. Nineteen teams came out to participate. Thanks to the constant rain throughout the day, we were able to spend more time sheltered inside bonding with our loyal Business Partners. Thanks to Telco Federal Credit Union for donating a delicious pizza lunch.
succession planning

This summer we employed 3 students from different universities in Arkansas with the support of 3 local hospitals. The students involved in the program spent 12 weeks learning different ways engineering can be used in healthcare in hopes that they will one day join us in this whirlwind industry.

Towards the end of the summer, the students were able to join ASHE members at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN. There they had the opportunity to make connections with healthcare professionals and student interns from other chapters around the country. Arkansas has been one of the leading chapters to support the ASHE Internship Program since its inception several years ago.

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scholarship trust

The purpose of this trust is to establish and maintain a college scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to students attending a college or other qualifying educational institution of their choice majoring in a course of study designed to qualify them for employment in hospital engineering or other health-related professions. This year we were able to grant 13 scholarships, a total of $26,500, due to our fundraising efforts. The students were recognized during the banquet at the Annual Meeting. Below are the recipients of the 2017 awards.

Arch Gilchrist Scholarship Trust
Jack Mathis, son of Charles Mathis

Curtis G. “Curt” Belin Scholarship Trust
Avery Croswell, granddaughter of Darrel Croswell

Past Presidents’ Scholarship Trust
Hanna Bean, daughter of Jimmy Gage Bean
Sydney Calvert, daughter of Joseph Calvert
Victoria Elizandro, daughter of Scott Nellis
Paige Francis, daughter of Mark Francis
Anna Frost, daughter of Todd Frost
Kayla Harrington, daughter of Joe Knight
Charles “Charlie” Mathis IV, son of Charles Mathis
Victoria Rushing, daughter of Paul Lewis
Emma Taylor, granddaughter of Tom Taylor
Katie Thompson, daughter of Dwayne Thompson
Annual Meeting and Trade Show
Hotel Hot Springs & Spa, Hot Springs AR
April 12 - 14, 2017

This year’s Annual meeting was a two-and-a-half-day event with top-notch speakers. We began Wednesday with a CHC Prep-Course hosted by two ASHE Faculty members. A Welcome Reception sponsored by Powers of Arkansas followed. Thursday morning started with an ASHE Report from our Regional Director, Tony Suarez; a session on Compliance from Steven Spaanbroek of MSL who is also an ASHE Faculty member; a session on Quality of Work by Tim Adams, ASHE Faculty; a session by Jodi Spakes from Philips regarding MRI technology; and wrapped up the day with a hilarious and inspiring speech from a surprise Keynote Speaker, local TV personality Craig O’Neill. We hosted our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony that evening, keeping in line with this year’s theme: Country Western. We recognized our student Scholarship Winners and outstanding members for the year, and then had some fun with a mechanical bull and karaoke. Friday continued more educational sessions including: George Mills from The Joint Commission on Code Updates, Thom Wellington from Wellington Environmental on Infection Prevention, Steve Dickson from Phillips Healthcare on Automation vs Clinical Application, and Jim Miguel from Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in San Francisco on Leadership.
54th ASHE Annual
Indianapolis, IN
August 5 - 9, 2017

Representatives from the Arkansas Chapter attended the 54th ASHE Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN. The Chapter once again received the “Platinum Elite” Award, the highest status offered by ASHE. Arkansas has met the requirements for this award each year since it has been offered. This year’s Outing was hosted at the Dallara Indycar factory. The Arkansas group had a fun time learning about the history of the Indycar design, changing tires (pit-crew style), and even riding around the block in the back of a real Indycar.
Fall Conference
Delta Resort and Spa, Tillar AR
October 26, 2017


Winter Conference
Saline Memorial Hospital, Benton AR
January 26, 2018

Doug Erickson, CEO of the Facility Guidelines Institute, brought us up to speed with the 2018 FGI Guideline updates, while simultaneously a clinical session was held on medical device testing by Gary Hoffman from Prank Technologies. After lunch, Diane Hughes, Director of Emergency Preparedness at UAMS Medical Center, shared some of the clean-up and reorganization projects she has been working on to update the EP plans and protocols at her facility. Kristen Bendele, Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness at UAMS Medical Center, gave a recap of her time with her Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) when they were recently deployed to Puerto Rico after hurricanes Irma and Maria.