



## Let's Do Lunch

### A Brief But Relevant History Of The Move To Chapter Meeting At Noon

The October 1998 chapter meeting was held at the Embassy Suites (US 281 & Jones Maltzberger):

- 5:30 PM: Tech Session by Delta Controls Products
- 6:30 PM: Dinner/Program - Delta Controls Products
- Cost: \$13.00 Members, \$6.50 Students

In the October 1998 president's message in The Squirrel Cage, Bob Gleeson stated "I am sorry to say that we are moving our meeting location again this month. We are working on finding a permanent location that has satisfactory meals as well as a facility at a reasonable price, and we all know that is a hard job." Loss of revenue was reported due to "no-Shows." The September meeting had an attendance of 35, and 17 registered members did not show up. The newsletter cost of printing and mailing were being assisted by contributions by newsletter sponsors each month, but no action to raise cost of meals or billing the "no-shows" was taken. Fast forward to September 2002, a new president, Stu Werner, and a new location, The Holiday Inn Express (Airport Loop 410 & Jones Maltzberger Road):

- 5:30 PM: Social Hour (Tech Sessions)
- 6:30 PM: Dinner
- 7:30 PM: Program - ASHARE White Paper: Comparison of Building Energy: Parallel or Series
- Cost: \$20.00 with Reservations & \$24.00 at the Door

The Chapter had lost its battle at holding the price and was still having attendee problems, but had not given up. In November 2002, President Stu Werner announced a new location, The Oak Hills Country Club (5403 Fredericksburg Road):

- 11:50AM: Lunch
- 12:00PM: Program - Low NO<sub>x</sub> Regulations for Boilers
- Cost: \$15.00 with Reservations & 20.00 at the Door
- Sponsored by Mechanical Representatives

Attendance increased that fiscal year from a low in September 2002 of 39 to a high in May 2003 of 65 for an average of 51.6 per meeting. The 2003-2004 year had a low of 59, a high of 77 for an average of 66.1. The 2004-2005 year had a low of 57, a high of 106 for an average of 77.3. The 2005-2006 year had a low of 57, a high of 84 for an average of 63.7. The Rest is History.

Sincerely,

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**Disclaimer:** Attendance figures are best available, but incomplete.