

## History - Past President Interview with Andy Manos

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Andy Manos has been heavily involved in the Long Island Chapter of ASHRAE for years. He is also holds a position at the Regional Level. He was kind enough to take some time and share some of his experiences through ASHRAE both as President and as a chapter member.

Name & Title: **Andrew Manos, Mechanical Engineer**

Born & Raised: **West Islip, NY**

Schools: **NYIT**

Degrees: **BSME**

1. What attracted you to engineering and the HVAC industry? I have always had a mechanical mind and pursued an internship for an engineering firm while in High School. While at this internship I decided to go to college for mechanical engineering at NYIT. It was at NYIT where I was introduced to the HVAC industry. I had taken HVAC related courses and enjoyed them. I met many people in these courses and was told of a job opportunity in the field which I interviewed for and was hired.

2. What was your first job in the HVAC industry and where did it lead? My First Job was at James Lasala designing Data Centers, Schools, Office Buildings etc... across the country. It led to learning many different design aspects based on location, building types and requirements of the clients. It was also at James Lasala I met my mentor Joe Leno, he taught me many different aspects of MEP design and without his technical expertise it would have been difficult to advance as far as I have.

3. Describe the industry at that time. The industry was doing very well in the late 90's to early 2000's since the economy was being fueled by the dot commers. Once the economy collapsed Schools and Fire Departments became the next trend of MEP Design

4. How and when did you get started in ASHRAE? While in College I was a student member but it was not until I started working at James Lasala that it was recommended for me to become more active and join the board.

5. What was your ASHRAE chapter, regional and Society experience? While in the chapter I moved up through the many different positions through the years and learned what each chairs responsibility was and how that related to the operations of Society. Now that I'm in the Region, I support the chapter chairs in assisting them in their operations to ensure that the chapter is successful. At the Society Level I'm a member of many Technical Committees including TC 9.1 Large Building Air-Conditioning Systems and 9.8 Large Building Air-Conditioning Applications.

6. What was your presidential theme? My theme followed the Society Presidents theme which was "Shaping the Next" which involved, how we can reach the future we desire for ASHRAE, for our industry, and for our world.

7. What do you consider to be the major accomplishments during your term? Getting all the chairs to come together and earn the Golden Gavel Award for the chapter's accomplishments.

8. What has ASHRAE meant to you personally? ASHRAE is what you make it, I have learned a lot about the industry and will keep on learning with all the new technology coming out. I have met many great people from all different walks of life through the years and it is this that I keep on being an active member.

9. What advice would you give to a young person entering the HVAC field? There are many resources available to you, by joining your local ASHRAE chapter and getting involved you will meet many great people and it is through these relationships you can advance your career.

10. What other interests and/or hobbies do you have? I like to restore classic cars, my previous restoration projects were a 1965 Buick Skylark, a 1968 Impala Super Sport Convertible and my current projects are a 1977 GMC ¾ ton Pickup and a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass.