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### ASHRAE 2016-2017 Past President's Interview



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**2007-2008 Past Chapter President**

1. What do you like to do in your free time? *Spend time with my family, boating and golfing. I also binge watch TV shows. My latest is "How I Met Your Mother". I never watched it when it was on TV but now my two teenage sons got me into it. With 208 episodes, I'll be watching it for a while. Please don't spoil it for me and tell me who Ted finally marries.*
2. Where have you worked in the past? *I interned at Lizardos Engineering Associates while going to college in the late 80's. My first job out of school in 1990 was Joseph R. Loring and Associates. I also spent a few years at BJLJ Engineers and Architects before landing at MG Engineering where I've been for the past 23 years.*
3. When and why did you decide to pursue a career in HVAC&R? *I really wanted to be an architect but had zero artistic skills. With engineering in my DNA, HVAC&R was a good way to go and be actively involved in construction projects. I was fortunate to have an internship which gave me a good sense of the industry.*
4. When did you join ASHRAE? *I started out as a student member in 1988 while in college.*
5. What was the year you held the president position in ASHRAE LI? *2007. It was my honor to preside over the chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*
6. When/Why did you decide to join the board? *1999. My brother and partner Michael was finishing up his tour on the board as president. It was a good opportunity to continue MG Engineering's support of the chapter.*
7. What do you feel was the greatest contribution you made in ASHRAE? *I've chaired the golf outing for the past 10 years. In that time it raised over \$130,000 for chapter operations and resource promotions. But that's only a drop in a very large bucket considering all the good things ASHRAE does and the money it needs.*
8. How has ASHRAE played a significant role in your career? *Being an active participant on the board and various committees gave me tremendous appreciation and insight into the important things that ASHRAE does and how it gets done.*
9. What recommendation would you make towards students showing interest in HVAC&R? *Get involved. But it's not enough to just become a member. Come to meetings, participate in committees, join the board, go to the CRC's and maybe even get involved at the regional and national levels. The people you will meet and the things you will do and learn will enrich your personal and professional lives.*

*Oh, and watch the "License to Chill" video ASHRAE produced about 11 years ago. You can look it up on YouTube. It's a classic.*