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**Saturday December 6, 2003**

## *PAST PRESIDENT'S AND FAMILY DAY*

This year, our annual Christmas function will take place at our regular meeting spot: the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Come join your our chapter's past presidents, members and their families for a great meal, an afternoon of Christmas Caroling and fellowship with special guest, entertainer Don Simpson.

Date: Saturday December 6th  
Time: 1:30 - 6:00 P.M.  
Location: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club  
Cost: Members and Guests \$35.00  
Students \$25.00  
Children under 12 \$15.00

Dinner Menu: Assorted Rolls and Breads  
Tureen of Soup  
Salads  
Roast Beef au jus, Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Turkey, Bread Stuffing, Cranberry  
Mashed Potatoes  
Glazed Sweet Potatoes  
Medley of Vegetables  
Dessert Buffet including pies, pastries, tortes fruit platter)

If you plan on attending could you please email the number of people in your group to Brian Beninger at [brian@beninger.ca](mailto:brian@beninger.ca)



**Royal Hamilton Yacht Club**  
**North End of McNab, On Hamilton Harbour**  
(See Our Web Site If You Need A Map - /[www.vaxxine.com/ashrae/](http://www.vaxxine.com/ashrae/))



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## Chapter History

### Hamilton Chapter Charter Member Donald S. Harper P. Eng, B. S., U of T Historical Bio

Our featured Member this month is Don Harper, one of the founding members of the Hamilton Chapter.

Don was born and raised in Toronto and graduated from East York Collegiate. Prior to entering the U of T, he acquired his initial interest in HVAC by working with Ontario Plumbing in Toronto where they taught their employees heat loss calculations. Don notes that his father, a Plumbing Salesman, actually helped him get the job and encouraged him to learn about the rapidly evolving heating business.

After graduating from the U of T, Don got interested in a company called Trane who was introducing a broad range of HVAC equipment to Canada including new designs in air conditioning and refrigeration. So in 1953, Don was hired by Trane and most of us who have known Don for the past 40 years as "Mr Trane". He worked 37 years for the company in the Hamilton area. As was popular in this period, his first 6 months was spent in La Crosse Wisconsin where they put their young engineers through a comprehensive heating and air conditioning course.

Realizing the growth in HVAC in this area, Don and other key players such as Gary Elliott and Lloyd Algie organized a group of ASHRAE members and others in HVAC and arranged an organizational meeting on March 1st, 1959 to form an ASHRAE Chapter to be called the Niagara Peninsula Chapter which eventually became the Hamilton Chapter. The meeting was held in the Elizabeth Room at Fischer's Hotel on York Street and was crowded with ASHRAE Members and many more interested individuals. Needing at least 25 members who were already ASHRAE Members from this area to form a chapter, this was easily attained. It was agreed to ask Don Angus, the ASHRAE Region 2 Director to partition ASHRAE Board of Directors for a charter for a new ASHRAE chapter to be located in Hamilton. Don Angus was successful at the June Annual Meeting of ASHRAE, and on October 22nd, 1959, the chapter charter was presented to the new Chapter Executive with Lloyd Algie as President, Gary Elliott as VP, Bob Brace as Treasurer, Bill Carr as Secretary and Don Harper as a Board of Governor.

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Soon Don progressed through the Chairs and became President in 1963. Doug McCoppen was VP. The chapter continued to meet at Fischer's Hotel for a few more meetings when it was forced to move to the Professional Arts Bldg as Fischer's was demolished as part of the city's new urban renewal program. Of interest, in May of '64, the chapter went on a tour of the new auto plant in Oakville – Ford! Dinner/meeting prices continued at \$4.00/meeting. Spring golf was \$4 for golf and \$4 for a steak dinner. But then again, salaries were much less. For many of the older members in the chapter, Don was the faithful Trane rep who could always get you answers and prices no matter the size of the job or the replacement part needed ASAP.

After retiring in 1990, Don joined the Canadian Hydronics Council. He presented training seminars on Under Floor Radiant Heating designs and systems from coast to coast. He worked with Consulting Engineers and Contractors to obtain quotations and orders for radiant systems. He retired from this activity after a busy 6 years.

Don was married in 1955 and had four children. A couple of them are in HVAC – Doug (Sandy) is with Baily Controls/Computers; Jim (Mary) is at Dofasco in Galvanize; Keith (Mary Anne) is with Union Energy in HVAC; and Donna (Kevin) is Manager with a container operation in Burlington. Each family has 2 children so Don has some 8 grandchildren to keep him entertained.

Don advised that his wife Joan has some medical problems so Don is learning to cook and do the shopping. Don continues to play golf and snooker with friends six days and week which keeps him very active. Joan and Don are looking forward to a cruise in the New Year.

We were all we happy and surprised to see Don at our November 2003 Chapter Meeting. The Hamilton chapter is blessed with having some of our original Charter Members after 44 years still attending our meetings. This has to be unique in any organization. And these Charter members were the individuals who organized the chapter in 1959.

Don – great to see you again at a chapter meeting. I hope you can do join us many more times.

*George Menzies, Hamilton Chapter Historian 03/04*

### ***A Message from the TEGA Chair***

1. Do you ever read ASHRAE Insights? It comes with your Journal, on a monthly basis. Lots of interesting articles and comments and well worth a few minutes of your time.

2. Going to the 2004 ASHRAE Winter meeting Jan 24-28 in Anaheim Calif. ? You can register on line at [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org). Follow the links. Tired of sitting around the pool? The ASHREA Learning Institute is offering a number of courses at the Winter Meeting. You can sign up at [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org) or by using the 1-800-527-4723 number or after Dec. 5, at the conference. The courses take about three hours.

3. ASHRAE Journal articles can be submitted to [fturner@ashrae.org](mailto:fturner@ashrae.org).

4. Mark the Green Building Meeting in Jan. 04 on your calendar. Should be a very interesting presentation. A great opportunity to bring together two groups that have basically the same objectives in mind for their clients.

*Steve Glover, Hamilton Chapter TEGA Chair 03/04*

## **2003 - 2004 Meeting Schedule**

This year's meeting schedule is summarised below. Except for some special events, all meetings will be held at the **Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, North end of McNab St. on Hamilton Harbour - If you need a map, check out our web site at <http://www.vaxxine.com/ashrae/>**. During the 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Social Hour, a half hour "technical session" on the basics of a particular subject relating to our industry is presented. If a session sounds interesting to you, feel free to attend. Presentations are made by our members and this forum is open to all who wish to share his or her expertise. New products and/or services are presented informally via a "table top demonstration". After dinner, the main topic of the evening is presented by a "feature speaker". If you are interested in presenting a technical session, book the table top space to promote your product or service, or if you have a suggestion for a feature subject and/or speaker, please contact please contact Chris McClelland, our Programs Chair. There is a charge of \$ 75.00 for "Table Top" demonstration space, and this includes a business card ad for two months.

### ***Did you say that you wanted to sit in the "GOLDS"?***

Attention all ASHRAE members who would like to bring guests to an ASHRAE meeting. Special "ASHRAE" meeting "GUEST DINNER TICKETS" are available at the special price of \$108.00 for a book of 4 tickets. These tickets allow you to treat a special friend or customer to a meeting. They will work even though you may not be able to attend! These special tickets will insure that your guest is properly introduced to ASHRAE. Pick up yours today! Contact a member to the executive or see your sales rep at the next meeting!!

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