

1995 Chapter History Night

In March 1995 we held a special panel discussion as our program for Chapter History Night. This night was special because it was one of the major events representing the history of our chapter and the industry in the Tampa area. Also, 1994-95 was the centennial year for ASHRAE and this event was put together to commemorate ASHRAE's 100th anniversary.

Mr. Fareed T. Ossi (Past President 1970-71), Mr. Furman Whitaker (Life Member), and Mr. James A. Hargan (Past President 1962-63) were our panel members. We asked several questions about the industry, past practices in engineering and contracting, changes that they thought were significant to the industry, and many related questions. This night was also Past Presidents Night and many of our Past Presidents were in attendance. We were also visited by Mr. Ben Knox, one of the Atlanta Chapter members who helped start the Florida West Coast Chapter. Ben told us of how things were in the 50's and how he and a member from the Miami Chapter met with some of our founding members in Tampa to discuss the formation of the chapter in 1956.

Many of our members told us of how much they enjoyed the discussion and how great it was to have such a meeting topic. Many expressed an interest in having another similar meeting. The attached pictures are from this special occasion.