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Presidents Message

Hey Philly ASPE!

Fall is officially here, and our chapter is rolling right along. A huge thank you to everyone who made our September kickoff at Pennoni such a great time. It was awesome catching up with everyone and starting the season off strong. A quick reminder to keep getting involved: check out our AYP and Women of ASPE events, and don't hesitate to drag a coworker along to our next dinner meeting. The more, the merrier!

Lastly, a massive thank you to our sponsors and affiliate members. Your ongoing support keeps our chapter running strong.

Check out the details in this newsletter, grab your spot for the next meeting, and I'll see you there.
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OCTOBER 22ND	Water Heater DOE Updates *Seasons 52 (KOP)*
NOVEMBER 19TH	Vacuum Waste Systems *Moshulu*
DECEMBER 17TH	LEED v5 Plumbing Points: Water Efficiency & Innovation Topics *Virtual*
JANUARY 21ST	Union Events *Local 690*
FEBUARY 18TH	Networking throughout your career - Panel Discussion *Urban Engineers*
MARCH 11TH	Fire Protection 101 *Seasons 52 (KOP)*
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Topic: Water Heater DOE Updates
Speaker: Lauren Berenato | Bradford White

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Membership News

Hello all,

We are into October and it has come to the board's attention that we are in need of creating a membership committee. This committee will help with event planning, member retention, as well as
Did you know we are the 4th largest ASPE Chapter in the country? We are up from 5th place in 2025. Thank you to everyone who is a part of this chapter. Below is the list of the 10 largest chapters around the North America.

	Chapter	Total
1	New York City	445
2	Boston	334
3	Chicago	286
4	**Philadelphia**	**268**
5	Dallas/Ft. Worth	263
6	Houston	243
7	Los Angeles	216
8	Atlanta	212
9	Region 9 Total:	187
10	Central Texas	176

The above numbers are from ASPE National as of September 8, 2026. There are 7,771 members in all ASPE around the North America with 67 chapters.
The size of the chapter decides how many delegates we send to the ASPE conference. This year, for the first time ever we will be sending 10 delegates to the ASPE Conference. This is important because the chapters vote on the bi-laws of the society. The elections are run like the electoral college where the larger the population the more votes our chapter receives in the election.
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We missed last year's milestones – please accept our apologies. Although we are a few months late in the recognition, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the members who reached significant membership milestones during the 2025-2026 chapter year.

Thank you for your years of dedication, support, and commitment to both the Philadelphia Chapter and the plumbing engineering profession. Your continued involvement has helped strengthen our chapter and its impact on the industry.

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Please join us in congratulating these nineteen members for their continued dedication to ASPE and the Philadelphia Chapter. A special recognition goes to **Dave Smith, who has been a member for FORTY YEARS!** Wow – thank you Dave for still being involved with our chapter.

Alex, Mitch, and Laura – thank you serving on our chapter's board in such critical roles for our success. Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating you in November at our members' recognition dinner.

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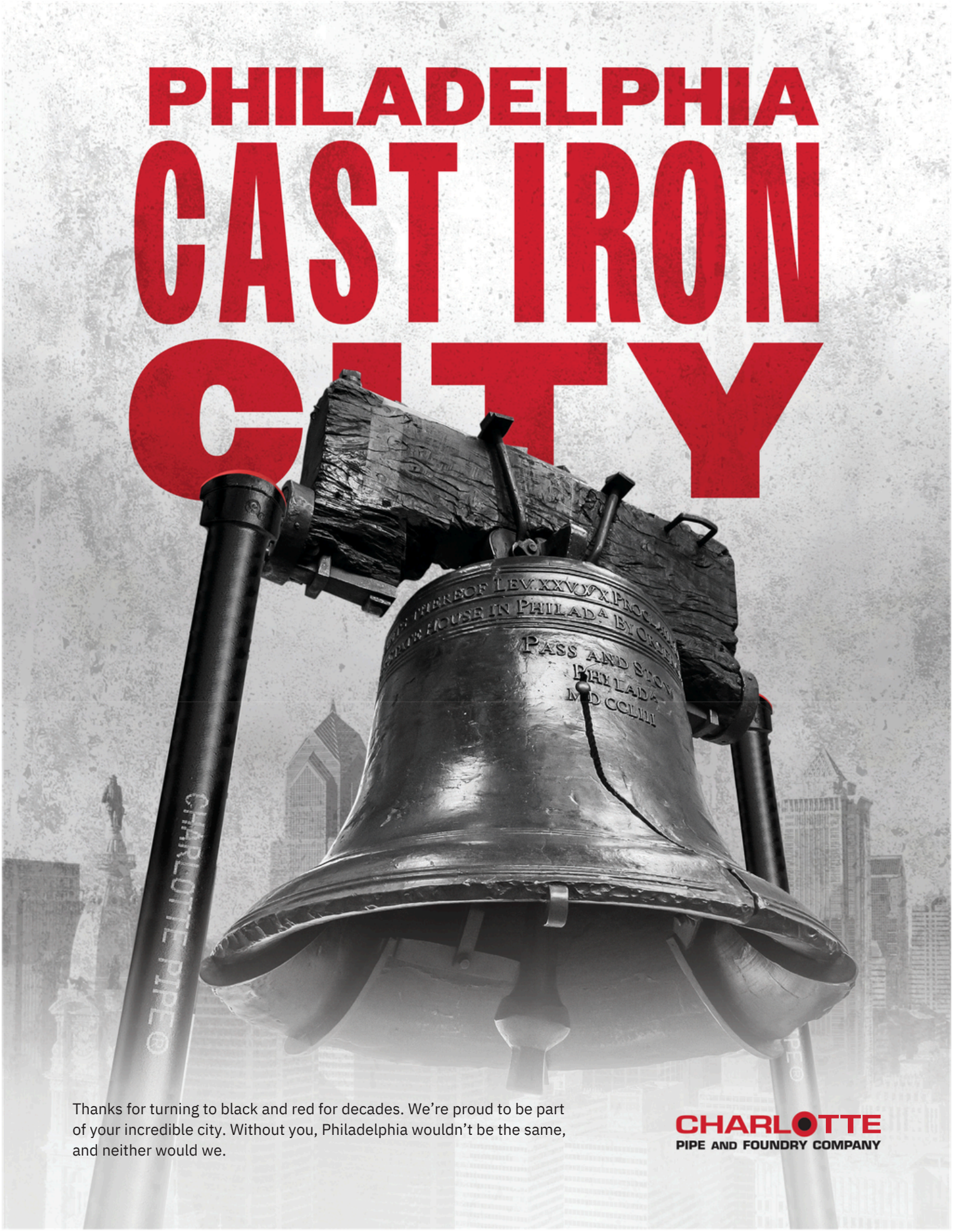
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AYP/WOA News

It was great to see everyone at the Golf Outing at RiverWinds, as well as our kick-off dinner meeting at Pennoni's office! Even with these two events behind us, we have so much to look forward to over the next few weeks. The ASPE Expo & Convention, including the Business Meeting where the next term of ASPE Leaders will be elected will begin on October 8th and run through the following Wednesday with numerous tech sessions, hundreds of booths, fun parties, and tons of networking opportunities. If you plan to attend, please look for me there!

Our speakers for the rest of the technical season are finalized, and you can find this on the Meetings page of our website. In October, we're lucky to have one of our own, Lauren Berenato, VPM, presenting at Seasons 52!

I'm excited to announce our upcoming WOA Exclusive Event (which you won't see on the Meeting list yet) to be held at Olfactory in Philadelphia! We are set for Thursday, 12/3, and I hope you can join us to build your own custom scent, network, and have some fun with our Philadelphia WOA members. To learn more about this, please contact me directly!

See you soon,
Nikita

October BIRTHDAYS

1. Arthur Abraham
2. Timothy Bartrand
3. Kevin Brace
4. Brian Broker
5. David Brown
6. Michael Carfagno
7. Clayton Hathaway
8. Steve Heidengren
9. David Hofmeister
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12. Mark Lund
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22. Jan Drayton
23. Rafael Nova
24. Nikita Patel
25. Luke Galan
26. James Wardell

October EXPIRATIONS

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1. Alex Barbieri
2. David Brown
3. Timothy Crowley
4. Chris DellaSala
5. Matthew Dorchak
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7. Luke Galan
8. Patrick Leonard
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Legislative News

Hello all!

The Senate will reconvene on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 at 9:30 AM, and the House will reconvene Monday, October 5, 2026.

I hope everyone is enjoying some cooler weather!
This month's topic covers the new Formal Interpretation of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), specifically regarding hot water heaters. The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) is a global organization responsible for the development of plumbing and mechanical codes, product certification, and professional accredited training. IAPMO recently released a Formal Interpretation of Section 603.5.10 of the UPC.
Section 603.5.10 of the UPC pertains to steam and hot water boilers. The full explanation can be found in the UPC code book, but the general explanation as it pertains to this topic is as follows: Potable water connections to steam or hot water boilers require a double check valve backflow prevention assembly. This explanation sparked a bit of confusion as to whether water heaters intended only for heating domestic potable water would fall under this section, thus requiring a double check assembly.

The Formal Interpretation was balloted through the Plumbing Technical Committee (PTC) and provides clarity on the confusion regarding water heaters and double check valves. It states that water heaters intended only for heating domestic potable water do NOT fall under Section 603.5.10 of the UPC, while hot water boilers, and hydronic space heating applications still do. This Interpretation will go into effect, and apply to the 2021, 2024 and 2027 editions of the UPC this month unless an appeal is filed by October 9th, 2026.

It is important for plumbing designers and manufacturers to understand what assemblies distinct types of equipment require, so paying attention to updates and interpretations helps to provide clarity and necessary information.
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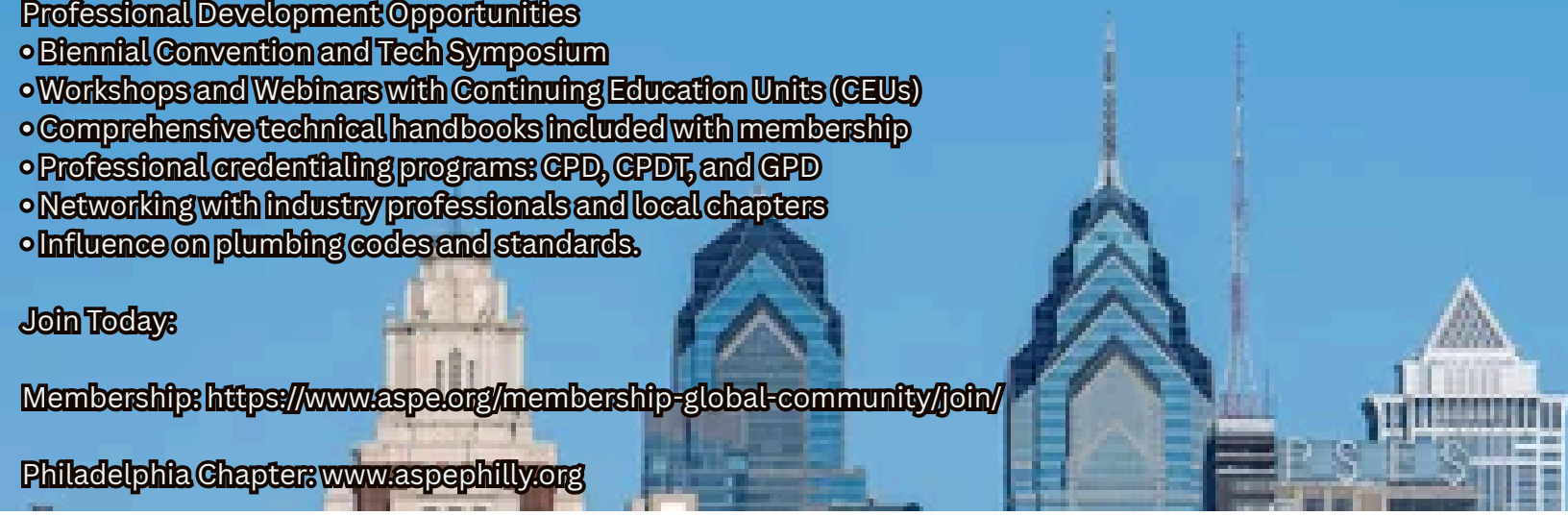
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"If my calculations are correct, when this baby hits 88 miles per hour, you're gonna see some serious ." We don't have the flux capacitor yet and the Department of Energy would likely frown upon the use of 1.21 gigawatts – Great Scott!!
While Doc Brown is back in the future we do have someone even better - Lauren Berenato!! She is a Senior Manager of Business Development at Bradford White, specializing in plumbing and mechanical engineering. Since entering the plumbing industry in 2016, she has presented at 34 ASPE local chapters and delivered seven national ASPE presentations. Lauren is the ASPE Region 1 Affiliate Liaison and Vice President of Membership for the Philadelphia Chapter. She holds a Master's in Patent Law from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University.

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