

ASHRAE Fellow Questionnaire: Lou Kelter
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NJ ASHRAE Chapter

- 1. How did you become involved in the HVAC industry?**
 - Lou went to Brooklyn Technical HS for an Architectural degree and Pratt for an associate's degree in building science. His professional career began at a mechanical contractor, and then moved on to engineering firms from there.

- 2. Who has stood out to you as a person of significance in the HVAC field?**
 - Al Macfarlane, who patented the 3-pipe system
 - Rubin Brandice, who was a mentor to Lou

- 3. What major events have occurred in the HVAC field?**
 - ASHRAE handbooks to help design engineers

- 4. What would you change in HVAC if you could?**
 - The fee structure for engineers, which ends up forcing them to rush their work and work long hours.

- 5. When did you join ASHRAE?**
 - 1957

- 6. What prompted you to join ASHRAE?**
 - The ASHRAE Handbook

- 7. What has ASHRAE meant to you?**
 - It's "like riding a wave". It helped keep up with the industry, network, and learn about new technologies.

- 8. What are your special interests within ASHRAE?**
 - Keeping up with codes and standards

- 9. How could ASHRAE could improve?**
 - It's too expensive to belong. ASHRAE shows used to be free for fellows, but not anymore

- 10. What changes has ASHRAE made that you support?**
 - All changes within the industry

- 11. Do you any have any outside interests?**
 - Traveling. House committee for synagogue, Rutgers football, golf