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## **What is the Lou Flagg Historical Award? Nominations needed for 2015.**

The Lou Flagg Historical Award was established in 2002 “to recognize a Chapter Gold Ribbon Award winner for compiling information on outstanding historical projects or persons related to HVAC&R.” An outstanding Gold Ribbon Award historical presentation about an individual, system, invention, etc. can be submitted for the Lou Flagg Award through the Regional Historian to the Historical Committee. Please review information about this award on the ASHRAE Historical Page <https://www.ashrae.org/society-groups/committees/historical-committee> Look under “Awards” Nominations for the 2015 award are due December 1.

## **Still more on the ASHRAE Hall of Fame and the Pioneers of the Industry awards.**

Just to be sure the difference between the Hall of Fame award and the Pioneers of the Industry Award is clear. The Hall of Fame award is given to deceased members of ASHRAE or its predecessor societies who have distinguished themselves in their careers as well as in their service to ASHRAE. The person nominated for the award must have been a member of ASHRAE or its predecessors. Thus the focus of the Hall of Fame award is on service to the Society as well as the industry.

The Pioneers of the Industry award is given to deceased persons who have contributed significant advances in the art and science of HVAC&R. ASHRAE or predecessor society membership is not necessary to be considered for this award. The Pioneers of the Industry award is contribution to the HVAC&R industry focused. Since Society membership is not necessary, industry pioneers active before 1894 can be honored.

Further information and nomination forms can be seen at <https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/honors--awards/ashrae-honors-and-awards-program> The deadline is December 1.

## **2014 is the centennial of the invention of the successful household electric refrigerator.**

The first successfully mass-marketed household electric refrigerator was sold beginning in 1914. The refrigerator, called the DOMELRE (a contraction of DOMestic ELectric Refrigerator) was invented by ASRE Charter Member Fred Wolf Jr. and was marketed by the Mechanical Refrigerator Co. of Chicago and later by ISKO Inc. of Detroit. Although thousands were sold, the company went bankrupt in 1921. Fred Wolf Jr. was inducted into the ASHRAE Hall of Fame at the New York ASHRAE meeting. One of the DOMELRE refrigerating units, perhaps the only one extant, will soon be part of the ASHRAE Historical Archive in Atlanta. Read more about Wolf at <https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/honors--awards/hall-of-fame>

**Consider** attending the Historical Committee meeting on Sunday, at the Seattle meeting. Regional Historians are non-voting members of the committee. Chapter Historians are welcome and anyone else interested in History. Hope to see you there!

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