

Calendar of Events

June 2, 2026

Committee: EXPO

Meeting locations will vary between in-person & online

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

PJ Guarino,

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June 10, 2026

Luncheon: Managing Vertical Transportation From A Consulting Point Of View

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Define Elevator/Escalator Maintenance

Overview of Preventive Maintenance Contracts

When and Why You Should Modernize

Consultant Products & Services Overview

Equipment Evaluation Consulting

Maintenance Management

Inspection Services

Modernization Design & Services

Presenter:

Steve Broom is a vertical transportation professional with 27 years of experience in the elevator industry, including 25 years as an elevator contractor. Starting his career in the elevator industry in the late 90's, Steve worked his way up to an executive role with a major international elevator company, gaining deep technical, operational, and leadership expertise. He now brings this experience to VDA Elevator & Escalator Consulting & Inspections, where he has spent the past two years partnering with clients to effectively manage their vertical transportation assets. His work includes equipment assessments, maintenance contract consulting, modernization planning, and helping organizations reduce risk, control costs, and improve system performance.

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June 17, 2026

Committee: Holiday

Westech

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Wendy Richey,

wendy@austinhitech.com

June 18, 2026

Professional Series: Lead for Impact

1836 San Jacinto

9th Floor

Austin, TX 78701

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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How the Best Leaders Lead for Impact, Not Validation

Too often, leaders lead for validation instead of impact. (And most don't even realize it!). Many leaders unknowingly prioritize validation over impact which results in hesitancy, reliance on heroic efforts, and doubts about their team's capabilities. This approach leads to increased workload, decreased productivity, and unrealized potential.

The impact-driven leader, on the other hand, knows how to make meaning out of their sacrifice to regain personal engagement, determine their direction to sharpen focus and renew relationships to grow from every frustration. In this interactive session we'll explore the three pillars of Impact Leadership:

Impact

Discover how mindfulness goes beyond stress relief, evolving into a powerful tool to upgrade your mindset. Learn to be present, engaged, and leverage circumstances to nurture other leaders.

Right Action

Move beyond empathy and embrace the art of serving others. Learn to take appropriate actions that alleviate suffering without resorting to rescuing, fostering a culture of empowerment.

Right Motive

Understand that the motive behind your actions is as crucial as the actions themselves. Honest self-reflection allows you to demand more without compromising respect.

Whether you're a parent, business owner, CEO, team leader, or member of a team if you find yourself dreading the responsibility of work, feeling increasing frustration with your team or family, or growing bitter in your closest relationships, the Lead for Impact framework offers a solution.

Presenter:

Reagan Pugh is a sought-after keynote speaker and workshop leader, engaging thousands each year with insights on storytelling and culture. He has worked with major organizations like Facebook, Pepsi, Whirlpool, and the U.S. Military.

Previously, he served as Chief Storyteller for a global consulting firm, guiding programs at Nike, Western Digital, and Kimberly-Clark. A former Teach for America educator, he launched an award-winning theater program on the Rosebud Reservation.

Reagan has taught at Texas State, Trinity, and Angelo State University and has spoken at over 50 college campuses. A TEDx speaker and frequent podcast guest, he also secretly publishes poetry—ask him about it!

He lives in Nashville, with his wife, Elle, and new baby along with furry labrador.

June 23, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

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June 25, 2026

Training: From Plant to Zone - How Commercial HVAC Systems Really Work

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Join us for a comprehensive overview of commercial HVAC systems, designed to give building engineers a clear understanding of how major components work together to support building operations. This session will cover central plants, air handling units, self-contained and rooftop units, VAV and fan-powered boxes, outside air systems, fan coil units, and VRF systems. Attendees will gain insight into system design, functionality, and common failure points across each component, along with key considerations for performance, efficiency, and maintenance. Whether you're new to the field or looking to strengthen your knowledge, this session provides practical, real-world insights you can apply immediately.

Click here for detailed agenda.

PRESENTED BY:

Holden Shamburger
HVACTIME | Chiller Academy
ChillerAcademy.com | HVACTime.shop

With over a decade in the HVAC industry, Holden Shamburger specializes in chillers and VRF systems. Starting in residential and light commercial work, he transitioned to heavy commercial service while in trade school. Passionate about training the next generation, he founded Chiller Academy, an online platform dedicated to HVAC education, and HVACTIME, providing industry insights and resources.

July 9, 2026

Committee: Community Services

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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July 22, 2026

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July 23, 2026

Training: Parking Garage Maintenance

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

More details coming soon

July 28, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

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July 29, 2026

Community Services: Central Texas Food Bank Volunteer

Central Texas Food Bank

6500 Metropolis Drive

Austin, TX 78744

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Rochelle Komula,

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Join the community services committee on as we work in the warehouse sorting food at the Central Texas Food Bank from 9am to 12pm.

Each volunteer is required to create an account and sign up using group reservation link below before arriving for your volunteer shift.

Important details:

For safety reasons, volunteers who arrive more than 30 minutes late will not be allowed to join their group for the shift. If you think you may need to arrive late or leave early, please find a different shift that you can fully attend. We recommend arriving 5-10 minutes early so volunteers have time to check in and be ready to start.

Volunteers are required to wear a shirt with sleeves that cover the underarm and closed-toe and closed-heel shoes. We will be passing out AAFAME t-shirts!

Volunteers must meet certain eligibility requirements and adhere to all safety procedures to be able to participate in shifts.

Please see FAQs for more information about volunteering at the Central Texas Food Bank.

Last years volunteers had a great time as shown below!

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August 25, 2026

23rd Annual Vendor EXPO Tradeshow

Palmer Event Center

Barton Springs

Austin, TX 78704

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

More details coming soon!

September 10, 2026

Committee: Community Services

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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September 22, 2026

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September 22, 2026

Professional Series: Positivity Under Pressure

1836 San Jacinto

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Austin, TX 78701

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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Thriving in Facility & Maintenance Environments

In the world of facility and maintenance engineering, pressure is part of the job—tight deadlines, unexpected breakdowns, safety demands, and constant problem-solving. Your mindset isn't just helpful... it's essential.

This 2-hour workshop equips you with practical tools and strategies to strengthen optimism, reduce stress, and stay grounded in high-pressure environments. You'll learn how to build resilience when things don't go as planned, manage the daily demands of operations, and maintain a steady, solution-focused approach.

Participants will walk away with actionable strategies they can apply immediately, including:

*“Happy habits” that support a positive, steady mindset during demanding days
An understanding of negativity bias—and how to reframe challenges into opportunities
Practical methods for managing stress, deadlines, and unexpected issues
A simple morning routine to set a focused and productive tone for the day*

Additionally, we'll explore the difference between a growth and fixed mindset—especially as it relates to problem-solving, leadership, and adapting to change in facility operations. Participants will also create a personal core value statement to align their actions with what matters most, leading to greater clarity, consistency, and purpose both on the job and at home.

Presenter:

*Kevin Karschnik is a globally recognized keynote speaker and author who helps leaders and teams cultivate positivity, strengthen leadership, and avoid burnout in today's high-demand business environment. With more than 35 years of experience, Kevin delivers engaging keynotes and practical workshops that blend mindset, self-awareness, and actionable leadership strategies. He has inspired tens of thousands of professionals from organizations such as Dell, Mitsubishi, GE, and Lockheed across 17 countries. Kevin is the author of *Joyful – Prayerful – Thankful*, a reflective guide to living with greater positivity and gratitude in everyday life. When he's not speaking or writing, Kevin enjoys managing his fantasy football leagues, playing pickleball with his wife Tracy, and ordering his favorite pie from 600 Degrees Pizzeria.*

September 24, 2026

Training: DIY Water Smoke Triage

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Andrew Hansen

Operations Manager, Austin Hi-Tech Restoration

Andrew Hansen is an experienced operations leader with a strong background in project management, estimating, and restoration services. Before joining Austin Hi-Tech Restoration, he served as an Area Property Manager for a national residential property management and ownership group, where he gained firsthand experience navigating catastrophic property losses and complex insurance claims. With insight from both the property management and restoration perspectives, Andrew brings a well-rounded understanding of the challenges building engineers face when disaster strikes — and practical strategies to address them.

Wendy Richey

Business Development Manager, Austin Hi-Tech Restoration

Wendy Richey is a seasoned business development and marketing professional with deep expertise in building strong client relationships within the restoration industry. She has guided clients through property losses across both commercial and residential sectors, helping them navigate the recovery process with clarity and confidence. Wendy's client-focused approach and industry knowledge make her a valuable resource for organizations preparing for and responding to disaster events.

October 8, 2026

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October 14, 2026

Luncheon: Thermal Scans of Roof & Electrical

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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October 22, 2026

Training: VRF Deep Dive

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

More details coming soon

October 27, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

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October 28, 2026

Professional Series: TBD

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 4, 2026

Luncheon: Reading Voltage Meters

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 7, 2026

Volunteer: Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Austin

07:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

David Fowler,
daveinrr@yahoo.com

AAFAME will be assisting with the parade staging. More details coming soon.

Learn more about the parade [here](#).

November 12, 2026

Committee: Community Services

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November 17, 2026

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November 19, 2026

Training: Smart Building / Networking 201

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

More details coming soon