

## LI NECA Uses Courthouse Tour To Demonstrate Use of New Photovoltaic Technology

As the nation struggles to find alternate sources of energy, Long Island NECA contractors are meeting the challenge using innovative strategies to develop new electrical generating capacity. This is the message put to New York State Senator Dean Skelos during a tour of the Cohalan courthouse in Central Islip recently.

The tour was arranged by Charlie Gardner, LI NECA's



**EXPLAINING THE STRATEGY:** Nick Feldmann, second from left, discusses the solar project with Joe Gathard (left) Kevin Harvey, Kurt Feldmann, and Senator Dean Skelos.

### Roy Richey Retires



Roy Richey receives County Proclamation from Suffolk Legislator John Kennedy at Retirement Dinner.

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Director of Government Affairs and included, along with Senator Skelos, Joe Gathard, President of Long Island's NECA Chapter, Kevin Harvey, Business Manager of Local 25 IBEW, Nick Feldmann LI NECA Governor and President of Eldor Contracting Corporation and Kurt Feldmann of Eldor.

The Cohalan facility is typical of the advancement strategies being implemented. Eldor is installing a major large scale photovoltaic solar energy component there.

The tour was an opportunity to impress on Senator Skelos that NECA and the IBEW, working together, are moving forward for the good of the community. That we are ready, willing and able to use new technologies to create jobs and to meet the energy demands of our area, now and in the future. •

## From the President...

**I** COULD NOT BEGIN MY REMARKS WITHOUT FIRST THANKING ROY RICHEY for his faithful ten years of service as Chapter Manager and his decades of service as a member and past president of the Long Island Chapter of NECA. We all wish Roy & Janet a well-deserved enjoyable retirement.

It's also my pleasure to welcome aboard our new Chapter Manager, Peter Mastrococco. Pete brings a new light to NECA with a wealth of knowledge and experience that will broaden our future of the Long Island Chapter, which will benefit our members and the electrical industry.

One of the great benefits of NECA is the resources we have on a local, regional and national level. All of which we have tapped to help benefit us here on Long Island. As contractors and business people we have to do the same as it relates to government. We all need to take a role in local state and national politics. The choices that are made to elect our public officials directly affect our businesses and our industry.



**JOSEPH GATHARD**

Throughout this publication you will see both the cause and effect. I encourage all our members to attend our September meeting where we will have a keynote speaker to touch on this very important subject.

Your NECA membership is a very valuable asset. You can maintain contact with industry peers, and be kept abreast of the most current professional, regulatory and legislative changes. Attend our meetings, come and network with your fellow contractors, get involved, take part and make a difference for our industry and your business.

— *Joe Gathard*

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# Las Vegas 2012

NECA's 2012 Convention and Trade Show will be held at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Convention Center, in Las Vegas, Sept. 29 through Oct. 2. Information can be found on [www.neca-convention.org](http://www.neca-convention.org).

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## Meet Our New Chapter Manager, Peter Mastrorocco



The Long Island Chapter is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Mastrorocco to the position of Chapter Manager replacing Roy Richey who retired in May. He will be responsible for Labor Relations and Negotiations,

Business Development and overall Operations Management of the Long Island Region for NECA. “I am looking forward to working with the officers, directors and staff and to meeting with each of the Chapter members in the months to come,” commented Peter.

Peter brings a history of success in developing interactive and interpersonal relationships spanning more than two decades of diverse business experience to NECA. Immediately prior to joining NECA, he was President of P&D Distribution, a Long Island based food and beverage distributor. Previously, as Vice President of Fulfillment Operations & Florist Relations for 1-800-Flowers.com, he was responsible for managing vendor contracts and performance, customer relations and worldwide floral order fulfillment for the Long Island based floral retailer. During his 12 year tenure, he developed and implemented operational enhancements to continually improve the company’s position as a Global retailer.

“We are excited that Peter’s far-reaching experience will be a strong asset for our NECA-IBEW relationships as well as promoting residential, government and commercial activity for our member contractors,” said Joe Gathard, President of the Long Island Chapter. Welcome Peter. •

## Roy Richey Retires

After more than 50 years of commitment to Long Island’s Electrical Contracting Industry, including President, Governor, and Chapter Manager (since 2002) of NECA’s Long Island Chapter, Roy Richey retired in May.

A dinner and reception was held for Roy and his wife, Janet at the Chapter’s June meeting at the Bellport Country Club. This was attended by a host of friends, colleagues and dignitaries including: John Gilday, Executive Director, Electrical Industry Board; Brian Conneely, Chapter Attorney, Rivkin Radler, LLP; William (Biff) Jones, former NECA Eastern Region Field Representative; Jay Jones, Field Representative, NECA Eastern Region; Gordon L. Seaman, Sr., Former President and Governor, Gordon L. Seaman, Inc.; Michael O’Grady, President, Local Union No. 25, IBEW; Kevin Harvey, Business Manager, Local Union No. 25, IBEW; Andrew Bub, Assistant Fund Manager, Electrical Industry Board; Christopher Kelly, Training Director, JATC; Richard Parenti, Executive Director, NECA Eastern Region; and County Legislator John Kennedy.

A talented athlete (Roy was inducted into the Adelphi University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008), Roy’s career has been studded with industry and community achievements that reflect his pursuit of learning and excellence. An astute administrator, Roy was largely instrumental in developing a spirit of good will and accomplishment between NECA Contractors and Local 25 IBEW.

He was presented with a plaque from NECA commemorating his long and distinguished service and a Proclamation from Legislator Kennedy attesting to his efforts on behalf of the community.

Long Island NECA President Joseph Gathard, speaking



Presenting plaque: l-r: Donald Leslie, Jr., Robert Kohlmeyer, Roy Richey, Nicolaus Feldmann, Joseph Gathard

on behalf of the Officers, Directors, members and the Chapter staff, extended their gratitude to Roy for his long service to NECA and the industry at large and expressed “very best wishes to Roy and Janet for a happy and healthy retirement.” •

## Welcome Certified Multi-Media Solutions

Long Island NECA is pleased to welcome Christian A. Peterson III and his team at Certified Multi-Media Solutions Ltd. of Farmingdale, New York to our Chapter.

Certified Multi-Media Solutions was founded in 2005 by Christian, a security and technology integrator with a focus on the design, installation and maintenance of security systems as well as the technology infrastructure in support of those systems. Certified works with security and information technology groups to define the scope of work and understand business goals; enabling the company to make recommendations that are not only technically sound, but tailored to the needs of each business. By supporting off-the-shelf security devices and open standards based technology, the company provides best-of-breed security solutions that leverage an enterprise's existing technology investment. Projects range from high-security locations that require a system with the highest-level of security technology



Christian A. Peterson, III is leading the way in entrepreneur excellence by expanding his business into additional industries outside the security market.

available to standard card access building entrance systems.

Certified Multi-Media Solutions has grown to include several divisions...one dedicated to the manufacturing of custom cable assemblies and another which focuses on the emerging LED industry. The main corporate office is located in Farmingdale, NY with satellite offices in Edison, NJ and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The company is signatory to IBEW Local 25 and Local 3 IBEW agreements.

Over the last few years, Christian has built a skilled and dedicated team of professionals that has allowed Certified to forge sound relationships within the security and information technology industries. In 2012, he will continue to build his businesses and attain a new level of success.

For further information visit the Certified website at [www.solutions-nys.com](http://www.solutions-nys.com) or contact Christian at [cap3@solutions-nys.com](mailto:cap3@solutions-nys.com) or 631-756-2626.

Welcome aboard Christian A. Peterson III. •

## Marty Bass



MARTY BASS IN 2006 PHOTO



MARTY AND HIS BELOVED GRANDCHILDREN

Long Island NECA has lost one of its most outstanding members and Long Island's Electrical Contracting Industry has lost one of its staunchest supporters. Martin Bass, CEO of Northgate Electric, a business he began in 1966 in a garage and grew into a large operation headquartered in Huntington Station, died in June.

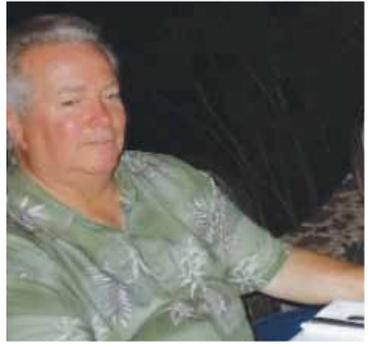
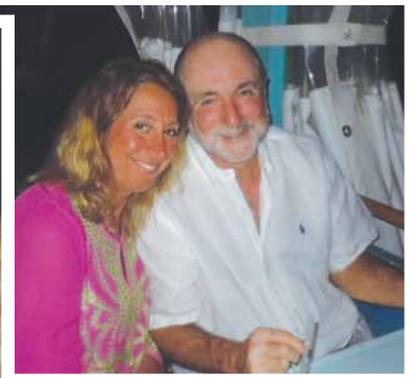
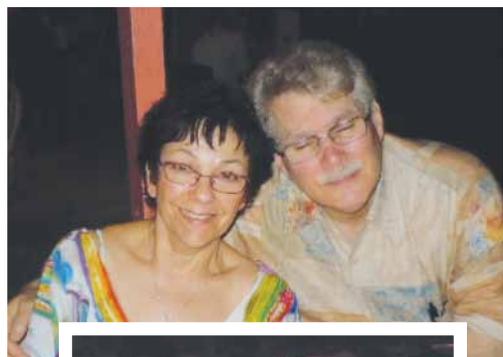
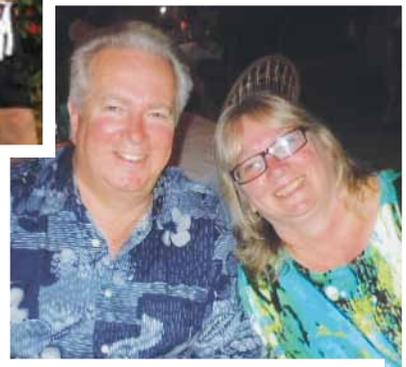
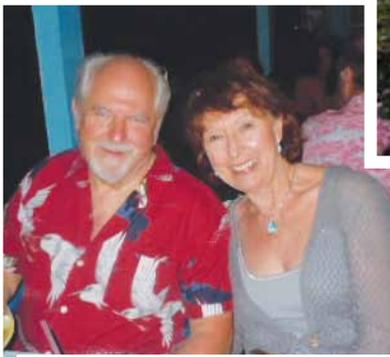
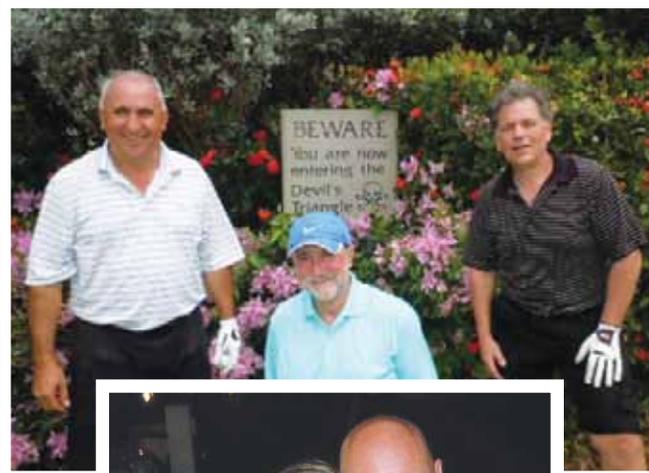
Marty, as he was known in the industry, played a large role in labor-management relations throughout his career and served two terms as President and Governor of Long Island NECA. He participated on numerous committees including the negotiating Committee and the Pension Fund.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Karen, children Scott, Dina, and Ina Filip, as well as five loving grandchildren, Michael, Ryanna, Russell, Jack and Sam.

In commenting to Chapter Manager Peter Mastrorocco, Marty's daughter, Dina, said "I can't tell you how every day how much he is missed and what a wonderful business man, husband, father, grandfather and friend he was. I could go on all day and night and then some about my father."

Marty will be missed by all who knew him. •

# NECA Eastern Region Meeting - Marriott Frenchman's Reef St. Thomas V.I. – March 2012



## Three Brothers Electrical Donates Work to Habitat For Humanity

Kudos to Three Brothers Electrical and Tod Kassay for the work they donated recently on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, building a new home in Bellport.



**Habitat  
for Humanity®**

Subsidized with funds contributed by the Long Island NECA Chapter, Tod and four of Three Brothers' Local 25 IBEW electricians ran all the electrical work for the home.

The project was led by AvalonBay Communities of Melville for the Long Island Builders Institute.

Materials used by Three Brothers were donated by: A/C electrical Supplies (wire & misc. materials); Broan/Nutone (bath exhaust fan); ITE Siemens (panel, meter pan & breakers); Leviton (switches & receptacles); Progress Lighting (fixtures).

This is the second Habitat for Humanity home worked on by Three Brothers Electrical in the past four years. Both homes are in Bellport and were each built in seven to ten days. •

## Cooper Power & Lighting Wins Two NECA Safety Awards

Long Island Chapter member Mitchell Cooper of Cooper Power & Lighting Corporation of Farmingdale has been recognized by the National association for earning top marks for their annual safety records. The company has won both the *Zero-Injury Award* and the *Safety Excellence Award*.

NECA Safety Excellence Award winners are selected based on a comparison of safety data for their companies with pertinent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for similarly sized electrical contracting firms. The Zero Injury Award recognizes electrical contractors who had no recordable incidents, such as recordable cases, lost workdays, non-fatal cases without lost workdays, and fatalities, through an entire year.

This year, all NECA safety award recipients have averages well below the industry when comparing lost work incident rate and total recordable rate.

Cooper and other winners of the Zero Injury Awards and Safety Excellence Awards will be honored at the NECA annual convention, Sept. 29-Oct. 2 in Las Vegas. •

## NECA Standard on Photovoltaic System Installation Now Available

*NECA 412-2012, Standard for Installing and Maintaining Photovoltaic Systems (ANSI)* is now available. This highly anticipated standard describes the application procedures for installing photovoltaic (PV) power systems and components. NECA 412 complements the National Electrical Code (NEC) rules with essential information about quality and performance aspects of the photovoltaic equipment that transforms solar energy into electric power. This installation standard covers performing site assessments, designing PV systems, and determining the correct PV equipment to install to ensure desired results, quality, and acceptable returns on investment customers expect.

"This NECA installation standard on photovoltaic systems is long overdue," said Michael Johnston, NECA's Executive Director of Standards and Safety.

## Calendar

8/28/12 11:30 A.M.

NECA GOLF OUTING AT THE  
BAITING HOLLOW CLUB

9/20/12 3:15 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AT THE HAMLET GOLF AND  
COUNTRY CLUB

9/20/12 5:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING AT THE HAMLET GOLF  
AND COUNTRY CLUB

9/29/12 TO 10/2/12

NECA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
AT THE MANDALAY BAY IN LAS  
VEGAS, NEVADA

10/18/12 3:15 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10/18/12 5:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
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11/15/12 3:15 P.M.

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MEETING

"With all the enthusiasm and national attention given to expanding use of renewal energy systems, photovoltaic installations are in demand and becoming more easily affordable.

NECA 412 applies to the installation of low-voltage AC and DC photovoltaic power systems, rated 1000V and less, for grid-connected and stand-alone operation for residential, commercial, and industrial applications. NECA 412 does not apply to solar heating systems or photovoltaic power systems rated more than 1000V.

The Standard can be purchased for \$20 for NECA members and \$40 for non-members. Quantity discounts are available. Contact the NECA Order Desk at (301) 215-4504 tel, (301) 215-4500 fax, or visit [www.necanet.org/](http://www.necanet.org/) store under "Codes and Standards" publications. All NEIS™ are available as printed booklets or downloadable PDFs. •