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The Long Island Chapter, NECA 2008 Board of Directors and Officers have been elected as follows:

Officers

President: Nicolaus Feldmann
Vice President: Joseph Gathard
Secretary: Paul Dunn
Treasurer: Michael Bender
Governor: Donald Leslie, Jr.

Directors

Stephen Cadieux
John Casciano
James Giorgio, Sr.
Robert Kohlmeyer
Pat Santoro

Photos from the 2008 Installation Dinner at OHEKA Castle are on pages 4 & 5

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From the President...



Nicolaus Feldmann

SPRING IS ON THE HORIZON and, fortunately, the weather this winter has been mild. Even with the weather cooperating, the economy on Long Island for the past few years, and most recently nationally, has been in a down turn. The lack of construction projects, record increases in commodity prices (steel, copper, aluminum, oil), as well as the increased erosion of our market share, have us all asking, “Why are we in the electrical contracting business?”

The economic pendulum swings back and forth, as it has before, and hopefully will swing back toward a more robust economy. This is why NECA membership is a valuable asset; through networking opportunities, contact with industry peers, legislative and regulatory support, professional development seminars and labor relations, NECA is a critical tool for keeping our industry vibrant and prosperous.

NECA is the voice of both small and large contractors with differing requirements and resources, but all with common industry goals. I encourage you to attend Chapter meetings, visit the web site, volunteer for a committee and call the NECA office with any concerns, questions or suggestions.

On another note, James Plant, President of Local Union No. 25 retired on February 29, 2008. Jim had a long 40-year career in the electrical industry. His representation as President for Local Union No. 25 was always honest, forthright and sincere. The Long Island Chapter of NECA and its members wish him the best in his retirement and life’s continuing journey. — *Nicolaus Feldmann*



Help Support Favorable Political Action Through **ECPAC**

At a recent General Membership meeting Chapter Treasurer Mike Bender explained the benefits of ECPAC and asked the membership to consider contributing to this important NECA political action organization.

Founded in 1978, the Electrical Construction Political Action Committee (ECPAC) has helped elect scores of industry-friendly members of Congress. Chartered as a “separate segregated” fund under NECA’s direction, ECPAC collects individual personal contributions from NECA members and distributes those funds to worthwhile candidates of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. By contributing to this fund members help to support candidates for public office who back issues important to the electrical contracting industry.



ECPAC is governed by federal law administered by the Federal Election Commission. Its federal status means that ECPAC may not contribute to the campaigns of state or local candidates. Under its own Articles of Association, ECPAC is not permitted to contribute to presidential campaigns. All contributions to federal candidates (President, Senate and House of Representatives) must be made with personal funds. This rule includes contributions made through political action committees (such as ECPAC) which then contribute to federal candidates.

An individual may contribute a maximum of \$2,100 to any federal candidate for any single election and a maximum of \$5,000 per year to any single political action committee. There is a \$26,700 per year maximum on an individual’s overall contributions to federal candidates, PACs or party committees.

ECPAC has implemented campaign contribution policies and principles designed to elect candidates to the House and Senate who are supportive and/or important factors in achieving NECA’s legislative goals. At the same time, these policies have been crafted to establish long-term involved, productive relationships between elected Members of Congress and the NECA chapters and members that they represent. As such, NECA’s political action effort plays a critically important role in the Association’s overall government affairs program.

NECA’s website (www.necanet.org) maintains a detailed descriptive explaining ECPAC and its activity. For more information on contributing, visit this source of information or call the Chapter office at 631-291-9732.

NECA Board of Directors

President: **Nicolaus Feldmann**
Eldor Contracting Corporation

Vice President: **Joseph Gathard**
All Service Electric, Inc.

Secretary: **Paul Dunn**
Mainline Electric Corporation

Treasurer: **Michael Bender**
Bana Electric Corporation

Governor: **Donald Leslie, Jr.**
Johnson Electrical Construction Corp.

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John Casciano
A.S.R. Electrical Contracting, Inc.

James Giorgio, Sr.
B&G Electrical Contractors of L.I., Inc.

Robert Kohlmeyer
CRK Contracting of Suffolk, Inc.

Pat Santoro
Com-Dell Systems, Inc.

Director Emeritus:
Frank Hutton
Hutton Electrical Contracting Corp.

Chapter Manager:
Roy W. Richey

Calendar

Meeting Dates

General Membership

April 16, 2008
(3rd Wednesday)

May 15, 2008
(3rd Thursday)

June 19, 2008
(3rd Thursday)

Check the Chapter Website
for Industry Meetings
and keep in mind...

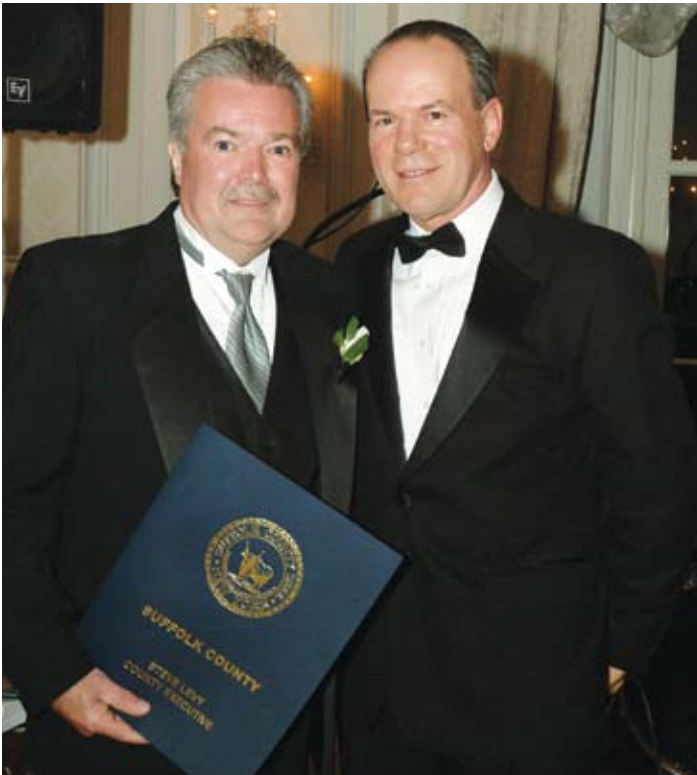
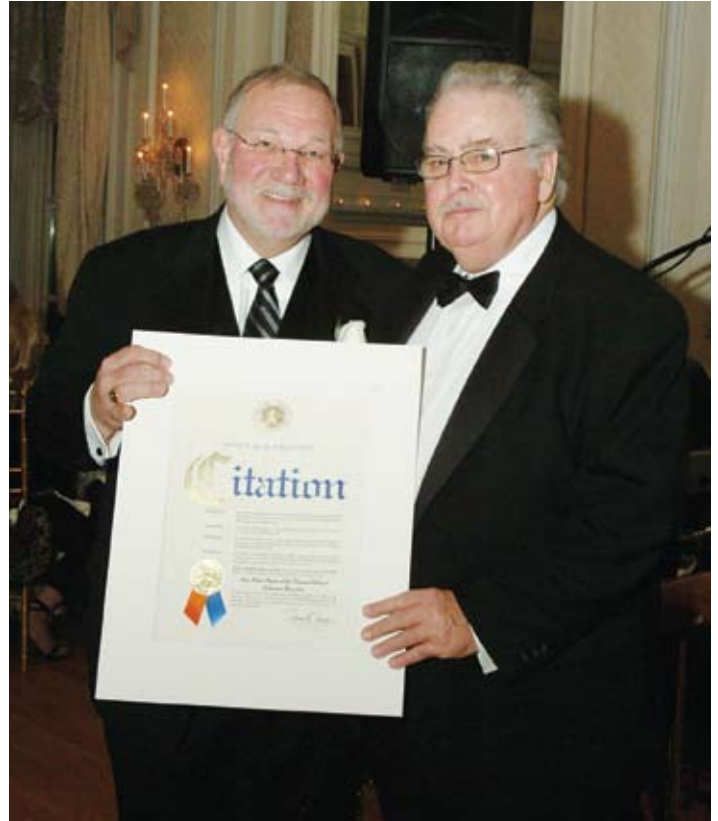
2008 NECA National Convention
will be held October 4-7 in
Chicago, IL

Long Island Chapter, NECA Installation Dinner January 12, 2008



The 2008 Long Island Chapter, NECA Installation of Officers and Directors Dinner was held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the Oheka Castle. In addition to our members and their spouses and guests, the affair was attended by Commissioners of Labor from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties, as well as representatives from NECA.

At right, Nassau County Commissioner of Labor, Eugene Coughlin presents Citation to President Nicolous Feldmann celebrating the Chapter's 60th Anniversary



Above, Suffolk County Commissioner of Labor Robert Dow presents Donald Leslie, Jr. a citation for his service as President of the Chapter.



At right, Commissioner Dow presents Robert Kohlmeier a citation for his service as Governor of the Chapter.

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At left, Donald Leslie, Jr., outgoing President presents Robert Kohlmeyer a plaque for his service to the Chapter as Governor.



At left, Nicolaus Feldmann, newly elected President presents plaque to Donald Leslie, Jr. for his service to the Chapter as President.



Above, William H. (Biff) Jones, III, NECA Field Representative, with his wife, Lois and James Giorgio, Sr., Director of LI Chapter, with wife, Theresa.



Above, Charles and Jill Hoyer of Charles J. Hoyer, Inc.



Below, Roy Richey, Long Island Chapter Manager and New York City Manager Edwin Lopez.



At left, Roy Richey with wife, Janet.

Below, Maryann Egel and husband Jeff. Maryann celebrated 25 years with the Chapter in 2007.

Below, Nassau Commissioner Coughlin with Suffolk Commissioner Dow and wife, Karen.



Chapter Pledges Endowment To ELECTRI International

The Long Island Chapter has made a \$100,000 Founders commitment to ELECTRI International, the Foundation for Electrical Construction Inc., part of which will go to the Emerson Hamilton Scholarship Trust an education fund. The pledge will be payable over 5 years and makes the Chapter eligible for permanent membership on the ELECTRI Council.

ELECTRI International was founded in 1989 by NECA. It conducts, coordinates, and monitors the industry's most critical research and commissions and delivers to the industry exemplary management education and supervisory training programs.

Comprised of a premier group of individuals, companies, and industry organizations the Council supports the electrical contracting industry through the Foundation's Research Center, Education Center, and International Center, where members analyze industry trends and issues, review project proposals submitted by universities and research institutes, recommend major initiatives for funding and serve on blue-ribbon Task Forces to guide each commissioned project.

Donald Leslie, Jr., Governor of the Long Island Chapter, has been named the Chapter's representative to the ELECTRI Council. •

Welcome New Members

The Long Island Chapter welcomes new members in 2008

Anthony DiFazio
Frank DiFazio
DiFazio Electric, Inc.

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Edward J. Newman
*Universal Security
Systems, Inc.*

In 2007 the following members joined our Chapter.

Deborah A. DePace
Al DePace
Advance Sound Co.

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Mitchell Cooper
*Cooper Power &
Lighting Corporation*

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Christian M. Hedlund
Sharon Hedlund
*Hedlund Electrical
Corporation*

•
John Purcell
*Nu Star Electric &
Controls, Inc.*

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Chapter Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Hamlet Willow Creek



Reserve Early!

**MCCORMICK PLACE
LAKESIDE CENTER
OCTOBER 4 - 7, 2008**