

Long Island Chapter National Electrical Contractors Assn. Inc., Hauppauge, New York 11788 631-291-9732

Suffolk Merger Creates New Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Suffolk County is merging the Department of Consumer Affairs into the Labor Department. The new Department will be called the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs. This is important to members since all electrical licensing will now be administered by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs. All relevant telephone numbers will remain the same. •



Photos From NECA National Convention in Las Vegas on page 3.

LI Chapter Honored

The Long Island Chapter of NECA was honored at the National Convention in Las Vegas for our outstanding contribution and commitment at the Governor Level. As a result of our recent upgraded contribution, Electri International, the foundation for electrical construction, received, through the Education Center Talent Initiative, an additional \$10,000 grant from O'Connell Electric and Southern Contracting. •

Legislative Issues and Overregulation



On Friday, October 5th, Long Island's NECA leadership met with Congressman Steve Israel to discuss important legislative issues and to ask his support regarding overregulation of business, and in particular, estate tax reform and misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Shown above, left to right are: Charles Gardner, Joseph Gathard, Congressman Israel, Paul Dunn and Pete Mastrococco.

Visit our website at www.lineca.org

From the President...

AS SUPER-STORM SANDY APPROACHED THE NORTHEAST the media warned of the potential devastation that a storm of that size and magnitude could deliver. "Frankenstorm" as it was named was expected to hit only days before Halloween and, although touted to potentially be the storm of the century, I don't think we could have ever imagined the level of devastation that so many Long Islanders have suffered, some of which from our very own families or organizations.

With the difficult task of rebuilding before us, Long Islanders have begun to dig out. During these initial days we have already seen and heard of amazing accounts of humanity and selfless acts of giving from Manhattan to Mastic Beach. Communities all over the Island are coming together to help others and I'm proud to see that we are doing our part.

Long Island NECA and our Member Contractors are working around the clock to ensure that we are providing the best possible service to Long Island residents and business partners as well as government agencies and our institutional customers. In partnering with the management team from Local # 25,



JOSEPH GATHARD

our contractors have stepped up and responded to the ongoing requests for assistance from Nassau and Suffolk County officials and projects of all sizes have either been completed or are well underway.

Industry partners such as Milwaukee tools have also shown their commitment to the NECA family by donating replacement hand- tools to employees that have lost so much.

It has been a difficult few weeks and we have a long road ahead but there are signs of strength and resolve all around us. Each and every day many of us work in the areas that have suffered great devastation and the level of loss continually hits home, so we continue do our best to help our fellow Long Islanders heal. I thank you all for your commitment to that process and I have never been prouder to be part of this Industry and the NECA Organization.

— Joe Gathard

Please note e-mail addresses for LI Chapter staff:
PETE MASTROROCCHO – petem@lineca.org
CHARLIE GARDNER – charliegardner@lineca.org
MARYANN EAGEL – maryann@lineca.org

INSTALLATION DINNER

**Long Island Chapter NECA
 Installation Dinner
 OHEKA Castle,
 Huntington, NY
 JANUARY 18, 2013**

NECA Board of Directors

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

Vice President: **Paul Dunn**
 Mainline Electric Corporation

Secretary: **Michael Bender**
 Bana Electric Corporation

Treasurer: **John Casciano**
 A.S.R. Electrical Contracting, Inc.

Governor: **Nicolaus Feldmann**
 Eldor Contracting Corporation

Directors:
James T. Giorgio
 B&G Electrical Contractors of LI, Inc.
Christian Hedlund
 Hedlund Electrical Corporation
Robert Kohlmeyer
 CRK Contracting of Suffolk, Inc.
Donald Leslie, Jr.
 Johnson Electrical Construction Corp.
Pat Santoro
 Com-Bell Systems, Inc.

Director Emeritus:
Frank Hutton
 Hutton Electrical Contracting Corp.

Chapter Manager:
Pete Mastrocchio

Director of Government Affairs:
Charles Gardner

THE NECA NATIONAL CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW was held on September 29, 2012 through October 3, 2012 at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. We had 28 in attendance from the LI Chapter including JATC Training Director Chris Kelly and two apprentices from the LI JATC, Joseph McClafferty and Nicholas Starke.

Members were able to take advantage of a new iPhone and Android app sponsored by Graybar to help them schedule their time and get the most from the event.

There were various seminars and workshops from Business Financial Planning and Situation Analysis to Change Order Protocol and Improving Labor Productivity that our members found educational and useful tools to run their operations.



2012 Chapter Golf Outing • Baiting Hollow Golf Club

On Tuesday, August 28, 2012, the Long Island Chapter held its annual Golf Outing at the Baiting Hollow Golf Club. The weather cleared for us and the course was in good shape to provide a great time for all 103 attendees.

Guests included **John Gilday**, Executive Director, Electrical Industry Board; **Christopher Kelly**, Training Director, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; **Kevin Harvey**, Business Manager, Local Union No. 25, IBEW; **Michael O'Grady**, President Local Union No 25, IBEW; **Brian Conneely**, Chapter Attorney, Rivkin Radler, LLP;



The Long Island Chapter Thanks These Generous Sponsors

- ASR Electrical Contracting, Inc.
- Ace Wire & Cable Co., Inc.
- Brazil Bros.
- Certified Multi Media Solutions, LTD
- Com-Bell Systems, Inc.
- Cooper Electrical Supply
- Delcon Systems, Inc.
- GEXPRO
- Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc.
- JVR Electric, Inc.
- Johnson Electrical Contractors Association
- Mid Island Electrical Supply
- New York Fire Detection, Inc.
- Schwing Electrical Supply
- Simplex Grinnell

Special Limited Dinner Sponsorship reserved by:
Eldor Contracting Corporation

Winners

First Place - Hickey Electric

- Bill Bradley
- Rich Wiedersum
- George Cooper
- Bryan Downs

Second Place - Mid Island Electric

- Jeff Smith
- Jimmy Libretti
- Sean Burke
- Mike DiGisuseppi

Longest Drive

Bobby Bielawski, Roland's Electric

Closest to the pin

Ed Reyes, Premise Electric

What's Happening...

Chapter Met Essential ECPAC Goal –

While the Long Island Chapter is proud to report that we have met our annual ECPAC goal, we are reminding our Members just how critical ECPAC is to our industry.

NECA's strong relationship with the Small Business, Energy, Finance and Tax committees of the House and Senate, assists in our efforts to bring NECA member and industry issues to the attention of policymakers.

By involvement and financial commitments through ECPAC, NECA has received greater visibility, access, and influence in government, helping the electrical construction industry to achieve results on the Hill. NECA is constantly working on Capitol Hill and around the country to represent the interests of the electrical construction industry and its members.

PPE Update –

The Long Island Chapter has been hard at work in fine tuning our processes and improving our product offerings to our members. We are looking to improve our outerwear and have added a cut-level 5 glove to our Contractor Order form for those partners that are required to outfit their staff with this level of protective gear.

New Partnerships –

Long Island Chapter of NECA partnered with Milwaukee tools and Graybar at the National Convention in Las Vegas to promote and develop our valued working relationships. “We hope to build on these relationships and look forward to developing additional partnerships with other Industry Leaders,” quotes Pete Mastrorocco, Long Island Chapter Executive.




NECA NOW
Eastern Regional Meeting
JW Marriott Desert Ridge and Spa
Phoenix Arizona
April 14 – 17, 2013

