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Michael Bender takes in the sights on the Chapter's Chicago River boat trip during the NECA National Convention in October. More photos on pages 5, 6.

Chapter Membership In The NECA Political Leadership Council Is Reached



As the November 4, 2008 election neared, the Chapter achieved its goal for membership determined by the NECA Political Leadership Council. Twenty-six contributors from 24 different contractor firms totaled \$22,450. Three contractors automatically became members



of the Council with donations of \$5,000 each: Don Leslie, Jr., Johnson Electrical Construction Corporation; Nicolaus Feldmann, Eldor Contracting Corporation; Michael Bender, Bana Electric Corporation.

An article "Help Support Favorable Political Action Through ECPAC" which appeared in the Chapter's Winter 2008 issue of the NECAWire began the campaign.

ECPAC does not support presidential candidates, only candidates for the House and Senate who are supportive and are important factors in achieving NECA's legislative goals.

The Chapter thanks all those who contributed, especially Michael Bender, the Chapter's Chairman of the ECPAC Committee. •

From the President...



Nicolaus Feldmann



I would like to thank all of the members of the Chapter who participated in the selection and distribution of the P.P.E. Equipment. The N.E.C.A. P.P.E. Committee consisted of Joseph Gathard of All Service Electric and the Vice President of the Long Island Chapter, NECA, Al DePace from Advance Sound Company and Chapter Manager Roy W. Richey. A special thanks goes to Al DePace who handled the shipping and delivery of this equipment. Al donated many hours of his time to this monumental project. Thanks Al!

Local Union No. 25 IBEW was the site where the P.P.E. Equipment was distributed. Business Manager Donald Fiore scheduled the dates for the members to pick up their equipment. Various Local 25 business representatives, committee members and volunteers assisted in the distribution of this equipment. Thank you, Don Fiore and the members of your staff who donated many hours of work to this project.

There still are details to be evaluated and procedures to be reviewed. However, I believe this was a great start. OSHA's new rules and standards will continually shape how we perform our work. We all have become too complacent with our work habits and the dangers of our industry.

Our employees deserve and should have quality P.P.E. Equipment. The proactive action of the N.E.C.A./I.B.E.W. on safety issues will only enhance our position as industry leaders, and create new job opportunities. — *Nicolaus Feldmann*

Personal Protection Equipment Distributed

The electrical contractors in the last negotiated "A" Construction and Testing and Maintenance agreements dated April 28, 2007 voluntarily added \$0.25 to the contributions to the EIB. It has since been added to the Maintenance and Telecommunications agreements.

This was not part of the benefit package per se, but resulted from a desire to improve the working

apparel, gear and safety equipment the electricians are issued by the contractors under the contract agreement.

The delivery of equipment began October 7, 2008 and will conclude in November.

The job of selecting the specific equipment, determining what sizes to order for 1,500 electricians, and then distributing the equipment are a major task. •

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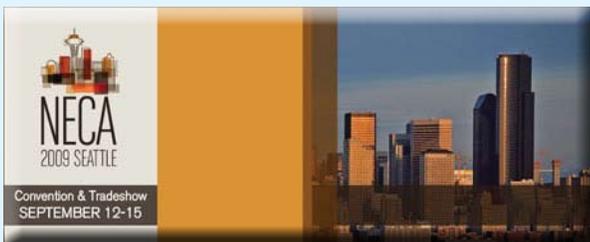
At The Celebrated Westin Excelsior

Since 1906, The Westin Excelsior, Rome has hosted celebrities, statesmen and artists visiting the Eternal City. The hotel, which was named to Condé Nast Traveler's 2007 Gold List, enjoys a prime location in the celebrated Via Veneto district.

2009 Eastern Region Annual Meeting

March 30—April 2, 2009

Rome, Italy



NECA 2009 Convention & Trade Show

September 13—15, 2009

Seattle, Washington

Calendar

Meeting Dates

Board Meeting
December 18th, 2008
(3rd Thursday)

Installation Dinner
January 10, 2009
(Saturday)

Check the Chapter Website
for Industry Meetings

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Three Brothers Electric

Relationships Drive This Family Organization

Drive along Hulse Road in East Setauket and you are transported to a simpler place and time. Amid the fertile landscapes it's not hard to be carried back with visions of early Long Island; horses pulling plows, fence menders plying their work, farmers loading wagons of produce to bring to area cooperatives. This was early America at its most appealing.

In the midst of this daydream comes today's reality; a development of condominiums on one side; a small industrial park on the other. That park is where the three Kassay brothers chose to locate their electrical business – at number 6, Enterprise Drive right in the middle of the American dream.



Three Brothers Electric, Inc. is exactly what it says, and more. There are the brothers of course, Mark (president), Paul, Jr. (vice president) and Tod (secretary/treasurer). But there is also their sister, Paula (yes the family likes the name Paul) who is very actively involved in the business, and while Paul Kassay, Sr. spends much of his time in Florida these days, he continues to be a vital part of the family company's mix taking on purchasing and estimating duties.

Three Brothers Electric came into existence in 1988 when it was incorporated, but it wasn't until two years later that the business began in earnest as a family affair. Unlike most NECA contractors, Three Brothers engages in little commercial service. Their primary job target is large residential projects; apartment complexes, condominiums, town homes, track housing developments. The company has done well with this niche. So well that with many of its jobs still underway, even in this down economy they expect continuing work for the foreseeable future.

A major reason for this, Mark explains, is their focus on relationships. It is their positive association with leading building and development organizations that is sustaining Three Brothers. He points out that they have never lost a builder or contractor. Their ongoing presence on the job site is the key. The project manager or supervisor knows that every day, one of the Kassays will visit the site to check the work and to discuss any overall questions or problems in person. That kind of attention breeds trust. Especially when you also enjoy a reputation for dependability. The presence of the Three Brothers Electrical trailer on site throughout a job's duration brings significant rewards.

Relationships are also among the major reasons Three Brothers joined NECA. Although the firm has always been a union contractor with its roots in Local 25, IBEW, they believe the presence of a member who points to 90 percent of its business in residential work assures attention to the residential side of electrical contracting including the financial needs of

their union electricians. To help engender this interest, Mark has served with distinction on the Long Island Chapter's Residential Service Determination Board and the Residential Advisory Board.

This all results in a stronger realization of the Kassay family's American dream and hope for a brighter future during difficult economic times. •



Paul Kassay, Jr. (left) with sister Paula and brother Mark in their E. Setauket office and warehouse.



Meadowbrook Pointe in Nassau County is a major project by the Beechwood Organization, one of Three Brothers Electric's longtime relationships. The resort style community includes villas, townhomes and condominium suites which boast some of the most luxurious features available, plus a spectacularly lit 25,000 square foot clubhouse. Three Brothers has been working on this project for two years and expects the job to continue for another two years.

Work Plus Great Fun For All As NECA Takes Chicago

The Long Island Chapter hosted 27 registrants at this year's National NECA Convention in Chicago in October. The education seminars and trade show exhibits made for a very informative meeting.

Highlights included the Boat Ride on the Chicago River which the Chapter sponsored and the Chapter Dinner held at Riva Restaurant on Navy Pier.

Joining the members were two of the outstanding apprentices from the JATC, along with their director, Chris Kelly. The Chapter has sponsored individuals from the JATC for the past three years, allowing them to see how the contractor functions.



Chapter Dinner Riva on Navy Pier



Opening Reception



Ladies enjoying Hospitality Suite at Hilton



Mike Ditka (top left) with members at Ditka's Restaurant



Joe and MaryEllen Gathard



THE LI CHAPTER, NECA 2009 INSTALLATION DINNER will be held at Oheka Castle on Saturday, January 10, 2009.



It may be a rainy day but these L. I. Chapter folks braved it and had some fun on Segway transporters during NECA's Chicago Convention. (Left to right) Bob Kohlmeier, (CRK Contracting, Tom Huddleston (Apprentice), Tim Lamprecht (Apprentice), Chris Kelly (Director, JATC), Don Leslie, Jr. (Governor).

In Memoriam

Edith J. Leslie Roland Cadieux

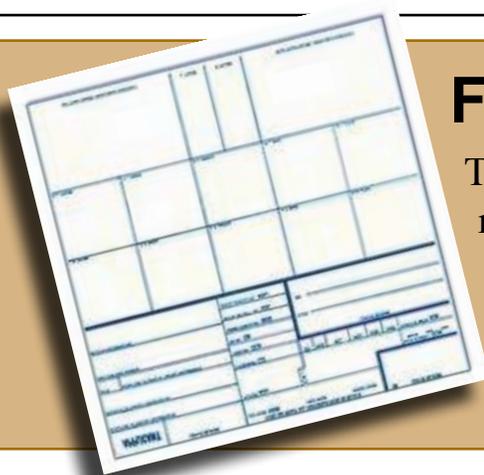
Edith J. Leslie, the wife of Don Leslie, Sr., former District One Vice President and former President and Governor of the Long Island Chapter of NECA passed away on August 16, 2008. Mrs. Leslie was the mother of Don Leslie, Jr., current President of Johnson Electrical Construction Corporation and the Governor of the Long Island Chapter.

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Roland Cadieux, founder of Roland's Electric, Inc and father of Stephen Cadieux, President of Roland's Electric and a board member of the Long Island Chapter of NECA passed away on October 20th, 2008

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The Long Island Chapter extends condolences and our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.



Fingerprinting Initiative

The Chapter is working with Local #25, IBEW on a method for fingerprinting electricians. More and more projects, public and private are requiring security and background checks which includes fingerprinting. More information will be forthcoming.