

## From the President's Desk



*Donald Leslie Jr.*

**A**s we begin a new year, and a new journey, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

I would also like to thank our Past President, and newly elected Governor, Bob Kohlmeyer, for all of his hard work and guidance he has given to the chapter over the past several years, and "several" IBEW business managers. We, the members, certainly owe Bob our gratitude for his leadership through some very trying and eventful times.

As our "past Governor", and now once again a member of the Board of Directors, Jim Giorgio, Sr. has been a leader in the industry and this association, and a good friend. Well respected by his peers, business associates, National NECA and IBEW leaders, Jim has, through his many years in this association, shown all of us the traits of a true leader and businessman. On behalf of the entire association, I would like to thank Jim for all of

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## The 2005 Board of Directors



*Officers and Directors take the oath of office at the Long Island Chapter Installation Dinner on January 7th at OHEKA Castle. —See page 3*

### The Long Island Chapter, NECA 2005 Board of Directors and Officers have been elected as follows:

#### Officers

*President:* Donald Leslie, Jr.  
*Vice President:* Nicolaus Feldmann  
*Secretary:* Joseph Gathard  
*Treasurer:* William Schumacher  
*Governor:* Robert Kohlmeyer

#### Directors

Michael Bender Paul Dunn  
 Stephen Cadieux James Giorgio, Sr.  
 Thomas Papa

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## Making Things Happen At All Service Electric

"Okay, I'll make a few calls. I'll make it happen!"

That was Joe Gathard ending a phone conversation as we waited to begin the interview for this profile.



"I'll make it happen!" It set a tone for the conversation to come and gave an insight into how the new Sec-

retary of the Long Island Chapter, NECA operates.

Joe is an action person. The kind of guy you want on your team. Vice president of All Service Electric, a spin off company of the family business Joe's father founded in the late 1940s, Joe has transformed that can-do attitude into a very successful business credo. From the early days of

what was then Gathard Electric of Valley Stream, this has been a local family operation that can be depended upon to do a job quickly, efficiently and well.

All Service Electric is not just a union contractor. It is a *Women's Business Enterprise*. The president is Joe's sister-in-law, Donna Gathard. Joe's wife, MaryEllen is an active staff member, one of some fifteen persons on regular payroll, some of whom have been with the company for as long as 19 years. Of course, Joe and MaryEllen's children Nicole and Justin both have spent summers working in the firm.

While providing service in most segments of electrical contracting—residential, commercial and industrial—All Service Electric has a special affinity

for public works. The project map shows jobs from Queens to Montauk, including work for Nassau and Suffolk county municipalities, a number of School Districts, Fire Districts and Housing Authorities. The firm recently completed work on the Nassau County Data Center in Bethpage with all the intricate wiring for the huge 1,500 kw generator there.

This specialty niche demands constant monitoring to keep abreast of

local, state and federal regulations as well as a watchful eye on the perennial challenges to the New York State Wicks Law. All Service Electric is aided in this by its NECA membership where Joe gets regular updates and can personally affect the outcome of various legislation through NECA's government affairs activities.

Perhaps the public works interest goes back to the early Gathards of Valley Stream who were among the original signers of the Village's incorporation documents. Joe's grandfather was the Chief of Police of what was then the Valley Stream Police Department. Joe, too, has been very community involved. Before moving to Suffolk County, he was a Trustee of the Village of Valley Stream and a 30-year veteran of the Valley Stream Fire Department, retiring as Captain.

All Service Electric is proud of the many long-term relationships the company has maintained. The Long Island Chapter of NECA is proud to include a positive, family business that is *making things happen* among its membership. •



Joseph Gathard and sister-in-law Donna Gathard, vice president and president of All Service Electric respectively.

## NECA Board of Directors

**President: Donald Leslie, Jr.,**  
Johnson Electrical Constr. Corp.

**Vice President: Nicolaus Feldmann,**  
Eldor Contracting Corporation

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

**Treasurer: William Schumacher,**  
Elemco Testing Co., Inc.

**Governor: Robert Kohlmeyer,**  
CRK Contracting of Suffolk, Inc.

**Directors:**

**Michael Bender,**  
Bana Electric Corporation

**Stephen Cadieux,**  
Roland's Electric Inc.

**Paul Dunn,**  
Mainline Electric Corporation

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

**Thomas Papa,**  
LPC, Inc.

**Director Emeritus**

**Frank Hutton,**  
Hutton Electrical Contracting Corp.

**Chapter Manager:**  
**Roy W. Richey**



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**September**  
**18-20**  
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# Long Island Chapter, NECA Installation Dinner, January 7, 2005

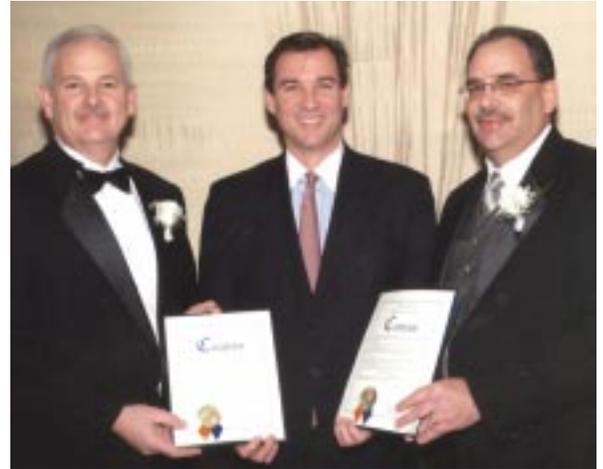


OHEKA Castle



*The 2005 Long Island Chapter, NECA Installation of Officers and Directors Dinner held on January 7, 2005 at the Oheka Castle was made especially distinguished because of the presence of both the Suffolk and Nassau County Executives. Pictured at left is newly installed President Donald Leslie, Jr., Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi and Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy.*

*(at right) Nassau County Executive, Thomas Suozzi presents a citation to James Giorgio, Sr. as past Governor and Robert Kohlmeyer as Past President of The Long Island Chapter, NECA.*



*(at left) The Chapter was pleased to have the privilege of both the Suffolk and Nassau County Executives at our installation of Officers and Directors Dinner. Pictured are Eugene Coughlin, Nassau County Commissioner of Labor, Thomas Suozzi, Nassau County Executive, Donald Leslie, Jr., newly installed president of The Long Island Chapter, NECA, Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive and Robert Dow, Suffolk County Commissioner of Labor.*



*(at right) Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi and Nassau County Office of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Roger Bogsted join Chapter Manager Roy Richey. The Chapter thanks both these officials for sponsoring and working to achieve a single Nassau County Electrical License.*



*(at left) Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy and Suffolk County Commissioner of Labor, Robert Dow present James Giorgio, Sr. with a proclamation for his work as Governor of The Long Island Chapter, NECA.*





## Long Island Chapter to Host NECA Eastern Regional Membership Meeting March 13, 2005 to March 16, 2005

At the Westin & Sheraton at Our Lucaya Beach & Golf Resort - Grand Bahama Island.. *Note: Registration for this meeting and the hotel is being handled by registration form to be faxed to the Eastern Regional Office. Please contact the regional office or your local chapter for a registration form.*

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his hard work and leadership, and welcome him back as a voting member of the Board of Directors. I look forward to his guidance and friendship, as I begin my first year as President, and only hope that I will show the leadership that both Bob and Jim have shown in their terms in office.

The membership can be proud to know that the Board of Directors, trustees, and committeemen, all work with the best interest of this association, and the industry, in mind. I'd like to thank each and every one of them, for their hard work, and many donated hours, for the betterment of the Electrical Industry of Long Island.

This industry will only be what we make it, and these ladies and gentlemen, through their continued efforts, have shown just how great the organized Electrical Industry of Long Island is.

As I write this, my first "President's Message", we have already been extremely busy with meetings, committee appointments and political affairs, as well as, what I consider, to be our "best ever" installation of officers and directors' dinner, held once again at Oheka Castle on January 7, 2005. I am sure, those of you that attended this dinner will agree, a great time was had by all. "Thank you" to both Roy Richey, our Chapter Manager, and Maryann Egel, our Secretary, for all your hard work on the Installation dinner, and your efforts throughout the year.

While we are starting off 2005 a little on

the "slow side" with many of our members looking for a few good jobs, as well as many of our unemployed IBEW employees looking to get back to work, I am encouraged by reports that several work opportunities within our jurisdiction are on the boards, or should be starting within the next several months. Those of you that attended the installation dinner, heard both Nassau County Executive Tom Souzzi and Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, talk about the many projects they are proposing, and hoping to get moving in the months ahead. Be assured, the officers and directors will do everything possible to keep this moving in the right direction, and make these tough winter months as palatable as possible.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their support and best wishes as I start my first year as President of this great association. The officers, Nick Feldman - Vice President, Joe Gathard - Secretary, Bill Schumacher - Treasurer, and the entire Board of Directors, have all worked together extremely well over the past several years, and have shown true leadership and resolve. I look forward to working with all of you over this next year.

On a personal note, many of you know that my dad, Donald Leslie Sr., had been involved in NECA going back to the sixties, as a member of the association, member of the Board of Directors, President of the Long Island Chapter for several years, Governor of the Chapter, Na-

## Calendar

### Meeting Dates

*General Membership*  
February 17, 2005 (3rd Thursday)  
March 24, 2005 (4th Thursday)  
April 21, 2005 (3rd Thursday)  
May 19, 2005 (3rd Thursday)  
June 16, 2005 (3rd Thursday)

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

2005 Eastern Region Annual Meeting will be held March 13-16, 2005 in Lucaya, Freeport, Bahamas (Our Chapter will host.)

2005 NECA National Convention and Show will be held September 18-20, 2005 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

tional NECA Committee Chair and District 1 Vice President from 1982 through 1987. His unequalled dedication to this association, both locally and nationally, along with his guidance, love, and support, have shown me the importance of being involved in the industry and that you must give more to the industry than you take out of the industry. That is the only way to have our industry survive, and Thrive! Work hard, forge true friendships, trust in those you work with, give what you can, whenever and however you can, and most importantly, work with and communicate with, our "partners" in this industry, the members and leaders of the IBEW, as we need each other if we are to continue to grow the organized Electrical Industry of Long Island.

For this, I sincerely say, "thank you Dad" from your son, as I start my first term as President, and from an INDUSTRY, that truly appreciates your many, many years of leadership.

Our meeting calendar is posted in the back pages of this newsletter. Please look at it and mark your calendars, attend the meetings, and participate in your industry. We welcome all that are interested in being involved in the organized Electrical Industry of Long Island. "Here's to a successful year" to all. - **Donald Leslie, Jr.**