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## Presenting the Long Island Chapter NECA 2011 Board of Directors and Officers



Left to Right: NICOLAUS FELDMANN – Governor; ROBERT KOHLMAYER – Director;  
PAT SANTORO – Director; STEPHEN CADIEUX – Director; CHRISTIAN HEDLUND – Director;  
JOSEPH GATHARD – President; PAUL DUNN – Vice President; DONALD LESLIE, Jr. – Director;  
JOHN CASCIANO – Treasurer; MICHAEL BENDER – Secretary

The Installation was performed by Robert Dow, Suffolk County Commissioner of Labor (not pictured).

*Photos from the 2011 Installation Dinner at OHEKA Castle are on pages 4 & 5*

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### From the President...

Spring has finally arrived and well deserved after a very difficult winter.

The new year has brought us change in leadership for both the Long Island Chapter NECA and IBEW Local 25. I would like to congratulate the new Business Manager of Local 25, Kevin Harvey and offer best wishes to Don Fiore on his retirement. During his short tenure Kevin has maintained an open door policy with a very busy few months of contract negotiations.

As the newly elected president, I can assure you that the Long Island Chapter NECA and IBEW Local 25 are working together to offer the Long Island business community the best service available in the electrical industry. As contractors we want to show our customers that we are well aware of their needs and are willing to go the extra mile to work with them and for them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members who serve on committees and Trustees of the Trust Funds for the valuable time they give to keep our industry strong.

As an association we have a full agenda for the upcoming months. I encourage you to get involved in NECA, attend meetings, volunteer for a committee and help build the electrical industry. — **Joe Gathard**



**JOSEPH GATHARD**

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## Calendar

### Meeting Dates

#### General Membership

June 16 (3rd Thursday)  
 September 15 (3rd Thursday)  
 October 13 (2nd Thursday)

#### Board of Directors

June 16 (3rd Thursday)  
 August 18 (3rd Thursday)  
 September 15 (3rd Thursday)  
 October 13 (2nd Thursday)

**NECA 2011 Convention & Trade Show**  
 San Diego, CA — October 22 – 25, 2011

## 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

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**Stephen Cadieux**  
 Roland's Electric, 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:*

**Roy W. Richey**

*Director of Government Affairs:*  
**Charles Gardner**

## An Update On Our New President

### Joe Gathard Is Still Making Calls, Still Making Things Happen.

Joe Gathard is a guy who makes things happen. That's what we observed and reported on when we cast the NECA Wire spotlight on Joe and his company, All Service Electric, in 2005.

The new president of Long Island NECA is still in that mode. One of the first things he told us when we interviewed him recently is that he has been having informal meetings with Local 25, IBEW's new business manager, Kevin Harvey. Kevin recently replaced Local 25's retired business manager, Don Fiore. Joe and Kevin have been getting together, away from the office, to compare notes and find common ground on which to build the labor-management relationship

that the Long Island electrical industry desperately needs.

It's a grass-roots approach to solving problems; a business credo that Joe has used successfully in his own business, All Service Electric.

Joe joined NECA in 1996. Since then he's worked at making the most of his affiliation. A member of the Board of Directors for over ten years, he's moved through the officer ranks taking on more responsibility along the way.

A former Trustee of the Village of Valley Stream and a 30-year veteran of the Valley Stream Fire Department, Joe comes with a strong pedigree from

which his "can do" approach stems.

All Service Electric is all Long Island. And its electrical workers are all Local 25. Together, they do mostly commercial and public works jobs. Joe still likes to point to his firm's work on the Nassau County Data Center in Bethpage where they did all the intricate wiring for the huge 1,500kw generator there, and more recently, the Compressed Natural Gas station in Hauppauge, the largest of its kind on Long Island.

We're counting on Joe Gathard for a good administrative run as president of Long Island's NECA Chapter as he keeps making things happen. •

## At the Long Island Building and Facility Maintenance Show



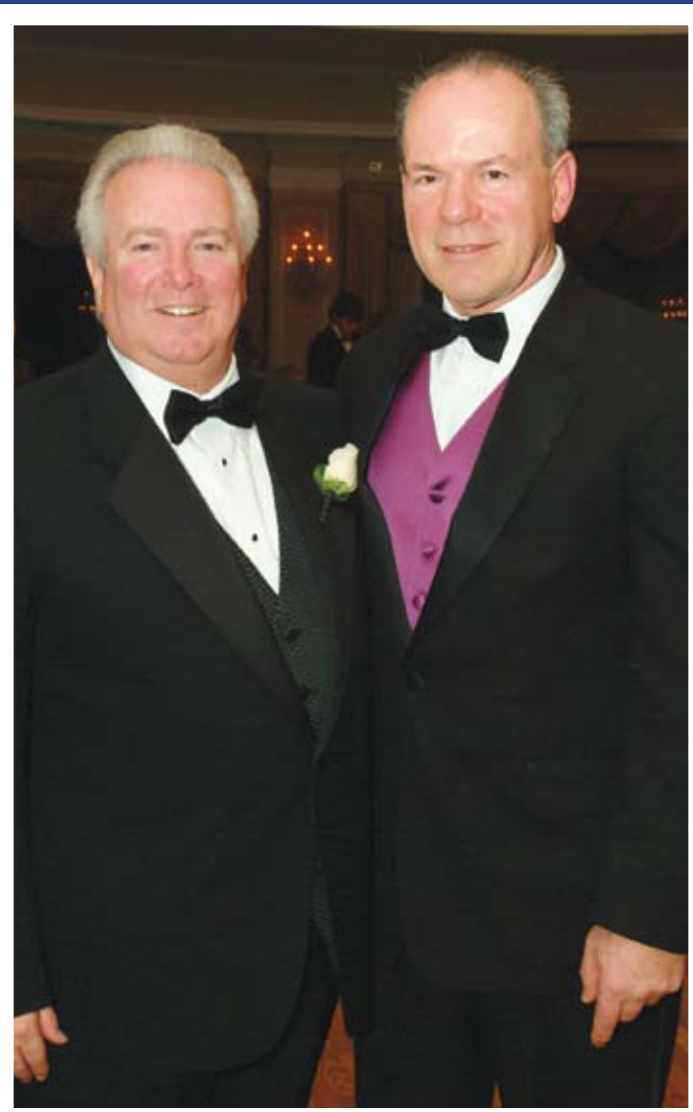
The Long Island Chapter made use of its newly purchased display board at the Long Island Building and Facility Maintenance Show held at Hofstra University on April 27 and 28. Thanks to Thomas DePace from Advance Sound and Michael Daly from J.P. Daly and Sons for helping man the booth. In photo left, Chapter Manager Roy Richey thanks LINECA's show sponsors. Above right, Charles Gardner, LINECA's Director of Government Affairs.



President Joseph Gathard and his wife Maryellen



Valerie Gilday, Jack Gilday, Executive Director Electrical Industry Board, Robert Dow, Karen Dow



Joseph Gathard and Robert Dow, Suffolk County Department of Labor Commissioner



Former Local 25 Business Manager Donald Fiore, Local 25 Business Manager Kevin Harvey and Stephen Cadieux NECA Director



Donald Leslie, Jr. Director, Nicolaus Feldmann, Governor, Robert Dow, Suffolk County Department of Labor Commissioner

# Long Island Chapter NECA 2011 Installation Dinner



## OHEKA Castle

The 2011 Long Island Chapter of NECA installation of officers and directors dinner was held on Saturday, January 8, at the Oheka Castle on Long Island's Gold Coast in Huntington. Members and their guests, including Suffolk County Department of Labor Commissioner Robert Dow, newly retired Local Union No. 25, IBEW Business Manager Donald Fiore, and the Local's newly appointed Business Manager Kevin Harvey enjoyed the fairy-tale splendor of this remarkable destination known for its celebrity weddings and corporate engagements. It was an evening of meeting, greeting and celebrating together amid winter splendor.



## 2011 Chapter Golf Outing Hamlet Willow Creek Golf and Country Club, Mt. Sinai, NY Tuesday September 27, 2011

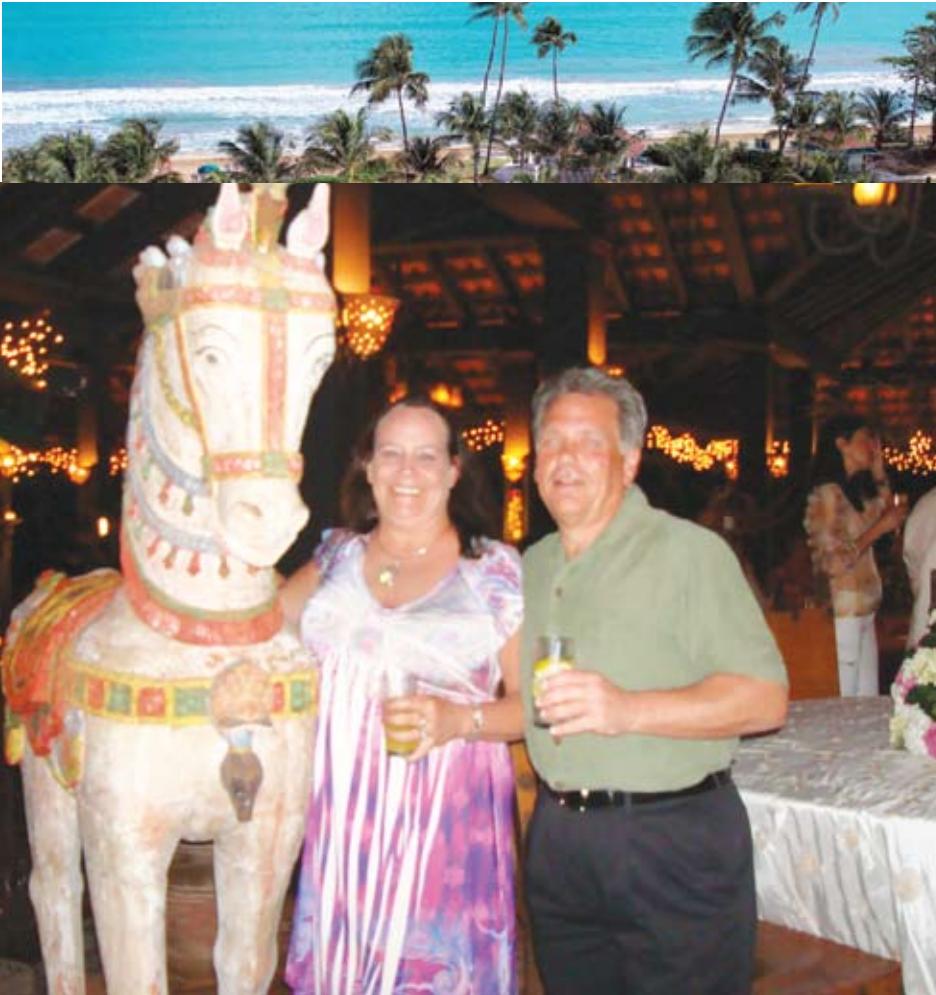
### At Last Year's Outing...

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010 the Long Island Chapter held its annual Golf Outing at the Hamlet Willow Creek Golf and Country Club in Mt. Sinai. Guests included **Dean E. Bennett**, A. Vournou Construction Management Group, **John Gilday**, Electrical Industry Board, **Christopher Kelly**, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, **Louis Calderone**, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and **Richard Ericson**, formerly of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. A great day, a great time.

### The Long Island Chapter Thanks The Following Tee Sponsors Of Its 2010 Golf Outing:

- AC Electrical Supplies
- ASR Electrical Contracting, Inc.
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- Advance Sound Company
- Avon Electrical/WESCO
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- Graybar Electric
- Hedlund Electrical Corporation
- JVR Electric, Inc.
- Johnson Electrical Construction Corporation
- Mid-Island Electrical Supply
- New York Fire Detection
- Simplex Grinnell
- Three Brothers Electric, Inc.

## Eastern Region Annual Meeting



Stephen Cadieux and wife Geri at the Chapter Dinner held at Hacienda Siesta Alegre.

With the rain forest on one side and the glittering ocean on the other, twenty four Long Island NECA contractors and their guests joined with people from other eastern chapters at the Rio Mar Resort in Puerto Rico March 20th to 24th, 2011. It was the NECA Eastern Region Annual Meeting and the venue couldn't have been more enjoyable. The programs were well chosen, well presented and well attended.

Highlighting the presentations was Jim Morris, on whose life the film "The Rookie" was based. A baseball lover as a boy, the lack of a baseball league for youngsters in the small Texas town where he grew up inhibited young Morris' progress as a pitcher and an injured shoulder ended any shot at a

professional career. Years later, while coaching high school baseball, he agreed to a deal with his players. Win the district championship and he will try out for major league baseball even though he was 35 years old. Of course he got the tryout and scouts discovered he could pitch consistently at 98 mph. This led to two improbable years in the major leagues.

Morris' candor and story telling ease was both riveting and inspiring; greatly enjoyed by the attendees.

Another highlight was the Chapter dinner, which we joined together with the New York City Chapter. Our members had an especially good time comparing notes with their New York City counterparts at the Hacienda Siesta Alegre. The beautiful Spanish

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The photo may be small but the win was big for our golf champs who won the Eastern Regional Meeting Golf Tournament. Pictured are (l-) Don Leslie, Jr., Pat Santoro, and Stephen Cadieux. Absent from the photo, but a big winner nonetheless, was Charlie Gardner.

Colonial Hacienda sits alone atop a high hill in the foothills of El Yunque Rainforest, overlooking the entire northeastern coast of Puerto Rico. It is a spectacular locale.

To top off a great Annual Meeting, our team won the Golf Tournament, making the Long Island Chapter proud. Congratulations to Stephen Cadieux, Charlie Gardner, Don Leslie, Jr., and Pat Santoro. •