

From the President's Desk



Robert Kohlmeyer

I hope this Fall finds all of you in good health and in good spirits. Regretfully, the economy has failed to rebound, and the months ahead do not look very promising for the construction industry.

The day school program has started with little or no problems. We have hired two full time instructors, Mr. Chris Kelly and Mr. Tom Dunn. I have personally spoken to them both. They are very positive and upbeat about the new day school program.

Let me reaffirm the Chapter's position regarding paying apprentices while they are in school. It never was the intent that these individuals be paid for time lost. If you have been misinformed, you should know that you are not expected to pay any apprentice who is not on the job due to day school.

Many of you have called

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L.I. Chapter Past Presidents' Night



Past Presidents Honored: Standing (l-r): Roy W. Richey, James T. Giorgio, Gordon L. Seaman, Donald Quenzer. Seated (l-r) Donald Leslie, Abraham Bender, William Klein. Absent when photo was taken, Marty Bass.

On May 15, 2003, at the Chapter's General Membership Meeting, eight past presidents were recognized. Absent was Marty Bass who was later honored at the June meeting.

Each of the presidents received a jacket with the chapter name and NECA logo on it. Photos were taken and all will receive a framed picture of the occasion. Each of the past presidents gave a short reflection on their remembrances of when they were president. They thanked the Chapter for this special night.

Joining us was William Jones III, the NECA Field Representative for the Eastern Region of National NECA. Biff, as he is known by us, has worked with all the past presidents and we were delighted he could attend. He later remarked what a nice way to remember the years of service that have been given by these NECA chapter presidents over the past thirty years. •

More photos from Presidents' Night Inside

Special Welcome
To Five New Permanent Members
And One Temporary Member For 2003

**The Following Contractors
 Have Joined Our Long Island Chapter:**

Mr. George Cecala
 HUB Electrical Industries, Inc.
 103 Luquer Street
 Brooklyn, New York 11231
 Temporary Member

Mr. Kevin Schrage
 K. Schrage & Son, Inc.
 10 Normandie Lane
 East Moriches, New York 11940
 Permanent Member

Mr. Robert Vecchi
 JHS Electric Services, Inc.
 1863 Newbridge Road
 Bellmore, New York 11710
 Permanent Member

Mr. Michael Daly
 J.P. Daly & Sons, Inc.
 88A Brook Avenue
 Deer Park, New York 11729
 Permanent Member

Mr. Mark Kassay
 Three Brothers Electric, Inc.
 6 Enterprise Drive, Suite A
 East Setauket, New York 11733
 Permanent Member

Mr. Joseph P. Florio
 Welsbach Electric of Long Island
 300 Newtown Road
 Plainview, New York 11803
 Permanent Member

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 CRK Contracting of Suffolk, Inc.

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 Testing Co., Inc.

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Al Bender,
 Bana Electric Corporation

Frank Hutton,
 Hutton Electrical Contracting Corp

Chapter Manager:
Roy W. Richey

From the Archives...

While searching the minutes of past chapter meetings going back to 1948 for our Past President's Night, we found other interesting items, too...

- The first chapter manager was Allan Grimes who started on March 7, 1949 and resigned April 13, 1949. (That has to be some kind of record.) There were three chapter managers between Mr. Grimes and John B. Kiernan, who was hired on May 5, 1950. Mr. Kiernan stayed for 15 years and resigned on June 16, 1955. Barry French, the fifth manager, was hired August 30, 1965. He retired in 1986. Andrew J. Nowotny served us from 1987 to 1997, Michael Gilchrist from 1997 to 2002, and yours truly, Roy Richey, 2002 to present.
- *ISB Industrial Stabilization Board, now the EIB Electrical Industry Board, was first mentioned in NECA minutes August 29, 1950.*
- *At the January 30, 1951 Board Meeting, it was unanimously agreed to support current movement in Suffolk County for a County wide electrical license. The license was adopted in 1970.*
- *The Chapter office had five previous locations prior to our present offices.*

— Roy Richey



Mike Bender presented his father Al Bender with a special Certificate of Recognition from the International IBEW for his 65 years of membership. The Chapter was honored that Al could attend this evening.



Frank Hutton (holding plaque) receives 25th anniversary award for Hutton Electrical Contracting Corporation from National NECA. Flanking Mr. Hutton are Roy Richey, Chapter Manager, James Giorgio, Sr., Governor and Robert Kohlmeyer, Chapter President.

At Past Presidents' Night - May 15, 2003



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to ask about the rumors you have heard about a work share program or a furlough of some kind. Although we have had two meetings with the Union to date regarding their ideas for work sharing, no programs have been considered by the NECA Chapter in any shape or form. Although we recognize the problems faced with severe unemployment, we need to understand that when times are tough for the worker they are no better for the contractor. So whatever we do (if anything), it will only be a program that helps the contractor remain competitive in these bad economic times. We have no way of knowing what program, if any, will change the work/employment picture. We are focusing our attention on ways to regain our market share, and we welcome any thoughts you may have.

Please make note of the meeting dates indicated in this newsletter, and make every attempt to attend our monthly meetings.

We will be looking for ideas for our upcoming "A" Construction Contract Negotiations and will need the input of every member.

Hope to see you in Orlando at our National Convention. – **Robert Kohlmeyer**

Chapter Calendar

Meeting Dates

September 18	General Membership (3rd Thursday)
October 1-4	National Convention Orlando, FL.
October 16	General Membership (3rd Thursday)
November 20	General Membership & Elections (3rd Thursday)

Special Notes:

- **The LI Chapter Installation Dinner will be held Friday, January 9, 2004 at Oheka Castle**
- **The 2004 Eastern Region Meeting will be held March 28-31 at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, Scottsdale, AZ.**

Long Island Chapter NECA Golf Outing, May 19, 2003

The Long Island Chapter gratefully thanks these Tee Sign Sponsors.

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The Long Island Chapter held its Annual Golf Outing at the Stonebridge Golf Links and Country Club in Hauppauge on May 19, 2003. The weather was perfect and welcomed after the many days of rain we had last spring.

Our guest list included: Robert Gaffney, Suffolk County Executive; Eugene Coughlin, Nassau County Commissioner of Labor; William Jones, Field Representative NECA Eastern Region; Robert Dow, Business Manager Local Union No. 25 IBEW; John Gilday, Executive Director Electrical Industry Board; James Plant, President, Local Union No. 25 IBEW.

Winners of the raffle were Bill Schumacher and Sal Santoro. Thanks to all our Tee Sponsors for their support. The chapter also thanks Bob Mauchan from Roland's Electric and Maryann from the NECA Chapter office for their help in running this outing.

Next year's Golf Outing will be at the same location on June 7th, 2004.



Shades are de rigueur on a sunny day. (l-r) James Giorgio, Sr., Robert Kohlmeyer, Robert Gaffney, Robert Dow, Don Leslie, Jr.

Chapter President Robert Kohlmeyer enjoys a chat with Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney



Celebrating their good fortune, raffle winners Sal Santoro (left) and Bill Schumacher