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makes donation to HELSF Scholarship fund



SECURING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: Since 1995 the HEL Kilowatt Kookers has supported the HELSF Scholarship fund.

The Houston Electrical League Kilowatt Kookers report a great time was had by all members and their family and friends at the 2002 Houston Livestock World Championship BBQ cookoff in February of this year. The team reports that \$25,254.00 was donated to the HELSF scholarship fund from ticket sales and sponsorships.

The team is an all volunteer group of men and women from the electrical industry that donate their time and energy to provide an event to have fun and raise money for scholarships. Since the first event in 1995, the team has donated over \$191,146 to the scholarship foundation.

This event is sponsored by the foundation so all donations are tax deductible. The 2003 event is scheduled for Feb. 21, 22 & 23 on the parking lot of Reliant Park. Watch your mail and check the League web-site at www.hel.org for information on how to sponsor the 2003 event.

The team would like to thank the 2002 \$1,000 sponsors American Business Machines, BL Technology, Cooper B-Line, Bell & McCoy, Crawford Electric Supply, Crouse-Hinds, Custom Power, Cutler-Hammer Engineering Service, CW Utilities, DWD Engineering, EGS Electrical Group, Emmco & Assoc., ETEL, Hoffman Enclosures, Houston Wire & Cable, Industrial Air Consulting, Kilowatt Kookers Cooking Team, M&I Electric, OmniCable, Panduit Corporation, Priority Wire & Cable, Samuel...

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President's Message

By Jeff Techmanski

Time. Where does it go? The last time I wrote this message was in December of 2001. Now here we are in August of 2002, and December '02 is just around the corner. I am sure the pace in which we conduct our business seems to make life go by faster and faster.

This is certainly the case for the HEL Board. As you know, 2002 is a SWEE year, and the HEL Board and SWEE committee prepared for months in advance for the show. Jim Krepper, SWEE Chairman, will outline this year's show results in an attachment that is included in this email. As to where the HEL Circuit has been, it has become a work in progress. This issue is a first for the league, as it is on-line only and will not be printed and mailed. I welcome your comments on this decision.

I want to acknowledge a board member who has stepped up and taken on this project. Mark Seilkop of Reiley Wesco has volunteered to host this newsletter, and he is open to your comments and suggestions as well. It is our goal to deliver a first class electronic newsletter that will be emailed to all members each quarter. There will be the usual pictures of league events, stories on relative issues, updates and announcements, and of course our "Watt's New" section for the industry scoop. Please pass the word along to anyone who would like to receive the

Circuit. All we need is their email address.

I want to thank Vice-President Keith Hessemer for the research he recently completed on local web-hosting companies. With Keith's recommendation, the board made a decision to start a new partnership with a company called "i360". Working with i360, a local Houston Company, and utilizing their expertise in web design, should provide our membership a great interactive web site.

Finally, let me invite any member of our league to spread the word about being a member of the Houston Electric League. Membership is as easy as going to hel.org and clicking on membership. The dues are only \$35.00 per year.

At the August board meeting, we will be voting on the 2003-2004 slate of officers, board members, and committee chairs. I personally welcome any members who would like to become involved to contact me or any HEL board of director. Join the men and women in our industry that volunteer their time together for a great cause. It is this group who strive towards positioning this league as a strong, viable, and important group to be a member of. This is the time when we have many opportunities for new faces to join the board and help provide direction and balance that will be a benefit to all.

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Date set for Sporting Clays Competition

Please mark your calendars for the HELSF Sporting Clays & Pistol Competition on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at the American Shooting Center.

There will be 2 flights: 1:30 PM and 3 PM; 4 Man Teams, 50 Targets, Shotgun Shells provided, food and drink are included, Lewis Clay Scoring System used. The Sporting Clays Committee Members are making an all out effort to look at new venues for our shooters. We are asking more men and women to participate! We hope to see you all at the Competition!

Scott Boyd of Wholesale Electric Supply has agreed to accept a position on the Clay committee. We look forward to Scott's input and welcome him aboard!

The Clay Tournament Committee is saddened by the loss of one of our dedicated members, Murphy McConaughy. We wish to express our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to his family. The committee is pursuing a path to insure the memory and dedication of Murphy to our HEL members.

Member Scholarships Awarded at Spring Meeting

Jeff Metzler, Crawford Electric, and HEL Scholarship chairman reports that at the Spring meeting five members' children were drawn to receive a \$1,000 scholarship at any college studying any curriculum.

The winners were:

- Taylor Scharck Texas Tech University
- Teal Scharck Texas A & M University
- Stacey Caniff University of Houston
- Stefanie Sweat Mary Hardin Baylor
- Gary Wilson University of Texas Austin

The \$1,000 scholarships are open to members' children who are juniors or seniors in college studying any field. Students who apply must be enrolled as an undergraduate student with at least 60 college hours of credit.

HELSEF Spring Golf Tournament

The HELSEF spring golf tournament was once again a great day of golf and a resounding success for the Foundation. Over two hundred members and guests enjoyed great weather at the event held on April 23, 2002 at Cypresswood Golf Club.

Scott Weddle, golf chair, was unable to attend because of business commitments, so Jim Krepper stepped in to provide leadership for the event.

The success of the day is due to great volunteers Mary Frances Burnett, retired, Sharon Coons from Square D, Jim Krepper with EBR, Gus Smith with Warren Electric, Ron Angst, Alice Bohlae, Brad Elledge, Scott Fields, Kevin Gregoire, Kirk Harrison of Panduit, Jeff Fisher with Houston Wire & Cable, Terry Donahoe of Wire & Cable of America, John Samperi & Matt Miertschin of C.W. Utility, Sheila Wilkenson of Dekoron, Jim Sims with Cutler Hammer and Lana Connor, Reliant HL&P.

Thanks to the following sponsors who made the tournament a financial success: Hole sponsors Cooper Wiring Devices, Crouse Hinds, ECP Tech Services, EGS Electrical Group, Emmco & Assoc., Graybar Electric, Houston Wire & Cable, Manhattan CDT, MARC Climatic Controls, Priority Wire & Cable, Reily/WESCO, Siemens Energy & Automation, Square D Company, Turtle & Hughes, Warren Electric Group, Wholesale Electric Supply, Wildcat Electric Supply. Beverage cart sponsors: C.W. Utilities, Dekoron Wire & Cable, E-TEL Sales, Panduit Corp., & Wire & Cable of America. The putting contest was sponsored by Powell Manufacturing. The long drive contest by Houston Wire & Cable. Velocity Express donated the delivery of our beverages.

Raffle items included 2-way radios, donated by Mike Haley, EGS won by Bob Fitzgerald. Strata golf balls, 3 boxes donated by Mike Haley, won by David Schiller, John Hartnet & Rodney Sydlik. Travel golf bag donated by Sheila Shrum of Velocity Express won by Berkley Sisson. Pinnacle Golf balls donated by Frances Hoyt/Drew Shenk with Service Wire Company won by Mike Haley. A



FIRST PLACE TRADITIONS: Keith Barker, Mike Aguda, Todd French. Not pictured Mr. Wilson.

foursome of golf on the Traditions course donated by James Gilbert of Cypresswood won by Christy Sweet. Any golfer present at the time of drawing was entered to win.

The pre-tournament putting contest was won by Brad Sisson. The long drive contest winner was Steve Wilson with a 301-yard drive.

On the Cypress course winners were: 1st place Randy Hayes, Jeffrey Keenam, Maurice Winter, Jerry Orebaugh. 2nd place Brad Sisson, Lenny Payne, John Heard, Larry Boatner. 11th place John Hartnet, Steve Tamez, Devin Wall, Bruce Mullins. 19th place Ron Angst, Scott Fields, Kevin Gregoire, Brad Elledge. Closest to the pin Tommy Machen. Long drive Don Ferrari.



FIRST PLACE CYPRESS: Randy Hayes, Jeffrey Keenam, Maurice Winter, Jerry Orebaugh.

The Traditions winners were: 1st place Keith Barker, Mike Aguda, Mr. Wilson, Todd French. 2nd place Chris Fetterman, Mike Hollier, Ken Reed, Larry King. 11th place Mike Nickells, Blake Hewitt, Charlie Brown, Bill Forner. 19th place Don Vrba, Steve Thorwegen, Rex Martin.

Corner Kreppers



I said goodbye to a friend today. I was fortunate to know him as a friend, a business associate and a devoted family man. I regret not having spent more time with him. But, the demands of every day life and the responsibilities of a family most times prevent us from doing the things we really want. He had many likes. He was an avid hunter and liked to shoot. He was a great joker and had a passion for NASCAR. Most of all, he had a great love and passion for his family. He always talked about Cathy, Katie and Will. He and Will were devoted fans of Dale Earnhardt. When Earnhardt was killed in an accident while racing, it was as though he had lost a brother. He served his country in the Army and in fact, was a member of The Presidential Honor Guard. After the news about his illness became known, he talked to me many times about how his family was so supportive. In particular, he spoke of his wife of 21 years, Cathy.

As hard as we all prayed, his fate was in fact in the hands of God. After a valiant fight for over a year, he passed away in the presence of his loving family on June 22, 2002.

It is particularly fitting for the sporting clays event, sponsored by HEL, be named for Murphy. He had a passion for shooting and was a dominant member of the committee which put on the yearly event. Hereafter, it will be called The HELSF Murphy McConnaughey Sporting Clays Event.

I will not share the other things Murphy and I talked about. They are too painful to relate. He fought the good fight, he finished his course and he kept the faith. In the end, God called him home. He is in a better place.

Goodbye Murph.

Benefit for Frankie Moser set for Sept. 19.

A benefit for Frankie Moser will be held Sept. 19 at the Reily/Wesco branch in Deer Park. Frankie has been in the electrical business in Houston for over 40 years. Frankie was stricken with St. Louis Encephalitis in late July and has begun what will be a long recovery process. Please contact Ron Moser/Sharon Morris for further details at 713 224 2400. The Houston Electric League wishes her well and hopes for a speedy and full recovery.

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The \$2,000 sponsors were CED, Cutler-Hammer, ECP Tech Services, Graybar Electric, Parrot Ice Drinks, Protect Controls, Powell Electrical Manufacturing, Reily/WESCO Deer Park, Reily/WESCO Houston, Rexel Summers, Warren Electric Group, and Wholesale Electric Supply.

Contact Jim Sims, Cookoff Chairman and HEL Board of Director at 713-849-1685 if you have any questions about the 2003 event.



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Get ready for Fall Bowling!

The Fall Bowling League begins Sept 9th. The league is looking for some fun seeking teams to Participate in this short 12 week event. Please e-mail your team info or any questions to Steve Alexander at salexander@cescoltd.com.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Bowling: Starts September 9
- Fall Golf Tourney: October 22
- Sporting Clays: September 18
- HEL Fall Membership Meeting: November 13



Jim Lind, Amando Torres Jr., and Jerry Sacra are proud to announce that Lumen Sales Associates, Inc. has joined Specified Lighting Sales, Inc. The current offices of SLS at 4511 Dacoma will serve as the offices for all personnel. This new organization will represent the New Hubbell Lighting, Wiremold, and other manufacturers of quality lighting and electrical equipment.



Reily/Wesco is pleased to announce the addition of Frank Fuller - Senior Account Representative, Josh Pinter - Project Quotations, Kathy Guerrero - Construction Project Management, Don Jenkins - Inside Sales, David Ellington - Project Manager, Tanni Gillespie - offsite trailer manager. Reily/Wesco Deer Park has promoted Chris Stack to the position of Outside Sales.



Bob Johnson is pleased to announce the formation of Source IEC, a new manufactures rep in Houston. Bob is the President and owner.