

The Electrical Connection

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Electrical Week Luncheon

On February 12th, the electrical community came together at Midvale Country Club to honor Electrical Week in Rochester and Monroe County as well as the historical achievements of Thomas Edison. Those attending enjoyed an excellent lunch; witnessed the Declaration of Electrical Week by the county and city; honored the Scholarship Winners and honored the winner of the Harley Hill Award.

The highlight of the program was Juan de Bedout, Manager of the Electric Power and Propulsion Systems Lab for GE Global Research, under the Electronic and Photonic Systems Technologies GTO, who gave an excellent presentation on "Green Power" and the growing role of renewable energy in the world's electric power generation portfolio as well as the technical challenges associated with the integration of



President Joseph Pellerite [left] and Luncheon Chair Dennis McCumiskey [right] with Juan de Bedout

these resources. Some of the sources for these technical challenges include the intermittent nature of renewable energy resources such as wind and solar energy, the lack of rotating inertia associated with power electronically interconnected assets, and the presence of power generating assets such as solar photo voltaics directly

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Scholarships Presented

Immediate Past President Laura Conklin had the distinct honor of presenting two \$500 Academic Scholarships and two \$500 School-To-Work Scholarships to this year's recipients at the Electrical Week Luncheon. Congratulations to: Academic Scholarships - Danielle Cumbo and Matthew Lengen; School To Work Scholarships - Michael Meyers and Thomas Talbo.

Danielle Cumbo is a senior at Churchville-Chili High School. She is a member of her Track & Field Team and is a committee member of the Greater Rochester Robotics Team. She has been a member of the Leo Club, an affiliation of the Churchville Lions Association, that volunteers its services to many Rochester area non-profit organizations. She also spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand as a student ambassador with the People to People organization. Danielle plans to attend Monroe Community College this fall, majoring in Math and Science.

Matthew Lengen is also a senior at Churchville-Chili High School. Matthew is Class President for 2007 and a member of the National Honor Society. He has received numerous awards including, Scholar Athlete Award, College Board AP Scholar Award, and Most Outstanding Male Student Award, to name a few. He is involved with the Varsity Golf Team and Jazz Band, volunteers at his local church and works part time at Brook-Lea Country Club. Matt plans to attend Cornell University this fall, majoring in Psychology.

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President's Article

A message from President Joe...

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this year's Electrical Week Luncheon on March 12th. The entire electrical community showed great support of this almost record attended event. Special thanks to our guest speaker, honored guests, and the Electrical Week Luncheon committee for making the event such a success.

Once again, the Electrical Association is pleased to have awarded scholarships to four outstanding students. Congratulations and best wishes to the winners and a special thanks to our members who actively support our fund raising efforts throughout the year.

The EAR strives to actively increase our communication and involvement with other organizations and associations both on local and international levels. We try hard to avoid local conflicting program schedules and to learn from others. Monitoring local, state and national regulations and how they can impact our community are also becoming increasingly important.

The Electrical Association of Rochester is here for you. I encourage you to become more involved by attending the programs and participating in the committee activities. Offering educational programs is our primary focus but social events such as the bowling party, luncheon, golf outing and the clambake also provide a relaxed atmosphere for networking.

Going forward, the Electrical Association will stay focused on our primary purpose of offering educational and social programs that promote the common interests of the electrical industry. I encourage you and your organization to actively participate in these programs. The strength and success of the Association comes from our membership... it comes from you! Be sure to save the dates for the EAR Golf Tournament on July 16th and the Annual Clambake on September 26th!



Providing Services & Support to the Electrical Community through: the Construction & Maintenance Division; Educational Classes and Seminars; Referral Program; Health Insurance; Networking Events such as the Golf Outing, Clambake and Bowling Party; Electrical Week Luncheon; Newsletter and Web Site; Scholarship Program; Tri-Annual Trade Show [Electri...FYI!]; and Administrative Support. For information, contact the EAR office 585-538-6350.

Luncheon continued

Electrical Week Luncheon continued...

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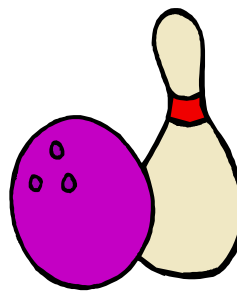
within the grid at the distribution level. Technology development underway at GE is directed at addressing these issues, to help achieve a higher penetration of renewables on modern grids.

During the program, the Rochester Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society awarded their Annual Harley Hill Excellence in Lighting Award. This year's award went to ME Engineering for the Unity Health Emergency Department Expansion. The Harley Hill Award is awarded to the winning submission by area Engineers, Architects, Designers, Contractors and Lighting Reps.

Breaking bread annually with our friends in the industry, learning more about how the electrical community is working towards better sources of renewable energy and honoring the work of Thomas Edison make for the great ingredients. Special thanks to Dennis McCumiskey and his committee for putting together a near record breaking attended event.

EAR Gets Bowled Over Again

On February 16th, the members of EAR and their friends once again got together to wash away those winter blues. Those attending enjoyed three hours of unlimited bowling, some friendly competition, food and drink, and, of course, some good old-fashioned FUN.



Congratulations to Jim Harts, Gary Means, Phil Yandow and Tom Zelke who each received a trophy for overall best team score. Brian Horner with Top Men's score and Maureen Holley with Top Women's score also each received a trophy. Denise Baker, Emily Griswold, Christine Hogue and Tracy Strawcutter each took home a playful backwards bowling trophy for overall lowest team score. The biggest winner of the evening, however, was the Scholarship program that took in \$133 to the fund from the 50/50 raffle.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Braman Sales, Empire State Sales, Energetix, Ferrini-Konarski, Gates Electric Supply, GE Supply, Horizon Solutions, Kovalsky-Carr Electric Supply, Lauterborn Enterprises, LightSpec, Maynard's Electric Supply, O'Connell Electric, Point Source Group, Quality Lighting Systems, Rockwell Automation, SimplexGrinnell, Tambe Electric, Total Lighting Concepts and Zeller Corporation.

Special thanks to Sue Downs and Joe Lengen for planning the enjoyable event.

Scholarship continued...

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Michael Meyers is a Senior at Attica High School and enrolled in the Genesee Valley BOCES Building Trades Program. Mike's focus is on the Electrical, Plumbing and Heating trades. Mike works part time on a farm working with heavy machinery.

Thomas Talbo is enrolled in the adult program at Wayne Technical and Career Center. Over the years, Tom has helped the community, specifically those with disabilities, in building ramps and installing automatic door openers, wheelchair lifts, and other accessibility items that are not covered by insurance.

Special thanks to all the applicants, the independent selection committee and everyone who contributed to the many programs to raise the funds throughout the year.

Scholarship Selection Not Easy!

It takes a special person to agree to serve on the Scholarship Selection Committee. They must be interested in helping students, be from outside the electrical community [in the academic arena] and willing to volunteer. It takes at least three people to obtain a full review.

The committee members individually review all the applications in detail and evaluate them according to the criteria established by the program. As a group, they must decide who they feel is best qualified [why one deserves the award compared to another]. No real easy job considering the high caliber of applications that we always receive.

We are fortunate they are willing to serve in this capacity. They do an excellent job in a very short period of time and all because they really care!



Danielle Cumbo



Matthew Lengen



Michael Meyers



Thomas Talbo

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Construction & Maintenance Division

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

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WE SALUTE THE CMD SPONSORS

The Construction and Maintenance Division could not possibly present the monthly educational programs without the strong support of the Corporate Sponsors. Each and every year the registrants enjoy monthly opportunities to learn about important topics that affect their work, have an opportunity to network with others in their field, meet with suppliers and share some delectables. We salute the Sponsors on behalf of all the registrants and thank them for their support.

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Education

Educational Opportunities

Swimming Pool Installation

Thursday, April 19th

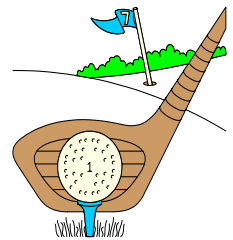
OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Course

Tuesdays, May 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Contact the EAR office or visit www.earoch.com for details.

Golf Outing

Annual Golf Outing Monday July 16th Lima Golf & Country Club



Clambake



Annual Clambake Wednesday September 26th Eagle Club

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