

The Electrical Connection

Spring 2008

Scholarships Presented

In 1993, the Electrical Association of Rochester established a scholarship fund to help further the education of students in need. All applicants are judged on academic achievement in school and community service by an independent selection committee from the academic community. This past year, the Board voted to increase the Academic Scholarships to \$1000 each. Past President, Joseph Pellerite had the honor of announcing this year's winners at the Annual Electrical Week Luncheon on Monday, February 11, 2008. Congratulations to Madeline Gioia and Helen Moore.



Madeline Gioia

Madeline Gioia is a senior at Olympia High School. She has been a Sales Rep at the Music & Arts Centers and a cashier/server at Sbarro Pizza. She has volunteered and taught young children at Safety Town, has volunteered and taught at the Greece Community Education Camp, served food and ran games at both the Tom Golisano Diabetes Walk and Special Olympics. Maddie plans to attend the SUNY College at Oneonta, majoring in Music Industry this Fall.



Helen Moore

Helen Moore is a freshman at the University of Buffalo. Helen is a cashier at Tim Horton's. She is a member of Engineers for a Sustainable World, has been President of the French Club and was President and Co-Founder of the International Club in her high school. Helen will continue at the University of Buffalo this fall, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

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Electrical Week Luncheon

On February 11th, 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 winners of the Harley Hill Award and the Energetix Green Lighting Award.



Dennis Mullen with President Kathy

The highlight of the program was Mr. Dennis Mullen, Chairman and CEO of the Greater Rochester Enterprise, who gave an excellent presentation on "Economic Development in our Region". Mr. Mullen discussed in great detail the trickle down affect of capital investment and the economic development in our region. He shared with us several stories about the many businesses new to our area and even shared with us that Toyota looking at Seneca Falls as

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President's Article

A message from President Kathy...

With the enjoyable holiday season behind us, we are now looking forward to some warmer weather. I am Kathy Donlon-VanDeMar, and I am the new president of the Electrical Association of Rochester. With the continued support of Past President Joe Pellerite, and the entire board, I hope to have another successful year.



I would like to thank Bill Stiewe, and Sue Downs for volunteering their time for the past four years. It is people like them, with their hard work and dedication, that make our Association succeed. I would like to welcome to the Board of Directors Lynne Cohen, Paul DiPasquale, Bob Haak, and Jaime Kall.

We hope you enjoyed our guest speaker, Dennis Mullen, Chairman and CEO of the Greater Rochester Enterprise this year at the Electrical Week Luncheon on February 11, 2008. Congratulations to our scholarship winners, Madeline Gioia and Helen Moore.

The Association continues to offer excellent educational programs, a golf tournament, bowling party, and a clambake. It is your chance for education and networking within the electrical community.

I am looking forward to serving as your president and welcome any suggestions or comments you may have.



Awards

Well Deserved!

At the Electrical Week Luncheon, Past President Joseph Pellerite had the pleasure of thanking two members who recently completed their terms as Directors of the Electrical Association.

Sue Downs, Owner of Gates Electrical Supply, served as a Director for four years, from 2004 through 2007. During her tenure, she chaired the Bowling Party, and served on the Clambake, Electrical Week Luncheon, Golf Outing and Trade Show Committees.

Bill Stiewe, Electrical Engineer at Rochester Gas & Electric, also served as a Director for four years, from 2004 through 2007. During his tenure, he served on the Trade Show Committee and as Co-Chair for the Clambake Committee.



Past President Joe [left] with Bill Stiewe and President Kathy

On behalf of everyone in the electrical community, Sue and Bill, please accept our appreciation.

Luncheon continued

Electrical Week Luncheon continued...

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a viable location for their new plant.

Breaking bread annually with our friends in the industry, learning more about the economic development in the Greater Rochester area, and honoring the work of Thomas Edison make for the great ingredients. Special thanks to Dennis McCumiskey and his committee for once again putting together a near record-breaking attended event.

EAR Gets Bowled Over Again!

On January 23rd, the members of EAR and their friends once again got together to roll 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 Dwight Roth, Ed Salerno, Bill Perkins, and Joe Korn who each received a trophy for Highest Team Score; Bill Perkins took the Top Men's score and Maureen Holley, once again, took Top Women's score, each receiving a trophy. Jack Brautigam, Lynne Burch, Paul Urlacher, and Patrick Craig each received a playful, backwards bowling trophy for overall lowest team score as they were wished better luck next year. The biggest winner of the evening, however, was the Scholarship program that took in \$200 to the fund from the 50/50 raffle, while Darlene Bender and Mark Pratt each splitting the other half.



Bowling Party

Special thanks to our sponsors: Eastcoast Electric, Empire State Sales, Energetix, Ferrini Konarski, Gates Electric, GEXPRO, Graybar, Hewitt Young Electric, Horizon Solutions, Lauterborn Electric, LightSpec, Maynard's Electric, O'Connell Electric, Osterman Associates, Quality Lighting, Radec, Rockwell Automation, S & S Engineering, Simplex-Grinnell, Tambe Electric, United Sales Agency, Wesco Distribution, and Zeller Corporation.



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

Scholarship continued...

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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 Scholarship Selection Committee members individually review all the applications in detail and evaluate them according to the criteria established by the program. They must decide who they feel is best qualified [why one deserves the award compared to another]. Not an easy job considering the high caliber of applications that we always receive.

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

Scholarship continued



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...FY!!]; and Administrative Support.
For information, contact the EAR office 585-538-6350.

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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

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Full Day of NEC® 2008 Changes

Saturday, April 5, 2008
8:00 am to 5:00 pm



Don't miss out... This seminar occurs only once every 3 years!

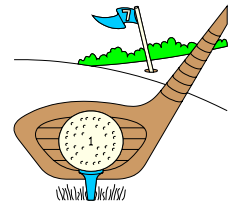
Swimming Pool Installation Seminar

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

Golf Outing

Annual Golf Outing Monday July 14, 2008 Lima Golf & Country Club



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