

The Electrical Connection

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Electrical Week Luncheon

February marks the time of year when the Electrical Association of Rochester, and the entire community, recall the achievements of Thomas Alva Edison [born February 11, 1847], and honor the many dedicated people in the industry. Our Annual Electrical Week Luncheon on Monday, February 9th not only was a tribute to Thomas Edison, but also provided a venue for Monroe County and the City of Rochester to present a joint Proclamation naming February 8th through 14th as Electrical Week. At the luncheon we recognized our scholarship recipients recognized board members for their dedicated service to the Electrical Association of Rochester.



President Rob with Gil Moniz

This year's featured speaker was Gil Moniz, Northeast Regional Field Representative for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association [NEMA]. Mr. Moniz shared with us his views on how the recent building code changes will effect the economy in New York State and Rochester. Mr. Moniz also shared his involvement with the NYS Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. In 2007, many Organizations across New York State, including the Electrical Association of Rochester, joined together to form the NYS Electrical Code Alliance proposing that the Building Code Council adopt the latest edition of the National Electric Code

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Bowled Over Again?

On January 29th, the members of EAR and their friends once again got together to roll away those winter blues. This year's event was held at Farview Lanes where the facility was only open to us.

Those attending enjoyed three hours of unlimited bowling, some friendly competition, food and drink, and, of course, some good old-fashioned FUN.



Congratulations to Phil Yandow, Tom Zelke, Gary Means and Mike Beuter who each received a trophy for Highest Team Score of 870; Jim McCarthy and Nick Anschutz tied with the Top Men's score of 247 and Ann Plucknette took Top Women's score with a 196, each

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Deserving Scholarships Awarded

In 1993, the Electrical Association of Rochester established a scholarship fund to help further the education of students in need. In 1998, the association established a second category enabling School-to-Work Scholarships to be used towards the cost of tools for individuals seeking a career in the trade. All applicants are judged on academic achievement in school and community service by an independent selection committee from the academic community. Past President, Joseph Pellerite had the honor of announcing this year's winners at the Annual Electrical Week Luncheon on Monday, February 9, 2009. Congratulations to Brenna Sweeney and Bryan Heinlein for each winning a \$1000 Academic Scholarship and Adam Bishop for winning a \$500 School-To-Work Scholarship.

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President's Article

A message from President Rob...

It was nice to see so many familiar faces at this year's Electrical Week Luncheon. Despite some tough times in our economy, your support of these events is what makes our electrical community strong and vibrant. Special thanks go out to our guest speaker, honored guests and to the Luncheon committee for their work in making this event a success.



The Electrical Association of Rochester was pleased to award scholarships to three deserving students. Congratulations and best wishes to the winners and to the parents who have supported their students through the years. A special thanks to all who help this endeavor by contributing to our fund-raising 50/50 raffles at our various functions.

I would like to thank Rose Mancuso, Bill Davis and Dennis McCumiskey for volunteering on our Board of Directors for the past four years. Their hard work and dedication benefited us all in the electrical community.

Awards

Recognition Awards Well Deserved!

At the Electrical Week Luncheon, President Rob Gioia had the pleasure of thanking three Board members who recently completed their terms as Directors of the Electrical Association.



*L to R: President Rob, Bill Davis, Dennis McCumiskey & Past President Joe Pellerite
Not pictured: Rose Mancuso*

Bill Davis, Inspector for Middle Department Inspection Agency, completed his term with Electrical Association, serving as a Director for 4 years, from 2005 through 2008. During his tenure, he served on Clambake, Education and Electrical Week Luncheon Committees as well as the Construction & Maintenance Division Committee where he served as Co-Chair in 2007 and Chair in 2008 and 2009.

Dennis McCumiskey, Line Manager for O'Connell Electric, also completed his term with the Electrical Association, serving as a Director for 4 years, from 2005 through 2008. During his tenure, he served on the Clambake Committee in 2005 and 2006 and served on the Electrical Week Luncheon Committee as Co-Chair in 2007 and Chair in 2008.

Rose Mancuso, Executive Account Manager for Energetix, also completed her term with the Electrical Association, serving as a Director for 4 years, from 2005 through 2008. During her tenure, she served on the Electrical Week Luncheon Committee as well as serving as our Clambake Chair for all four years of service.

Each of these individuals served the Electrical Association of Rochester without financial compensation. They are volunteers in every sense of the word and without people like them, this association could not exist. Thank you Bill, Dennis and Rose and thanks to all those who are involved for the betterment of the electrical community.

Luncheon continued

Luncheon continued...

[NEC] as the single Standard for all electrical installations, enabling the state to keep pace with today's electrical Safety demands and evolving technologies. Acceptance of the proposal would mean using one book theory for electrical installations for the majority of those who use the Electrical Code rather than using the three books [RCNYS, 2002 NEC and 2005 NEC] currently used in NYS.

Breaking bread annually with our friends in the industry, learning more about the recent building code changes and how they effect the economy, and honoring the work of Thomas Edison make for the great ingredients. Special thanks to Jaime Rowley and her committee for putting together the enjoyable event.

Bowling continued...

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receiving a trophy. John Gajor, Stephanie Sage, Christine Evangelista and Ann Plucknette 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 \$245 to the fund from the 50/50 raffle with Terri Hoover receiving the other half.



Special thanks to our sponsors: Anixter, Energetix, Ferrini Konarski, GEXPRO, Graybar, Great Lakes Controls, Hewitt Young Electric, Horizon Solutions, Lauterborn Electric, Leviton, LightSpec, Maynard's Electric, O'Connell Electric, Quality Lighting, Radec, Saratoga Sales, Simplex-Grinnell, Sumner Leigh Systems, Tambe Electric, and TLC/Integra Sales.

Finally, thanks to Joe Lengen and his committee for planning the enjoyable event.



**Bowling
Party
continued**

Scholarship continued...

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Brenna Sweeney is a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and received academic awards for AP Physics and Pre-Calculus Honors, she received the NYS Scholar Athlete Award and was chosen to participate in the American Mathematics Competition in both 10th & 11th grade. Brenna enjoys babysitting, photography and dance. Dancing since age 3, she is a member of Fitzsimmons Dance Factory where she practices daily and competes both regionally and nationally every year. Brenna plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, majoring in Business this Fall.



Brenna Sweeney

Bryan Heinlein is a junior at the University of Scranton. Bryan has been on the Dean's List all five semesters. He has been coach and vice president of Club Crew, the founder and former president of Mock Trial, an Intern to the President, Assistant to the Director of Alumni Retreats, and Soccer Referee for the US Soccer Association since 2003. Bryan will continue this fall at the University of Scranton to complete his double major in Business Administration and Philosophy.



Bryan Heinlein

Adam Bishop is Senior at Pembroke High School and enrolled in the Genesee Valley BOCES Building Trades Program, specializing in Electrical, Plumbing & Heating. He has worked for Landmark House Inc. and helped build two houses through the BOCES program. Adam plans to pursue a career in the Electrical Trades field and attend an electrical apprentice program this fall.



Adam Bishop

EAR wishes to thank all of those who put forth the effort to apply. We had many outstanding candidates and, as always, are sorry that we cannot present the award to all of them. We certainly encourage those who were not selected this year to apply again next year.

**Scholarship
continued**

CALENDAR

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Construction & Maintenance Division Programs

Generators

Wednesday, April 8th
Wishing Well Restaurant

Annual Tour

Tuesday, May 12th
Mill Seat Landfill

Clambake

**53rd Annual Clambake
Wednesday
September 23rd
Webster Columbus Center**



Education

Educational Opportunities

Swimming Pool Installation Seminar

Tuesday
April 1, 2009
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

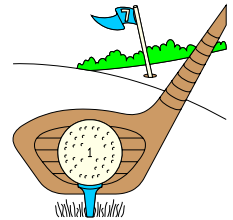
OSHA 10-Hour Safety Course

Wednesdays
April 22nd, 29th & May 6th, 2009
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 13, 2009
Lima Golf & Country Club**



Trade Show

**More Details
to Follow!**

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**Upstate Electrical Show
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