

# Electric League News

March 2010



## President's Message

Things change so fast. This article initially began with a reference to the Information Age in which we are living. After doing some research, I realized that we might not be in the Information Age any longer. By some accounts, we have moved into the Attention Age. What does that mean?

Consider facebook, twitter™, YouTube™, and the effect it has on society today. Even we, at the Electric League, have a Linked in® presence. Today, not only do we have information readily available at all times, we create it and share it instantly worldwide. Social media has revolutionized the way we do things.

Why is this important to us? There is so much information created and shared that it is sometimes difficult to know what to think, what works, and what decisions to make. While the Electric League can't help solve all of our problems, it does offer a resource to converse with and learn from others who share the same or similar concerns in our industry. Even better is the chance to share information with those who do something different in our industry. This offers us a different perspective. Creativity flows when people with different ideas come together.

In the coming year, we will have opportunities to network with people in our line of business. We will have classes that will help us figure out what is fact and what is not. We will have a chance to meet with electrical industry leaders including utility members and electrical contractor members. Don't miss out! Take advantage of the Electric League and the opportunities it brings.

*Julie Daniels, President*

## Electric League Bowling Event

Mark Friday, April 9 on your calendar to join fellow Electric League members for the annual Electric League Bowling Event. We will "set the pins" at the AMF College Bowl on College Blvd. Registration opens begins at 1:30 p.m. with bowling from 2-4 p.m. Awards will be presented at 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend - even if you do not bowl come cheer on your favorite team. A registration form is included with this newsletter.



## April Luncheon

### SmartGrid Demonstration Project - Luncheon Topic

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the April 23 Electric League Luncheon. Steve Gilkey, KCPL, will present a program on SmartGrid technology. The luncheon will be held at KCP&L Energy One Center, 1200 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.



Kansas City Power & Light was a recipient of ARRA Grant funding through the Department of Energy's Smart Grid Demonstration Grant Program. The project will demonstrate the feasibility and benefits of deploying cutting edge utility and home energy use technologies. Find out how KCP&L will deploy this set of technologies and how they plan to positively impact the model for a Utility of the Future.

Steve currently holds the position of Senior Director T&D Engineering & Planning at KCPL. Mr. Gilkey has been in various leadership roles at KCPL since 2003. Gilkey began his utility career over 25 years ago as an Electrical Engineer at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. He has held positions from engineer and field supervisor to director, and has progressed through leadership roles across upstate New York and the Mid-West. **Plan to join us April 23 for this luncheon. A registration form is included with this newsletter.**

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## Electric League Golf Outing

### Get Ready to Golf!

*Shine your shoes and polish those clubs - the spring golf outing is just around the corner.*

#### Spring Golf Outing

Friday, May 14 - Winterstone Golf Course, Independence, Mo.

Mark your calendar today to participate in the spring Electric League golf event this year! **A registration form is included with this newsletter. If you need more information contact Kim at the League office - 816.561.5323.**

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## The People Column

Happy February Birthdays from us to: **Angelina Mindrup** at CBM; **Kevin O'Neill** at C&O; **Mark Lutz, Travis Pilant, Char Norman, Kevin Jones, Keith Kreyling, Jim Heidenreich, Joe Lechner, Mischa Pickett,** and **Adam Cote** at Western Extralite; and **Jeff Taylor** and **Sandy Atkinson** at Square D.

Happy March Birthdays to: **Ken Pierce, Brandon Taylor, Terry Murdock, Deren Creek, Troy Savage, Jerry Longstreth** and **Jim Taafe** at Western Extralite. Also celebrating birthdays are **Darrell Ruehter** at Wesco; **Jay Rains** at Rains Electrical Sales; **Kathy Short, Pat Saviano,** and **Jim Stanker** at C&O Sales; and **Kevin Slatier, Russ Pointer** and **Ron Lomax** at Square D.

C&O announces the retirement of **Shirley Henderson**. Shirley has been in our industry for 30+ years. She was with **Dan Horsch**, B&E Product Sales, and the last 15 years with C&O. Good luck Shirley - enjoy.

We are happy to share the following news: On Feb. 25, **Rose Privitera Biondo** of Mark One Electric was installed as the new chair of the KCK Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Rosie!

**Kristopher Jones** of Square D is the proud new Papa of **Elijah Henry Jones** born Feb. 8 at 12:01 p.m. weighing in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. Mother and baby are healthy and happy - Congratulations! Shout out to **Chris Dix** of Rains Electrical Sales on, once again, becoming a grandmother. Baby **Sienna Marisol Asins** was born on Feb. 6, 2010 weighing in at seven pounds and is 19-1/2" long.

Happy Spring Break, Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all.  
Keep those e-mails coming in. This is your column and we want to print your news.



**Mark your calendar**

## PROGRAMMING



**Raffle Prize  
at each meeting!**



<b>April 23</b> SmartGrid	Steven Gilkey, KCP&L
<b>June 25</b> Fraud	FBI Representative
<b>Aug. 20</b> Hiring & Retaining Employees	Freddie Johnston, Federated Ins.
<b>Oct. 22</b> Political Scene	Mike Mahoney, KMBC - TV 9

\* Topics and speakers are subject to change

**BE THERE for Knowledge. BE THERE for Networking. BE THERE  
Raffle Prize Drawing at Each Meeting!**

## Navigating Employment Practices Exposures

By Federated Insurance Company

Do you feel as if you're navigating through a "perfect storm" in the waters of employment-related practices liability (ERPL)? The challenging economy, rising unemployment rates, and recent legislation have alerted savvy business owners to the importance of evaluating their employment practices exposure.

Federated not only offers one of the finest ERPL policies in the insurance industry, we are positioned to help support our clients with their efforts to establish and maintain a productive, non-discriminatory workplace. We have teamed up with The AGOS Group, LLC, to give our ERPL policyholders access to AGOSNET®.

### What is AGOSNET?

AGOSNET is a web-based program that provides our ERPL policyholders with a variety of resources and services related to employment practices:

- **Risk Management Tools** applicable to their specific businesses.

- **Call Center** staffed by risk management professionals. AGOSNET's representatives, although not attorneys, can provide effective risk management strategies for preventing or managing workplace risks.

- **Online Training for Frontline Managers and Supervisors** that can maximize loss prevention and minimize workplace litigation.

- **Online Employee-Training Modules**, including: Conflict Resolution, Harassment, Tolerance, Workers Compensation, Workplace Diversity, Workplace Safety, Workplace Theft, Workplace Violence

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\* National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Report, "What Do Traffic Crashes Cost?" Total Cost to Employers by State and Industry," 1998-2000

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