

Electric League News

October 2010



President's Message

Our Education Committee has been busy this fall. In October, the Electric League is offering a Medium Voltage seminar. This is an advanced level class which has been broken down to two hour segments. Board members Duff Greenwood and Chris Hedges will lead students through cable and termination selection, sizing, prep and hands-on techniques. Additionally, there are two webinar learning opportunities in November. Mike Kelly, P.E. an educator from UMKC will be speaking on the fundamentals of electricity and renewable energy. Details for all classes are listed at www.electricleague.org.

Last month, I told you about our award for the Standardized Training for Outage Recovery in the Metro (STORM) education project. This class will be repeated at a Johnson County Licensing Seminar on November 3rd. Join us and see this award winning presentation for yourself.

The Electric League is focused on providing value to our membership and others in the electrical industry.

Julie Daniels, President

Save the date
**Electric League
Trade Show**
April 5 - 6, 2011
Overland Park Convention Center

www.electricleague.org

Electric League Sponsors Rodeo Safety & Training Conference

October 13-16, 2010

**Overland Park Convention Center - Expo
National Ag Center/Hall of Fame
(Bonner Springs, KS) - Rodeo**

Oct. 13-14 - **Electric League Sponsors - Rodeo Safety & Training Conference**

Oct. 14 - Disaster Relief Exposition

Oct. 14-15 - Lineman's Expo

Oct. 16 - Rodeo

Cost: Free of charge for all events (except the BBQ dinner)

For more details: <http://www.linemansrodeokc.com>

October Luncheon Meeting

Micheal Mahoney Highlights Area Political Scene - "What's Happening"

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Date: Friday, Oct. 22

Schedule:

11 a.m. - Registration

11:30 - Lunch

Noon - Program

Speaker and Program: Micheal Mahoney, KMBC - TV9
Political Scene - What's Happening

Location: Figlio The Italian Restaurant
209 W 46 Terr - Country Club Plaza

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non-members

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The November elections are just around the corner. The races are heating up. Come find out what you should know but don't!

A Registration Form is Included With This Newsletter.

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Missouri & Kansas
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The People Column

Lots of October birthdays to celebrate.

Happy Birthday to **Becky Keller** at JCI, **Don Degnan** at Walker-Laudermilk, **Isaac Anderson** at Square D, **Wes Rains** at Rains Electrical Sales, **Curtis Jones**, **Bonni Feller**, and **Joel Hartman** at Wesco KC, and **Duff Greenwood**, **Larry Robinson**, **Pat O'Donnell**, **Kevin Kruse**, **Brett Cooper**, and **Jay Carlson** at CBM

Celebrating birthdays at Western Extralite are: **Tim Fitzpatick**, **Becky Schroeder**, **Tim Nelson**, **Carl Williams**, **Bill Stoneback**, **Theresa Thomas**, **Terri Seyl**, **David "Doc" Kitchell**, **Kurt Kisker**, **John Bird**, **Leith Winsor**, and **Robert Dale**. We hope you all have a wonderful birthday.

Don't forget to celebrate: Columbus Day on October 11th; National Dessert Day on October 14th; Boss' Day and Sweetest Day on October 16th(no, they are not the same thing!); and Halloween on October 31st.

Keep those e-mails coming in, this is YOUR column and we want to print YOUR news.

Tournament Results

Fall Golf Tournament - Sept. 27 at Winterstone

Flight 1 1st Place - BA Electric Supply - Score of 61
2nd Place - AXA Advisors - Score of 62 (score card playoff)
3rd Place - Southwire 2 - Score of 62

Flight 2 1st Place - Current Solutions - Score of 67 (score card playoff)
2nd Place - Square D/Schneider - Score of 67
3rd Place - Thomas & Betts - Score of 67

Hole Prize Winners

Hole #4 - Closes to Hole - Chris Wallis
Hole #5 - Longest Drive - Joel Hartman
Hole #6 - Straightest Drive - Gary Burgard
Hole #12 - Closest to Hole - Chris Wallis
Hole #14 - Longest Putt - Mike Bellman

Skins Winner

Hole #9 - BA Electric Supply - score 4

Charity Hole #7 - Key Lighting

Betting Hole #17 - Dean Engine

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Plan to Attend!

Holiday Luncheon

Date: Friday, Dec. 3, 2010

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Argosy Casino, Riverside, Mo.

Cost: \$39 per person (includes 10 raffle tickets)

Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate the holidays with your staff and fellow industry professionals at the Annual Holiday Luncheon.

We are excited to bring a new twist to the holiday luncheon this year. Each reservation automatically receives 10 chances to win one or more of the fabulous door prizes donated by our members. Due to Argosy Casino's rules and regulations, we are no longer able to sell raffle tickets – everyone at the luncheon must have the same opportunity to win a prize, and they would not if individuals outside the luncheon had a ticket in the barrel! Don't despair, for those of you who put your employees' names on tickets and they are not able to attend with you, you could return to the office with the door prize and hold your own drawing.

You have an opportunity to contribute more to the Foundation on the registration form by adding a specific dollar amount you would like to donate to the Foundation for scholarships and the annual charitable donation.

The beneficiary is really the Foundation. With your participation at the Holiday Luncheon we are able to award from \$1,000-\$1,500 annually to assist student(s) with their college education, plus we are able to donate \$1,000 each year to a worthwhile local charity. Your participation is invaluable towards this effort.

This year the Holiday Luncheon Committee and your board agreed to donate \$1,000 to the River of Refuge, a worthwhile organization in Raytown, Mo., that transitions homeless families who have jobs from high rent motels and shelters into permanent housing. John Wylie, the executive director, will be at our luncheon to help us learn more about their efforts and how we can get involved.

Plan to join us at our Dec. 3rd Holiday Luncheon!



Will you be a winner?

Healthcare Reform Law: Timeline for Small Business Part 2

Editor's Note: The first part of this article appeared in the August issue of the Electric League News.

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- **Small business health insurance tax:** An annual fee on health insurance providers will be passed on to consumers. This tax will fall on the vast majority of plans that small businesses purchase, but not on self-insured plans (such as most big business and labor union policies). The fee is \$8 billion for 2014, \$11.3 billion for 2015 and 2016, \$13.9 billion for 2017, \$14.3 billion in 2018. For years beginning 2019, the \$14.3 billion figure will be adjusted upwards for the growth in medical costs.
- **Health insurance exchanges:** Exchanges open to individuals and small businesses with up to 50 employees. (An individual state may opt to increase that number to 100.)
- **Premium credits:** The federal government begins subsidizing individuals up to 400% of the federal poverty line – around \$88,000 today for a family of four. These credits will subsidize individuals purchasing insurance in exchanges (but not those with traditional employer-sponsored plans).
- **Medicaid eligibility expands:** The income level for Medicaid eligibility rises, bringing millions of new people into Medicaid. This Medicaid expansion will account for around half of the total increase in insurance coverage and will place considerable new financial pressure on states.
- **Medicare cost-cutting:** An independent Payment Advisory Board is created to recommend legislation to reduce the growth rate of Medicare costs.
- **Benefits package:** Federal officials must define an essential benefits package with which all insurance policies must comply. (This provision includes restrictions on cost-sharing.)

The conclusion of this article will be in the November issue of the Electric League News.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 12 & 14 - Medium Voltage Seminar

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: CBM – Training Room

Speakers: Duff Greenwood, CBM & Chris Hedges, Christopher C. Hedges Co.



CEUs
have been applied
for, for these
opportunities.

NOVEMBER 15 - Basic Training Webinar

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Speaker: Mike Kelly, P.E., UMKC

NOVEMBER 19 - Renewable Energy Webinar

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Speaker: Mike Kelly, P.E., UMKC

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please refer to enclosed registration materials or visit our website at: www.electricleague.org



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