

# Electric League News

September 2011



## President's Message

The recent widespread electrical outage in the southwestern United States has once again reminded us of the fragile state of the country's electrical infrastructure. The concept that a mis-step during routine maintenance in Arizona could result in a widespread outage extending into southern California is very concerning. This places us in a very precarious position to accommodate the necessary growth required for an economic turnaround. One could possibly use this as an example of why further development of distributed generation is required to supplement the power provided by centralized generation facilities located in remote areas requiring high-voltage transmission over long distances to reach the end-user loads. Each year the economic viability of distributed generation options increases.

### Growing Use of PV Systems

The option that seems to be gaining favor (and has the least opposition) is the use of photovoltaic (PV) generation. The PV systems available in the market seem to be mature products which perform well and can be located on nearly any available rooftop. PV systems are also very scalable; i.e. they can be sized to either accommodate a facilities partial load, or given enough roof area on a facility with a low density load (think warehouses and distribution centers), then the PV system can actually provide power to the grid. The great thing about PV is that it's peak performance coincides with the largest burden on the electrical grid, i.e. hot summer afternoons.

Although the Federal tax breaks for PV systems are being reduced after this year, the incentives provided by most local utilities remain. Utilities with limited generation capacity serving areas with high density loads recognize this and provide the incentives required to allow PV systems to have a reasonable payback period, such as 2-7 years. The widespread use of PV benefits all of us in the electrical industry due to the materials and labor required to put these systems in place, as well as easing the burden on our country's aging electrical infrastructure. If the solving all of the problems with the electrical grid is too big and too expensive, let's lead the way and solve the problem one roof at a time.

**Tim Scott**, President

## Register Today for Fall Golf Tournament

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011

**Schedule:** 12:30 p.m. - Registration  
1:30 p.m. - Shotgun Start  
5:30 p.m. - Awards

**Location:** Deer Creek Golf Club  
7000 W 133rd  
Overland Park, KS 66209

**Cost:** \$85 per player/\$340 per foursome - cost includes green fees, cart rental, two drink tickets, range balls, professional scoring, 19th hole snacks, prizes in two flights. No meals provided.

**Reservations:** Mail, fax or email reservation no later than Wednesday, Sept. 21. A reservation form is included with this newsletter. **See you Sept. 28 at Deer Creek.**



**Speaker: Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State**

## Political Scene - October Luncheon Topic

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011

**Location:** Figlio Tower (Country Club Plaza)  
206 W. 46 Terr.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person - Nonmembers  
\$25.00 per person - Members

**Topic:** "Political Scene" - Kris Kobach will update us on his active role in politics, voter fraud, and illegal immigration.

Kris is currently the Kansas Secretary of State. He was the Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party, 2007-2009. As Chairman, he instituted the first Presidential Preference Caucus in Kansas in over 20 years. He was an Overland Park City Councilman from 1999-2001.

**Register by Wednesday, Oct. 12 with the registration form included with this newsletter.**



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## The People Column

Happy Birthday to: **Betty Powell** (retired), **David Farmer**, **Jeff Nelson** and **Jim VunCannon** at Square D; **Mark Bishop** at C&O; **Bert Bray**, **Anji Anderson**, **Wes Hercules**, **Joe Krashin**, **Mike Bellmann**, **Irene Byrne**, **Joyce Murdock**, **Jeanie Murff**, **Tim Carpenter**, **Rose Whorton**, **Mike Harris**, **Joe Juarez**, **Rob Hunt**, **Etta Potts**, and **Josh Slack** at Western Extralite.

Also celebrating birthdays are: **Marla Sparks** (August), **Alisha Rice**, **Rick Brethorst**, **Sherry Harper**, **Matt Arrington**, and **Larry Burchett** at CBM. Several other members are also celebrating birthdays including: **Judy Costello** at Rains Electrical Sales and **Donald Iorio**, **Ray Agyemang**, and **Rod Holmes** at Wesco. We hope you all enjoy your day.

Happy Anniversary to: **Bonni Feller** for five years at Wesco KCMO and **Steve Copeland** for 10 years also at Wesco KCMO.

### Saviano Charity Golf Tournament

For more information about the Saviano Charity Golf Tournament click on this link:

<http://www.rockhursths.edu/s/1280/index.aspx?sid=1280&gid=1&pgid=863&cid=2028&ecid=2028&crd=0&calpgid=13&calcid=664>

There is a lot going on this month and in the future with the Electric League. So, we hope to see you at one or more of the events. Enjoy the beginning of fall and we'll see you next month. That's about all of the news we have to report. Keep those e-mails coming in. This is YOUR column and we want to print YOUR news. We'll see you next month – keep those emails coming in. This is your column and we want to print your news.

### Annual Luncheon

## Plan Now to Attend Holiday Luncheon

**Friday, Dec. 2, 2011**

**Argosy Casino, Riverside, Mo.**

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

As in the past, the luncheon will include year-end League business, election of Board members and officers, the presentation of the Industry Achievement Award, and a prize raffle. The proceeds of the raffle are donated to the Foundation whose two-fold purpose is 1) to provide scholarships to members, their children and grandchildren and 2) to provide a donation annually to a deserving local charity. This Luncheon helps raise money for the Electric League Scholarship Fund.

You will be asked once again to donate a door prize, but the drawing will be held with the same procedures as last year. Since we are at a casino we must follow their rules and regulations. Keep watching for further details!

**Mark your calendar today and plan to join us Dec. 2 for a great Holiday Luncheon at Argosy Casino.**





# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

## “Reach Out and Read – Kansas City”

**Donation Deadline - Sept. 30**



Go to ROR-KC's home page ▶

[www.reachoutandreadkc.org](http://www.reachoutandreadkc.org)

The Networking and Community Committee has chosen **Reach Out and Read – Kansas City** as the Electric League's community service project for 2011.

**Reach Out and Read** began in 1997 as a collaboration between pediatricians at Children's Mercy Hospital and KU Pediatrics at KU Medical Center. Since then it has grown to a coalition of 47 clinic sites in greater Kansas City, with an emphasis on serving our community's most vulnerable children. Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Reach Out and Read is a not-for-profit program through the Kansas University Endowment at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The Networking & Community Committee would like to encourage The League to give back by providing new books, used books or you may support with a monetary donation (suggested titles and options are listed on the flyer). Expand your giving by adopting this project in your office and hanging this flyer on your bulletin boards. The committee will provide collection boxes and pick-up service, if needed.

You may also drop off your donations at any league event or the association office. Final donations will be collected on **September 30**.

For collection boxes or additional information, please contact:

Megan Carr, Eaton Corporate: 913-396-1729  
Kim Weitzel, League Office: 816-561-5323

### New Book Donations:

New books are given to children (birth to five years) at every check-up. Touch and Feel books are very much appreciated, as well as Spanish and bilingual books. Suggested titles and authors include:

- *Moo, Baa, LaLaLa; Blue Hat, Green Hat; Barnyard Dance; Opposites; A to Z; The Going to Bed Book* (by Sandra Boynton)
- The "Clifford" series (these come in Spanish and bilingual as well as in English) (by Norman Bridwell)
- *Goodnight Moon; The Runaway Bunny* (by Margaret Wise Brown)
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* (by Eileen Christelow)
- "Touch and Feel" series (DK Books)
- "Spot" series (shapes, colors, numbers) (by Eric Hill)
- *Black on White; What Is It?; Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe* (by Tana Hoban)
- *Snowy Day; Whistle for Willie; & others* (by Ezra Jack Keats)
- *Chicka Chicka ABC; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* (by Archambault Martin)
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* (by Carle Martin)
- "I Spy" series (by Jean Marzollo)
- *Baby Faces; Get Ready, Baby; What's on my Head?* (by Margaret Miller)
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie; & others* (by Laura Numeroff)
- The "Curious George" series (by H.A. Rey)
- *Dr. Seuss's ABC; The Foot Book; Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* (By Dr. Seuss)
- Any of the MAX books; *Old MacDonald; BINGO; The Bear went Over the Mountain; The Itsy-Bitsy Spider* (by Rosemary Wells)

### Used Book Donations:

Used book donations are given to older siblings and used to stock waiting room bookshelves.

\*Please refer to **Book Donation Guidelines** attached.

### Monetary Giving:

\$25 - Provide the first board book for five babies.

\$60 - Provide a complete library of 12 books for a child from birth to five years of age.

\$180 - Provide books for a family with three kids.

\$1,000 - Provide books for an entire clinic for one year.

\$2,500 - Help start up a new site, and provide the gift of reading to a new pediatric community.

Make checks payable to: Reach Out and Read - KC

# League Offers LeadSafeOnline Training

## Can You Afford a \$37,500 Fine?

That's the cost of a citation from the EPA for failure to comply with mandated Lead-Safe Work Practices training. The rules have been around for over a year now, having come into effect on April 9, 2010. While the EPA did provide a slight reprieve until January 1st of this year, anyone not complying is now in violation of the rule and subject to fines of up to \$37,500 per incident per day!

## Who Is Covered?

Painters, remodelers, renovators, contractors, plumbers, electricians, roofers, etc., anyone that receives compensation and disturbs lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes or child-occupied facilities. Further, it appears that the rule will soon be expanded to include all commercial buildings as well. This rule will impact every electrician's business operations.

The rule will have a significant impact on every electrician's business operations. NOTE that the EPA has begun auditing the records of those impacted by the rule and several companies in the Kansas City area have already been cited and received substantial fines. You MUST have appropriate records for every job completed!

*The Electric League of MO & KS has partnered with ComplyAbility, an EPA Accredited provider of online Lead-Safe Work Practices training. The attached brochure will provide additional details. The training consists of 6 hours of online training and a 2-hour hands-on training session. Hands-on training sessions will be scheduled conveniently for members in the Kansas City area.*

## In Brief: Requirements for Certification and Training

All firms performing renovation, repair, electrical or painting work on homes constructed prior to 1978 must become certified by the EPA. This can be accomplished by applying to EPA or to the State, and paying a fee. See the attached flyer for more information.

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