

Bonne Terre Garden Fair

Southdown Plantation

Saturday, May 3, 2008, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join the Houma area's third annual Celebration of garden enthusiasts!

Gates open at 8:30 a.m.

1208 Museum Dr., Houma, La.

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Across the Board

February 6, 2008

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreaux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle and Lloyd Gibson, advisor. Also attending were Michael Guidry, general manager; James Funderburk, attorney; and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved 98 new members, the minutes of the January 10th regular board meeting and the ALEC report.

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER, electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Guidry reported on the following: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration believe Global Warming will "decrease" the number of hurricanes that will hit the U.S. but others claim that it is the "strength" of the storms that has been affected; not the number; (3) Researchers are reporting they are seeing signs of increased solar storm activity that could peak in 2011 or 2012; (4) The U.S. House has passed an energy bill that is now being opposed by the Senate; (5) The Kiplinger Report predicts natural gas prices will decline slightly in 2008 but gasoline prices will slightly increase; (6) Louisiana will have the most inexperienced congressional delegation it has had in the last 50 years; (7) A recent article stated that Chet Morrison ended up building their bulkhead across SLECA's right-of-way using 38 foot long sheet pilings at a depth of 15 feet below the bottom of the water as opposed to the 65 foot long sheet pilings they wanted to use; (8) A request has been received for SLECA's Form 990 which is a matter of public record anyway; (9) There were two recent break-ins at the Amelia office; and (10) SLECA members have saved \$4,139,671 through the end of the year by the board going with actual costs rather than the fixed fuel offer.

Next, Mr. Guidry displayed charts showing 2007 budgeted items compared to year-end actuals and discussed a few items from the recent member survey.

The board then approved seeking bids to reconductor from 4/0 to 559 MCM wire on Feeder 39 and to accept the offer by Sun Life for long term disability coverage.

The manager's report and expenses, the safety report and the attorney's report and fees were then approved by the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (504) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

Did you know that each month SLECA gives away CASH just for reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY? It's true. Every month, four lucky SLECA consumers have their account numbers randomly selected by computer. The numbers are then hidden in the articles in the SLECA News section of LOUISIANA COUNTRY. Then it's up to you. If you see your account number, call SLECA and win \$25.00 in cash or have your winnings applied to your bill. It's that simple. So, if you are not reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY you're missing out on great local articles and the possibility of winning extra money.

SLECA News



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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Don't miss your chance to win at SLECA's Annual Meeting

SLECA members can win a 46-inch 1080P LCD Sony giant screen TV set at their 70th annual meeting

SLECA members attending their annual membership meeting on April 18 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center will have a chance to win a 46-inch Sony 1080P LCD giant screen TV in addition to 50 other door prizes and share the event with their family members, friends and neighbors.

The drawing for the Sony television set will close the annual membership meeting that will feature a great meal, comments by national leaders and an evening of musical entertainment by the talented Houma-Terrebonne Community Band.

There will also be health screenings, a magic show, face painting and balloon sculpturing for the children, plus a variety of demonstrations on electrical, boating and fire safety.

This year's event once



again includes a patriotic tribute to our service men and women who risk their lives each day to defend our freedom. Also on tap is the awarding of valuable door prizes, a report from SLECA General Manager Michael Guidry, entertainment by humorist Kent Gonsoulin plus a great meal

and much more.

And this year all door prize winners will have their names included for the drawing of the 46-inch Sony 1080P LCD giant screen TV.

Don't miss SLECA's 70th annual membership meeting and make sure to bring the entire family!

Check account names now to speed Annual Meeting registration

To help speed your registration at SLECA's Annual Meeting, please take a couple of minutes and check something for us now.

Check the name (or names) listed on the mailing label on the front of this newspaper. This is how your account is listed on our records. If any changes have occurred, you need to contact us to find out what needs to be done to make the proper corrections. Your registration is important in the event of voting and also for the prize drawing at the end of the business session.

Only members of record (those listed on the bill cards and newspaper labels) may register at the meetings. A joint membership of husband and wife counts as one registration. A tenant may not register if the account is in the landlord's name, nor may a landlord register if the account is in the tenant's name. A qualified representative of a church, business or organization may register if proper documentation is presented.

We urge you to contact us as soon as possible if any changes or corrections need to be made on your records.

SLECA helps Bayou Blue Middle School band perform at Disney World



SLECA recently made a donation to enable the Bayou Blue Middle School to perform March 25 on the EP-COT Future World West stage at Disney World. Students participated in many fundraisers to pay for the trip and two charter buses, according to Band Director Kevin Folse. Firms such as SLECA also made donations to help cover trip costs. At right, SLECA board member Larry Daigle (left) presents a check to Folse. SLECA director Brian Rivet, who also represents the area, was unable to attend the presentation.



Official notice of Meeting of Members

In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the Cooperative Bylaws, notice is hereby given of the Annual Membership Meeting of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) to be held on FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, Louisiana.

- Member Registration (All registered members receive a gift) .. 5:30-7 p.m.
- Music/Houma-Terrebonne Community Band 5:30-7 p.m.
- Health Screenings & Community Information Booths 5:30-7 p.m.
- Magic Show For Children (David LeBoeuf) 6:15-6:45 p.m.
- SLECA Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner (Approx.) 8:00 p.m.
- Entertainment—Cajun Humorist Kent Gouslin (Approx.) 8:30 p.m.
- Door prize drawing following entertainment

- The meeting is being held for the following purposes:
1. To administer the oath of office to SLECA Board members elected at 2008 district meetings.
 2. To transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Rivet, Secretary

SLECA announces 2008 Youth Tour winners

Two area high school students won top honors in South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association's (SLECA) annual Rural Electric Youth Tour Writing Competition.

Eleventh grader Tyler Bunnell, who attends Central Lafourche High School, is the son of Angela and Thomas Bunnell of Houma.

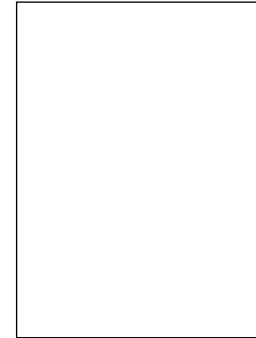
Alyssa Ann Dowouis, who is also an eleventh grader at Central Lafourche High School, is the daughter of Darren and Rhonda Dowouis of Raceland.

The winning students each receive a one-week, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June as part of the contest according to Michael Guidry, SLECA General Manager. Bunnell and Dowouis will travel to Baton Rouge, March 26-28, to attend a Youth Leadership Conference and tour the Big Cajun Power Plant in New Roads, the Louisiana State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion.

The SLECA students will leave for Washington June 13 and return June 20. They join students and chaperones from electric cooperatives and the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge where the trip begins.

While in Washington, the students will join more than 1,600 other students from 37 states for the 36th National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

SLECA has held its Youth Tour Writing Contest for the past 25 years. "The purpose of the contest is to give local students a chance to develop leadership skills, learn how electric cooperatives work, see our government in action and tour Washington, D.C.," Guidry said.



Bunnell



Dowouis

We need to know if you are on a life-support system

We are updating our records for life-support equipment needs and would appreciate your cooperation in providing this information.

In order to maintain quality service and perform important maintenance or construction on our electric distribution system, it is sometimes necessary to plan a brief outage to protect the safety of SLECA's linemen.

As members know, there is nothing that can be done to prevent outages due to extreme weather or other uncontrollable factors. By planning outages for maintenance and restoring service for all outages as quickly as possible, SLECA strives to minimize any inconvenience.

In a special effort to minimize the inconvenience to any member who relies on life-support systems or equipment, we need to know who you are and where you are located. We also need to be advised at any time any changes are made and if the system or equipment is removed. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If someone in your home is dependent on life-support equipment, please fill out this form and mail it to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361.

Life Support System Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: Area Code(____) _____

Account Number: _____

Type of Support System: _____

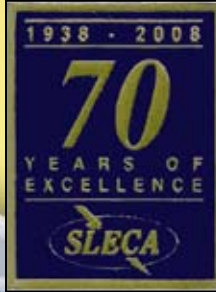
Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment?

Yes _____ No _____

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Registration opens at 5:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m.

**Annual Meeting
Special Insert
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