

# SLECA employees recognized for 120 years of service

The seven employees shown here are recognized for their many years of dedicated and professional service to the members of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA). SLECA's employees are responsible for maintaining 1,400 miles of power line in Assumption, Lafourche, St. Martin, St. Mary and Terrebonne parishes serving over 16,000 members. (Acct. No. 1451328703)

In all, these seven employees have worked at SLECA from 30 to 5 years each and as a group represent 120 years of professional experience that has benefited SLECA members.

Award winners include: Nelson Deroche and Gabe Duplantis, 30 years; General Manager Mike Guidry, 20 years; Craig Fournier, 15 years; Suzanne Woods and Steve Giroir, 10 years; Raymond Hines, 5 years.



Nelson Deroche  
30 years



Gabe Duplantis  
30 years



Mike Guidry  
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Craig Fournier  
15 years



Suzanne Woods  
10 years



Steve Giroir  
10 years



Raymond Hines  
5 years

## Season's Greetings

*Season's Greetings from our family to yours! Everyone at SLECA wishes you and your family the best of holidays and the richest blessings as the old year draws to a close and the new one begins.*



### HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

SLECA's Houma and Amelia offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. A standby crew will be on call at all times to handle emergencies during the holidays and can be reached at 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826, Houma; and 631-3605 or 1-800-256-8836, Amelia.

## 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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Alexander Doyle, President  
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## Win a Youth Tour experience!

Two local SLECA students will have the opportunity to be winners of the 2009 SLECA Youth Tour Contest and spend a week with about two dozen other students from across Louisiana on a "Government in Action" Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

The trip to Washington, D.C. has been described as "the experience of a lifetime" by past winners, offering an opportunity to learn about our government and meet many important figures while making a lot of cool, new friends.

For over 23 years, SLECA has reached out to local students, offering them the opportunity to participate in the Youth Tour Program. If you are interested, this is what you need to know:

### Eligibility Requirements

- High school sophomores and juniors are eligible.
- Electricity to your residence or parent's business must be provided by SLECA.

### Youth Tour Contest Guidelines

1. Students must write a letter approximately 500 words long to an elected official. The entry must be submitted in the proper letter format to be eligible.
2. The students should voice their opinion (positive or negative) to the respective local, state or federal official in a letter format on any issue, problem or matter they believe to be critical to South Louisiana.
3. The topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed and the letter should be addressed to the official the student has selected.
4. On a separate sheet attached to the essay, the student must write his/her name, Social Security Number, name of school and grade level, parents' names, address, and telephone number.
5. All entries must include a current color photo with their submission for publicity use at the conclusion of the contest.

Entries should be mailed to Youth Tour Essay Contest, c/o SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361, or delivered to SLECA's main office at 2028 Coteau Road, Highway 660, Houma, LA, or SLECA's branch office in Amelia, 2903 Lake Palourde Rd., Morgan City, LA 70380; P.O. Box 1126, Amelia, LA 70340.

All letters become the property of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association. (Acct. No. 2504287800)

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN January 31, 2009.

A judging committee will select two top letters and one alternate. Letters are judged on knowledge of subject, originality, composition, neatness and grammar. For more information, contact SLECA at 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

## Light up safely for the holidays

Remember these safety tips when decorating for the holidays:

- All cords should be completely insulated, and all sockets firmly attached to the cords.
- Only cords labeled for outdoor use should be used to decorate your yard or outside your home.
- Keep paper and tinsel away from lights; keep lights away from water.
- Unplug cords when you string lights.
- Unplug all lights before going to bed.
- Celebrate with joy... and safety!



FOR MORE INFORMATION WRITE OR CALL  
Elaine Robertson  
P.O. Box 4037  
Houma, LA 70361  
985-876-6880

## Across the Board

October 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; Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor; and Joe Ticheli, manager of member services and communications.

After a presentation by Mr. Ticheli on NRECA's e-mail campaign to legislators concerning global warming followed by the invocation and pledge, the board approved 211 new members and the minutes of the September 17 regular board meeting. (Acct. No. 3351019104)

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 reviewed the following items: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) Entergy estimates the costs from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike will be between \$1 BB to \$1.2 BB; (3) SLECA received a certified letter from the U.S. Department of Labor stating it had been selected for a compliance review of its Affirmative Action Plan; (4) Employees have earned another safety supper; (5) SLECA participated in a meeting on October 1 with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and FEMA at ALEC; (6) SLECA can expect to be reimbursed for 75% of approved costs incurred due to the storms but there is a chance that Gustav inflicted expenses could be at a 90 percent reimbursement level; (7) Storm estimates will likely be in the \$6 MM to \$8 MM range; (8) Planning needs to begin on the Board's Christmas Supper; (9) DEMCO's CEO and general manager along with its vice president of corporate affairs are no longer with the cooperative; and (10) SLECA experienced a cumulative fuel savings of \$4,981,519 as a result of the board's decision to go with the actual rate instead of a fixed rate.

Following Mr. Guidry's report, the board approved a resolution that adopts the Load Forecast as required by RUS, a resolution renewing SLECA's yearly \$6 MM line of credit with CFC and the low bid to replace unit 353.

The board then approved the manager's report and expenses, the safety report, the attorney's report and fees and then passed a resolution to set the agenda and change the meeting time of future board meetings to 5:30 p.m.

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 (985) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

## Enter SLECA's annual Christmas Lighting Contest

Light up your home this Christmas and win a \$100 Cash Prize! Entries will be accepted through December 19, 2008.

### RULES:

1. Contest open to SLECA residential members only.
2. SLECA directors, employees, retired employees and/or their families are not eligible to win.
3. Electricity is required. Outdoor lighting only.
4. Suggested themes: Religious, Contemporary, Novelty.
5. Entries must be received at SLECA by December 19, 2008. Judging to be held December 22 from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Be sure your Christmas lights are on Dec. 22 beginning at 5 p.m. for the judging.
6. Winners will be notified by telephone.
7. 2007 winners are ineligible.
8. Cash Prizes (\$100 in each of SLECA's nine member districts) will be awarded. (Acct. No. 7501985300)

To enter, complete this form and return by December 19, 2008, to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, La 70361. Or simply call SLECA's office in Houma, 876-6880, 1-800-256-8826; or Amelia 631-3605, 1-800-256-8836.

### Christmas Lighting Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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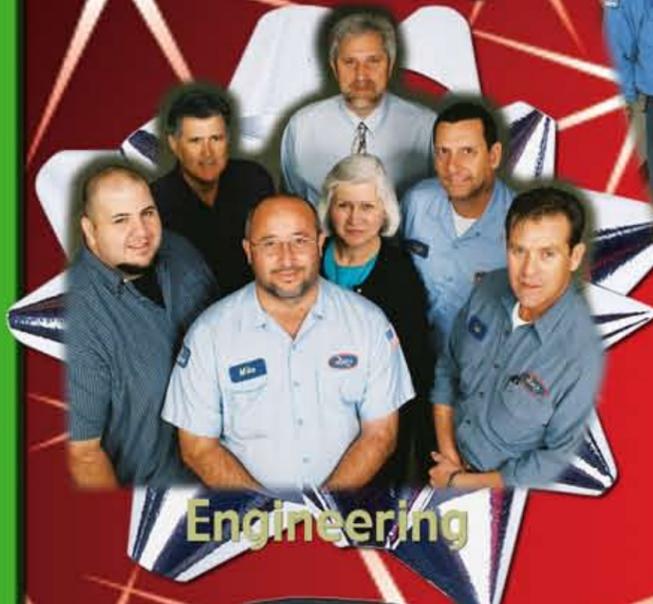
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Happy New Year  
to all SLECA members  
from your Board of Directors  
and employees



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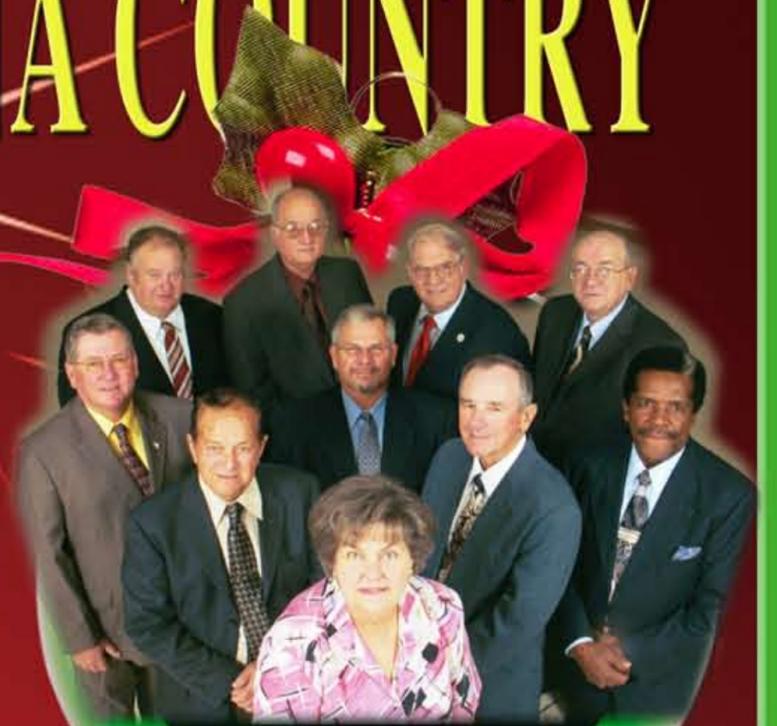
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SLECA's Board of Directors wishes all their friends and neighbors a happy holiday season. The board includes (foreground) Tracy B. Duval, (center row, left to right) Roger DeHart, Eroy Acosta, Terry Trahan, David Luke, Lloyd Gibson, (back row) Brian Rivet, Alexander Doyle, J.D. Boudreaux and Larry Daigle



General Manager & Staff