

SLECA District Meetings

SLECA's Board of Directors and Employees cordially invite you to join your friends & neighbors at the following District Meetings in preparation for your 71st Annual Membership Meeting.

SLECA District Meetings Scheduled

SLECA has announced those members who have qualified as candidates for board of director positions in districts 4, 5 and 6.

Qualifying in District 4 is David Luke, 4415 Grand Caillou Rd., Houma. Luke returns unopposed.

In District 5, incumbent director Roger DeHart, 1353 Dr. Beatrous Rd., Theriot, returns unopposed.

Returning unopposed in District 6 is Alexander Doyle, 135 Alamo Dr., Houma.

The district meetings are scheduled as follows:

District 4

Monday, March 23, 2009
VFW Post 4752
7587 Grand Caillou Rd.
Dulac, Louisiana

District 5

Thursday, March 25, 2009
Bayou Dularge Recreation Center
1330 Dr. Beatrous Rd.
Theriot, Louisiana

District 6

Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Mulberry Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
2025 Bayou Black Rd.
Houma, Louisiana

Registration for all meetings begins at 6:00 p.m. and closes sharply at 7:00 p.m. The meetings begin immediately after registration. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Directors elected at the district meetings are sworn in at SLECA's Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, La.

DAVID LUKE

Board vice-president David Luke, a board member since 1981, is a wholesale seafood processor. For more than 35 years, the Dulac native has worked in seafood processing, beginning as a boy in his father's plant (Luke Seafood). He and his wife, Elaine, are former owners of D'Luke's Seafood, Inc. in Dulac. The couple owns St. Michael Ice & Fuel in Biloxi, MS, which not only provides fuel and ice to the Gulf Coast but also has two shrimp loading piers. Luke added two ice plants to his Biloxi operation. A lifetime member of the VFW 4752 Rifle Team and the 2nd Marine Division Assn., Luke is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7722 and the Grand Caillou Volunteer Fire Department. District 4 consists of the Grand Caillou and Dulac areas.



ROGER DALE DEHART

Dularge native Roger Dale DeHart was elected to the SLECA Board of Directors in March of 1997. DeHart represents District 5 covering all of Bayou Dularge and Ashland North Subdivision. He is a member of the Terrebonne Parish School Board and served as its vice-president and president. He was appointed to and served on the Terrebonne Parish Home Rule Charter Commission. DeHart served more than seven years as a commissioner for Fire District 10 and recently was elected to the Democratic Central Committee in District 51. He is very active in his community and is very serious about all of his commitments.



ALEXANDER DOYLE

Alexander Doyle, a resident of Houma, is president of the SLECA Board of Directors and has served in this capacity since his election to the board in 1985. An attorney, Doyle is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, the Terrebonne Parish Bar Association and is qualified to practice law in Federal Court. Additionally, Doyle served as Terrebonne Parish's Assistant District Attorney for 12 years. Doyle serves the District 6 areas of Mulberry, Barrios, Summerfield, Little Bayou Black, Coteau and Oakshire.



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King and Queen for a Day

Larry J. Daigle and Marie Luke reign supreme over Andrew Johnson Senior Center Mardi Gras celebration

Bayou Blue residents Larry J. Daigle and Marie Luke called their reign as King and Queen over the 2009 Andrew Johnson Senior Center Mardi Gras celebration "a wonderful opportunity to share a treasured moment and lifelong memories with the greatest people on earth—our neighbors and friends from the Bayou Blue community!"

Daigle, who serves as District 3 representative on SLECA's board of directors, shared honors during this year's annual event with Queen Marie Luke.

"Bayou Blue is the fastest growing area in Terrebonne Parish," notes Daigle who served 39 years as senior vice president of Caro Produce as well as nine years as president of Prime Source and Southland Distribution before taking on the duties as produce buyer at Rouse's Supermarket.

"The Andrew Johnson Senior Center has served as the heart and soul of the Bayou Blue community since it opened in 1994, offering vital individual and family social, physical, nutritional and cultural services for those 50 years old or older."

Luke and her husband, Roland, who also live in the Bayou Blue Community, have been married 57 years. She retired from the phone company in 1993 and has been very active in the senior center, serving on the board of directors including a term as board secretary. Marie has twice served as a Mardi Gras maid. She and Roland have three children, six grand kids and three great grandchildren.

Events such as the Mardi Gras celebration as well as seasonal gatherings for Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter have come to resemble family reunions with several generations taking part in the fun and festivities, comments

Ruth Deroche, a charter member of the Senior Center who also serves as vice president of its board of directors.

Organized in 1991 by just 14 local residents and opened in 1994, the Andrew Johnson Senior Center fulfilled the primary need to serve the elderly and disabled not only of the Bayou Blue Community, but also citizens

center are proud to call themselves a 'party group,' and we have folks who can hold their own on a dance floor," comments Ruth Deroche. The center also gets a lot of support from local businesses, such as Rouse's Supermarket, which provided the King Cakes at the recent Mardi Gras event.

Daigle, who was reigning for the first time as the Senior Center Mardi Gras King, noted that Bayou Blue has a rich 200-year history in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

"Bayou Blue is one of SLECA's fastest growing districts and shouldn't be overlooked or forgotten. The center provides speakers and resources on health, safety, fitness and many related items and shouldn't be overlooked as a valued resource," Daigle observed.

"I'm truly proud to have served as the 2009 Mardi Gras King, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the benefits this community treasure has to offer," he added.

A SLECA member since 1965, Daigle and his wife have three chil-

dren and four grandchildren. He is treasurer of the finance committee of St. Louis Catholic Church and has served on the parish council of the church for eight years. Daigle, who served as advisor to Bishop Boudreaux on the Pastoral Council, received the Bishop's Award in 1988.

Luke noted the center actively seeks new members and offers many social activities that includes family members of all ages, a real plus since local families tend to settle close to home and enjoy family gatherings. The Center also stages annual bus trips, educational events and awareness programs.



Bonne Terre Garden Fair

Southdown Plantation, Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Join the Houma area's fourth annual Celebration of garden enthusiasts!
Gates open at 8:30 a.m., 1208 Museum Dr., Houma, La.
Admission—\$3; Children under 12—Free
Advance Tickets only \$2
For more information—985-446-1316
bonne.terre@yahoo.com

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.

Check account names to speed Annual Meeting registration

To help speed your registration at SLECA's Annual Meeting, please take a couple of minutes to check something 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 meeting. 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. Only the president, officer or manager of a corporation may vote for the corporation at a meeting of the members.

Any employee of the corporation may vote for the corporation as authorized by corporate resolution of the Board of Directors. This resolution must be adopted within ninety (90) days prior to the meeting.

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

SLECA offers scholarships to local students

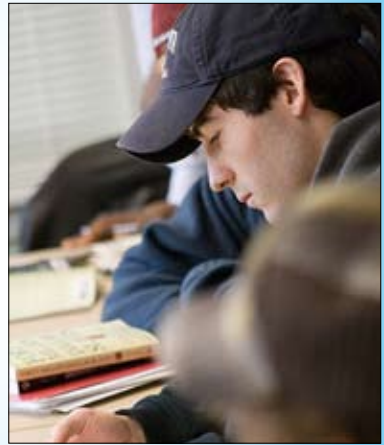
South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) is offering scholarships for the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters at Nicholls State University or the L. E. Fletcher Community College. Four scholarships valued at \$1000.00 each are being offered to graduating high school seniors to help with the costs of tuition, room and board, or books.

Qualifying students must live on SLECA electric lines or have a parent who is a manager or owner of a company that is a SLECA member.

Financial need is considered as well as scholastic performance.

See your guidance counselor for an application or call SLECA at 876-6880 in Houma or 631-3605 in Amelia.

The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 31. Send in your application now!



Across the Board

January 5, 2009

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 the minutes of the December 1 regular board meeting, the minutes of the December 15 special board meeting, the minutes of the Annual and District Meeting Planning Committee Meeting, 117 new members 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 reviewed the following items: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) Some of President-elect Obama's appointments and the new committee heads in Congress could mean trouble for utilities; (3) The newest members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation are John Fleming in the 4th District and Joseph Cao in the 2nd District; (4) The Louisiana delegation will be staying at the Lowe's Hotel in New Orleans for the 2009 NRECA Annual Meeting; (5) The NRECA Board will consider at its February meeting to combine the 2012 NRECA Annual Meeting and the Legislative Conference; (6) The two additional service crews that were hired to assist with post-storm repairs are showing progress and an underground crew will likely be added; (7) SLECA was informed by FEMA that Hurricane Gustav reimbursements have increased from 75 to 90 percent but Hurricane Ike reimbursements remain at 75 percent; (8) Two crews were sent to help WST with outages on December 11; (9) An outage on Christmas Day to parts of Grand Caillou was due to problems with a 115K breaker in the Ashland Substation; (10) The 2009 Christmas Lighting Contest winners have been announced; (11) A December 29 outage was caused by a blade that burned in the Landry Substation and, when the crew attempted to bypass to restore services, a pot blew up preventing the bypass; and (12) SLECA experienced a cumulative fuel savings of \$5,360,399 as a result of the board's decision to go with the actual fuel rate instead of a fixed rate.

Following Mr. Guidry's report, the board accepted the bid recommended by Mr. Guidry to repair the lake lines and the bid for the hospital circuit and agreed to allow Mr. Guidry to make the decision on the bids for work that needs to be done to the bulkheads at the Falgout Canal Substation.

The board then decided to keep Mr. Daigle as the voting delegate and Mr. Rivet as the alternate for the NRECA Annual Meeting and related meetings. Finally, the board approved the manager's report and expenses, the safety report and the attorney's report and fees.

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.

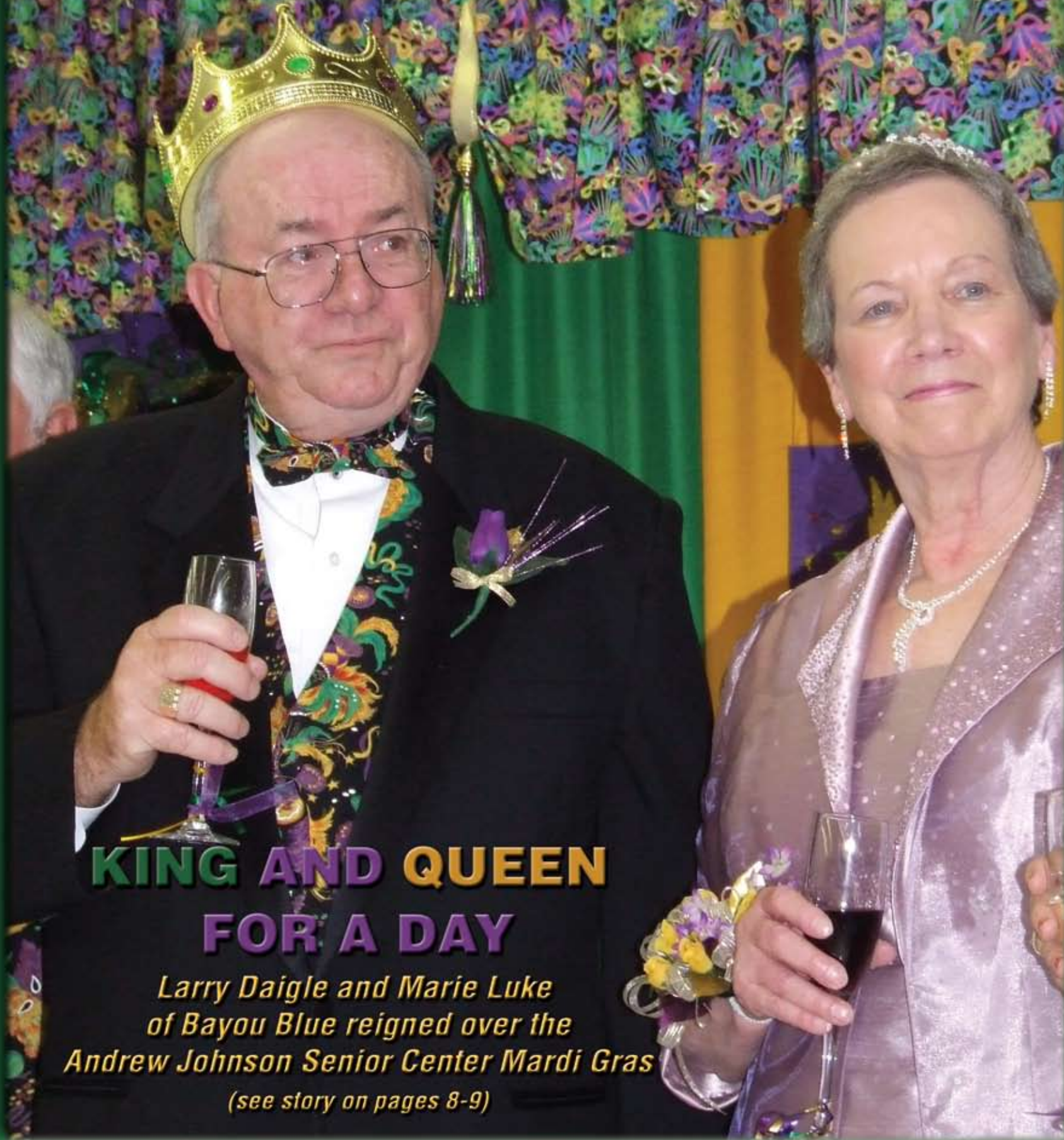
NOTICE

SLECA's offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 10. A standby crew will be on call at all times to handle emergencies during the holiday.

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