

# SLECA announces 2010 Youth Tour winners

## Duplantis brothers are the first twins to win contest

Daniel Duplantis and Matthew Duplantis, sons of Denise and Clyde Duplantis III of Houma, were selected winners of SLECA's 2010 Youth Tour Essay Writing Competition.

The boys are both 10th-grade students at Central La-fourche High School. Michelle McElroy, an 11th-grade student at Northshore High School, was selected as an alternate. Michelle is the daughter of Patrick and Kay McElroy of Slidell, members of SLECA who own a camp in Theriot.

The winning students 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. (Acct. No. 7852157303)

On their trip to Washington, the Duplantis brothers will 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 37th National Rural Electric Youth Tour.

SLECA has held its Youth Tour Writing Contest for the past 28 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.



Daniel Duplantis



Matt Duplantis

## 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 of our electric distribution system, it is sometimes necessary to plan a brief outage to protect the safety of the 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. (Acct. No. 3752552802)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# SLECA News



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

### You can win a 46-inch 1080P LCD Sony giant screen TV at SLECA's 72nd annual meeting

South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) members attending their annual membership meeting on April 23, 2010, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center will have a chance to win a 46-inch 1080P LCD giant screen TV in addition to many other prizes and also share the event with family, friends and neighbors.

Drawing for the Sony giant screen television will close the annual meeting that will feature a great meal and entertainment by the Houma-Terrebonne Community Band along with health screenings, a magic show, face painting and balloon sculpturing for the kids, plus a variety of demonstrations on electrical, boating and fire safety.

This year's event once again includes a patriotic tribute to all of our service men and women stationed throughout the world protecting our freedom, the awarding of valuable door prizes, a

report from SLECA General Manager Michael Guidry, plus a great meal and much more. This year, as in past years, all door prize winners will have their names included for

the drawing of the 46-inch 1080P LCD giant screen TV. Don't miss SLECA's 72nd annual membership meeting and be sure to bring the entire family!



### Check your account names now 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. (Acct. No. 1403411403)

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.

## Bonne Terre Garden Fair

The annual Bonne Terre Garden Fair will be held May 1, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of TARC at #1 McCord Road, Houma, LA 70363, at the Houma airbase. Admission is \$4.00 or \$2.00

in advance; children under 12, free.

For more information, call 985-873-6495 or email [bonne.terre@yahoo.com](mailto:bonne.terre@yahoo.com).

## Want to save on your power bill?

Check out our website at [www.sleca.com](http://www.sleca.com) where you will find a link to "Together We Save." The site is loaded with ideas and tips on how you can consume power more efficiently and save money on your monthly electricity bill!



Lots of food, fun and entertainment are in store for those who attend SLECA's Annual Membership Meeting on April 23rd at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

## 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 23, 2010, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, Louisiana.

Member Registration (Every registered member receives 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 p.m.
Dinner (Approximate).....	8 p.m.
Entertainment (Approximate).....	8:30 p.m.
Door prize drawing following entertainment	

The meeting is being held for the following purposes:

- To administer the oath of office to SLECA Board members elected at 2010 district meetings.
- To transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Rivet, Secretary

## Across the Board

February 1, 2010

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 January 4th regular board meeting, 148 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 verses cost per kilowatt hour. The board approved a request by Mr. Guidry to begin a rate study.

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) Addressing the NRECA CEO Conference, Assistant EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said that EPA will regulate industries and utilities emitting more than 25,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions by January, 2011 but this could change; (3) The tax market went down when President Obama announced his intention to push for higher taxes on financial institutions to recover the cost of the bailout program; (4) The House and Senate versions of the Health Care Reform legislation have significant differences that will make it difficult to reach a consensus; (5) A lawsuit was brought against Unitil, a New Hampshire utility, by plaintiffs claiming a poor response by the utility following a December 2008 ice storm; (6) Entergy sued the federal government to recover losses following the flooding which occurred after Hurricane Katrina; (7) Terrebonne Parish has requested permission to build a levee along the Intracoastal side of SLECA's Pecan Street Substation to alleviate some of the flooding in that area; (8) The situation existed, though it turned out that it did not have to be implemented, of having to shed load from Bayou Ramos and Bayou L'Ourse or Ashland and Greenwood Substations due to the cold weather and the strained capacity on the transmission lines in the area known as the Acadiana Load Pocket. In addition, another issue related to this problem involving the companies that own the transmission lines and a request by the PSC two years ago that they refurbish these lines. The companies now want to start the work and are asking La Gen to contribute to the cost; and (9) SLECA continues to document the procedures and is still planning on being audited in 2012 but SLECA's Sabotage Reporting Guidelines have not been expressed in enough detail.

Next, the board approved the following: (1) A request by Mr. Guidry allowing SLECA to make a donation to the NRECA International Foundation to be used to help Haiti rebuild its electrical system; and (2) The Form 219.

The board then approved the manager's report and expenses; the safety report showing employees have worked 2,162,653 hours without a loss time accident since December, 1996 and the attorney's report and fees.

The meeting was then adjourned. (Acct. No. 2254593400)  
You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (876) 6880 or 1-800-256-8826.