

Enter SLECA's Christmas Lighting Contest

Light up your home this Christmas and win a \$100 Cash Prize! Entries will be accepted through December 17, 2010.

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 17, 2010. Judging to be held December 20.
6. Winners will be notified by telephone.
7. 2009 winners are ineligible.
8. Cash Prizes (\$100 in each of SLECA's nine member districts) will be awarded.

To enter, complete this form and return by December 17, 2010, to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, La 70361.

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Name _____

Address _____

Account No.: _____

Phone #: _____

Or simply call SLECA's office in Houma, 876-6880, 1-800-256-8826; or Amelia 631-3605, 1-800-256-8836.

Across the Board

August 2, 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 July 12th regular board meeting, 191 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 and electric and total revenue verses 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) Kiplinger's is predicting that oil and gas prices will decline in the last quarter of the year and natural gas prices to be between \$3.50 and \$5.00 per MM Btu and hold steady for several months; (3) The energy bill is dead until Congress meets again and Senator Landrieu will not likely support the bill if it does not include additional revenues to Louisiana and other oil producing states along the Gulf of Mexico; (4) The new rule being proposed by the EPA to deal with Nitrous Oxide and Sulphur Dioxide emissions would strike a blow to the previous cap and trade system in place for many years. The new rule is good news because it delays the increased cost La Gen would have passed on; (5) Notification was received from RUS stating that a \$571,900 loan from May, 1975 has been paid in full; (6) Ben Walker, TPCG Assistant Director, addressed employees at the July 13th safety meetings and urged everyone to register for electronic updates in case of a storm; (7) Beginning September 1st, the "Dig Law" requires round-the-clock location of lines in cases of emergencies through Louisiana One Call. SLECA has been doing this for a long time but has had very few calls after hours; (8) SLECA was prepared and had made the required notifications to the PSC and Office of Emergency Preparedness but Tropical Storm Bonnie did not cause any problems; (9) The Morgan City/Houma power plant continues in the planning stages; (10) La Gen continues to be cooperative with SLECA to cover those standards and requirements shared by both companies and SLECA had no NERC/SERC violations this period; and (11) The annual ACRE support drive is underway. (Acct. No. 7651805403)

The board then approved a formal resolution approving the Load Forecast work plan, the manager's report and expenses, the safety report showing employees have worked 2,246,495 hours without a lost time accident since December, 1996, a resolution authorizing Mr. Guidry or Mr. Doyle to sign any necessary agreements worked out with Silverleaf Resorts, Inc. regarding money in an escrow account from years ago 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.

SLECA News



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SLECA supports fire prevention campaign Coteau Fire Department trailer helps teach fire safety

SLECA's Member Services Field Supervisor Ivy Deroche has been giving electrical safety programs throughout the community for so long he can practically recite them in his sleep.

Serving SLECA members for more than 38 years, Deroche has spoken at scores of schools, clubs, churches, civic groups and other community organizations about the importance of respecting the dangers of electricity.

But he's well-versed in other subject areas, too. For the past 30 years Deroche has been a volunteer firefighter with the Coteau Fire Department and has delivered public presentations about fire safety and fire prevention.

An assistant chief serving under Chief Russell DiSalvo, Deroche is president of the Terrebonne Fire Chiefs Association and says he is proud to be part of the Coteau Fire Department team.

Deroche is quick to point out that October is recognized as National Fire Prevention Month, and fire departments far and wide are out and about presenting fire prevention programs. One especially effective tool in educating the public, he said, is the Coteau Fire Department's simulation trailer.

The 40-foot trailer was acquired four years ago through the Federal Fire Act Grant program that contributed \$40,000 toward the project with a \$4,000 match by the local fire department.

The training trailer has been seen at a variety of sites and venues such as schools, churches, business establishments, local fairs, and the annual Kids Quest program held at the Terrebonne Civic Center.

Deroche said the trailer is designed to accommodate children and adults alike, but the children are especially attracted to the learning center when they find out the things it can do. (Acct. No. 3653856002)

Operating from a control panel located inside the trailer, Deroche can simulate the effects of a house fire

triggered by a passing lightning storm. First, he flips a switch to set off the lightning flash, then a moment later another flip of the switch causes smoke to enter the room from the ceiling, as if the fire originated in the attic. Another switch causes a door between the living

DVD deck and mini-theater seating for viewing instructional movies.

Deroche said kids and adults can become startled when the room suddenly begins to fill with smoke.

"It's not harmful," he says. "It's like the substance they use in haunted houses at Halloween. But it's a very effective demonstration because we can show the students how smoke travels inside a room, along the walls and along the ceiling, and how to get away. They can learn to be prepared and stay calm."

The trailer is the only one of its kind in the five-parish area that SLECA serves, according to Joe Ticheli, SLECA's manager of member services and communications. (Acct. No. 1402760801)

The locally-owned electric cooperative, Ticheli explained, combined financial resources with other local businesses to help pay for applying sponsor logos and identifying artwork on the side of the trailer.

He said SLECA employees who become heavily involved in community-service organizations such as Deroche and the late Jerry Trahan, who also served as an assistant chief for the Coteau Fire Department for many years, have the co-op's full support.

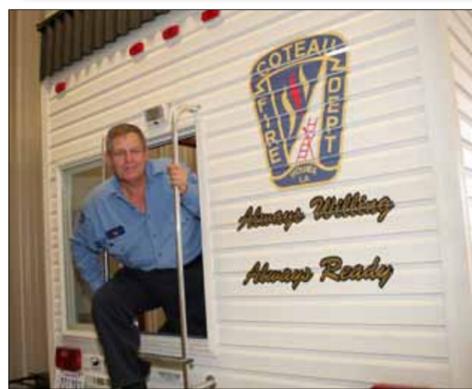
"We were more than happy to be a part of this project and we're proud of employees like Ivy and others who get involved in the community and serve all our citizens and have a passion for helping to improve the quality of life for everyone," Ticheli said.

Deroche noted that the training trailer is made available to other fire departments in the area upon request.

"We want the trailer to be used as much as possible," Deroche said. "We want everyone to know how to prevent fires and exactly what to do in the case of an emergency."

Providing fire safety and electrical safety demonstrations for so many years has its good points and bad points, Deroche said.

"I've done it for so long, I can tailor the program so it will be more meaningful to whatever age group I'm talking to," he said. "But it makes you feel old when someone comes up to you and says they remember when you came to their grade school class and you look beside them and they now have children of their own!"



Clockwise from top, left: SLECA representative Joe Ticheli stands outside the demo trailer; Ivy Deroche is shown in the trailer's control room; tiered seating is available to program participants; Sparky the Fire Dog sits as simulated smoke enters the room; Deroche escapes from a window.

room and bedroom to become warm to the touch.

Using these effects, Deroche can teach children how to properly test the surface of a door to determine if fire is on the other side, how to plan an escape route, how to crawl on the floor to find a safe passage outside, and how to climb out of a bedroom window from an opening in the back of the trailer.

Also contained inside the trailer are a video screen,

You can win a Youth Tour EXPERIENCE!

Two local SLECA students will have the opportunity to be winners of the 2011 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 28 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 photo with their submission for use in news releases 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. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Feb. 1, 2011.

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.



KIDS...Christmas is almost here Draw a picture and win a prize!

We're having a Christmas contest for kids. And the prize is a \$100 Christmas gift certificate. All you have to do to win is draw a picture of your favorite Christmas activity. It can be anything you like to do at Christmas time, such as decorating the tree, wrapping gifts, Christmas shopping or going caroling...Anything!

In addition to winning the gift certificate, the winning picture will be featured in the December issue of Louisiana Country. And this is not all. Your picture will be prominently displayed on an outdoor billboard courtesy of SLECA and Lamar Outdoor Advertising for all your friends and family to see.

Here is what you need to know:

- You must be 10 years old or younger.
- Contest is open to SLECA members only.
- Entries must be submitted on one 8-1/2 x 11-inch sheet of paper.
- Any medium (crayons, markers, watercolors, etc.) may be used to draw your picture, but the picture MUST be in color.
- The entry form must be attached to the back of your drawing.
- Previous winners are ineligible.
- Employees of SLECA will judge all entries.
- You should mail your entry to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361, or you can drop it off at the Houma office at 2028 Coteau Rd. in Houma or at the Amelia office. (Acct. No. 2251061400)
- Deadline to receive entries is November 16, 2011.

ENTRY FORM— Attach this form to the back of entry.

Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Child's Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

SLECA Account Number: _____

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FACTS ON FIRE

Coteau Volunteer Fire Department demonstration trailer teaches the facts about fire safety