

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. Here are the 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 districts) will be awarded.

To enter, complete this form and return by December 17, 2010, to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, La 70361. (Acct. No. 3405214601)

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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

October 4, 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 September 13th regular board meeting, 160 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) Climate legislation appears dead at least until after the November election; (3) A bipartisan group of senators have introduced a bill that would install a renewable portfolio standard that, if passed, would require states to generate 15% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2021; (4) The Rural Energy Savings Program Act that was backed by NRECA has passed the House of Representatives with Charlie Melancon being the only Louisiana congressman to vote for the bill; (5) Commissioner Field had requested utilities to report on the extent of theft and/or vandalism of utility equipment, substations, etc and the actions taken by them to prevent such occurrences; (6) The board Christmas supper has been scheduled for Friday, December 17th; (7) Flu shots will be administered on October 20th at the office; (8) The new bill format will be mailed to customers in October; (9) NRECA is opposing legislation requiring businesses to send a Form 1099 for every payment received over \$600 from any vendor or contractor; (10) An extensive outage occurred on October 1st caused by a bad Entergy insulator on their 230 transmission line and the restoration efforts were complicated by a bad La Gen switch; (11) Mr. Guidry will meet with Kenny Berrigan on October 19th to review the Cost of Service Study and, with no significant changes, Mr. Berrigan should be at the next board meeting to present the results of the rate study; (12) Work continues on a joint agreement with La Gen regarding the mutual responsibilities for NREC/SERC. There were no violations this period; and (13) The December board meeting was rescheduled to December 13th.

The board approved the following: (1) A resolution approving Form 219's for projects completed in the months from October, 2009 through July, 2010; (2) The low bid for materials needed for the upgrades to Ashland Substation with the understanding that labor costs will be an additional expense; (3) A resolution dated October 1st requested by RUS Field Rep. Larry McGraw asking for a transfer of money that was not used under the Budget Purpose 2 for transmission to Budget Purpose 1 for distribution; (4) A resolution renewing the guarantee of TESI's loan with Co Bank; and (5) The renewal of SLECA's line of credit with CFC.

Next, the board approved the manager's report and expenses and safety report showing employees have worked 2,273,823 hours without a lost time accident since December, 1996.

Finally, the board passed a resolution authorizing Mr. Doyle to sign any and all documents required by RUS regarding the load application SLECA is beginning to process; approved the attorney's report and fees and set a date for a special board meeting to evaluate the manager's performance. (Acct. No. 7700347505)

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



Mike Guidry, Manager
Alexander Doyle, President
South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Assn.
P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 (876-6880)



SLECA employees recognized for service to members

The 14 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 over 1,400 miles of power line in Assumption, Lafourche, St. Martin, St. Mary and Terrebonne parishes serving over 16,000 members.

Award winners include: Wiltz Grow, Mark Hue, Shannon Soudelier and Brian Landry, 5 years; Matthew Peters, Darlene Lovell and Joseph Ticheli, 10 years; Cheryl Richardson and Leonard Guillot, 15 years; Marcus Caldwell, 20 years; Lawrence Daigle, James Crum, Timmy Trahan and Ronald Foret, 30 years.



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Darlene Lovell
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Wiltz Grow
5 years



Mark Hue
5 years



Shannon Soudelier
5 years



Brian Landry
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 Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, 2010. 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.



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!

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. (Acct. No. 2052282802)

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.



Contest winner

This year's winner of SLECA's Kids' Christmas Art Contest is Kylie Domangue. Kylie is 9 years old. Her winning drawing was one of 23 drawings submitted for this year's contest.

Kylie won a \$100.00 gift card to Target. Her drawing will also be prominently displayed on a billboard courtesy of Lamar Outdoor Advertising. (Acct. No. 2603793800)

This is the ninth year SLECA has sponsored the holiday contest for kids. Pictured at right is Joe Ticheli, manager of member services and communications presenting Kylie with her gift card. Congratulations, Kylie Domangue!



SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

Did you know that each month SLECA gives away CASH just for reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY? It's true. Every month, SLECA account numbers are randomly selected by computer. Four account numbers are 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.

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



Finance & Accounting



Amelia Office



Engineering



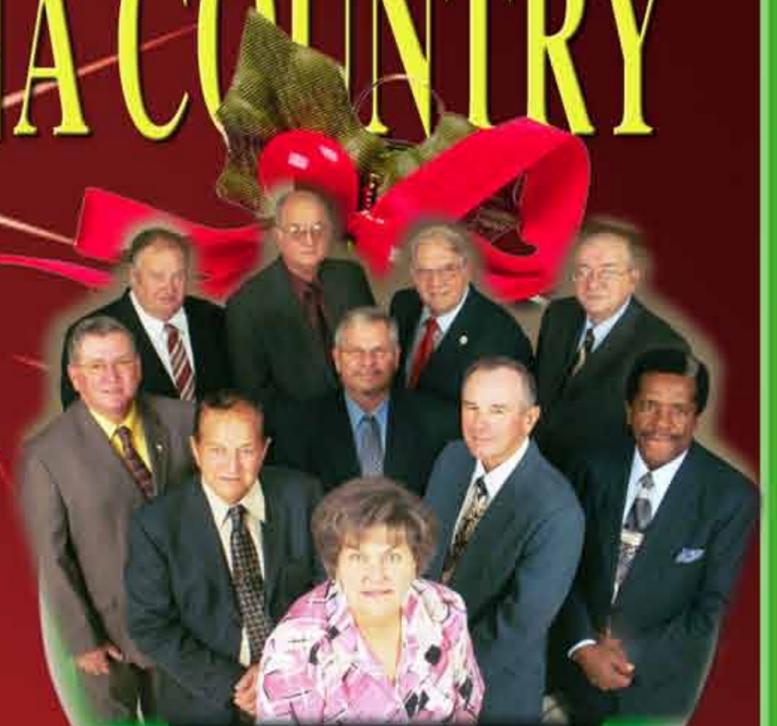
Purchasing



Operations



Member Services &
Corporate Services



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