

Two local students named 2016 Youth Tour winners



Bethany Ekiss and Shea Hunter were recently named winners of the 2016 Washington Youth Tour.

Ekiss, pictured above/left, and Hunter are both residents of Houma. They will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington in June.

To prepare for their summer journey, the students participated in a youth leadership summit on March 18 in Alexandria. The summit brought together the two local Youth Tour delegates with student delegates representing other electric cooperatives from throughout the state. Together the group of 25 students will travel together to Washington for the Youth Tour program June 10-17.

During the summit, Ekiss and Hunter had the opportunity to meet their touring companions and also participate in leadership training exercises and ice-breaking activities. (Acct. No. 203303001)

Youth Tour administrator Joni Kitchen and chaperone Billy Gibson from the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge were on hand to review the agenda for the trip.

The tour calls for visits to the Dulles Air and Space Museum, the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Capitol, the National Archives and the Supreme Court building.

The students will also see the World

War II, Korean War, Pentagon 911, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King and Jefferson Memorials as well as join a river boat cruise on the Potomac with students from several other states.

While in Washington, D.C., the Louisiana representatives will join hundreds of other students from across the country to learn more about electric cooperatives, attend social functions and receive leadership training.

The Washington Youth Tour was inspired in 1957 by Senator and future President Lyndon B. Johnson. During his address to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) that year he urged attendees to send young people to the nation's capital so they could see first-hand how the government works.

The following summer, electric cooperatives did just that and what was first known as the Rural Electric Youth Tour was born.

In 1959, 130 youths attended the tour. NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the states in 1964. Today, more than 1,400 youths attend the conference each year and more than 45,000 students have participated in the tour.

"This is an outstanding program and an excellent opportunity for the students to have a wonderful experience they'll remember forever," said SLECA General Manager Joe Ticheli.

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

You can win a 55-inch LED 1080p Flat Screen Smart TV at SLECA's 78th annual meeting

South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA) members attending their annual membership meeting on April 15, 2016, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center will have a chance to win a 55-inch Flat Screen Smart TV in addition to many other prizes and also share the event with family, friends and neighbors.

Drawing for the giant screen TV will close the annual meeting that will feature a great meal of fried catfish, white beans, jambalaya, salad and dessert.

Entertainment will be provided by the Houma-Terrebonne Community Band and there will be health screenings, a magic show, face painting and balloon sculpting for the kids, plus demonstrations on electrical, boating and fire safety and many community informational booths.

Guest speaker will be Loui-

siana Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle.

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 Joseph Ticheli, plus a great

meal and entertainment by Cajun humorist Kent Gonsoulin.

This year, as in past years, all door prize winners will have their names included for the drawing of the 55-inch LED Flat Screen Smart TV.

Don't miss SLECA's 78th annual membership meeting and be sure to bring the entire family! (Acct. No. 97633001)



Check account names now to speed Annual Meeting registration

To help speed your registration at SLECA's Annual Meeting, April 15, 2016, please take a couple of minutes to check something now.

Check the name (or names) on your bill. 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) 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.

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.

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. (Acct. No. 38208001)

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 _____

Scenes from SLECA's 2015 Annual Meeting



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 15, 2016, at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, Louisiana.

- Member Registration (Registered members receive 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:

1. To administer the oath of office to SLECA board members elected in Districts 1, 2 and 3.
2. To transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Rivet, Secretary

Across the Board

February 1, 2016

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 Advisor to the Board, Lloyd Gibson. Also attending were Joseph Ticheli, general manager, James Funderburk, attorney and Yolanda George, member services supervisor. After the invocation and pledge, the board approved minutes and summary of the January 4, 2016, meeting, the ALEC minutes and 174 new members.

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the second lowest rates in the area, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER, and electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Ticheli reported on the following: (1) Rates for January showing SLECA having some of the lowest rates in the area; (2) Qualifying for SLECA Districts 1, 2 and 3 began Monday, February 1 and will end on Friday, February 5; (3) SLECA's offices will close on February 9 for Mardi Gras and at 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 5 and Monday, February 8 due to increased traffic; (4) District meeting dates are Tuesday, March 8 for District 1 at the Gheens Community Center; Wednesday, March 9, for District 3 at the St. Louis Catholic Church Hall; and Thursday, March 10, for District 2 at the Donner Community Center if there is opposition; (5) In 2015 coal production dropped to its lowest point in 30 years which has had a negative affect not only on the mining industry but also on the rail and barge companies that transport coal; (6) Employees have earned another safety supper as of January 31; and (7) On Thursday, February 18 SLECA will host NRECA international guests from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Houma office. (Acct. No. 201986002)

The board then approved the manager's report, attorney report and fees, and the safety report showing employees have worked 3,170,602 hours without a lost time accident since December 1996.

Following executive session, the meeting was 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.

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