



“Blessings we enjoy daily; and for the most of them, because they be so common, most men forget to pay their praise.”

Izaak Walton

GREATER CLEVELAND

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Is everyone aware that Cleveland is one of only two cities still being considered by the Republican Party as a host city for their 2016 National Convention? The other city is Dallas, Texas. Now, we all know Cleveland's propensity, in the sports world at least, to have difficulty in winning a championship. 1964 was the last time. The Browns beat the Baltimore Colts. So, Cleveland has a sports reputation that exists to this day. But, the city's old reputation, you know it, "rust belt," "river on fire," "seen better days" and all the rest, in changing big time. Those perceptions are sooo yesterday. Those of us who live and work in the city and surrounding area know this. And the best part is there are more improvements coming in the near future. It's time for the rest of the country to notice. The GOP convention may well end up being held in Dallas. We'll know by late fall. But in any event, Cleveland has proven that it is worthy of consideration for any organization's convention. Hint.

Oh by the way, Cleveland is also on the short list for the Democratic National Convention too.

You know, besides all the obvious qualities a city must possess to host a great convention, there are some peripheral things to take into account, like day trip venues: i.e., the Professional Football Hall of Fame, Cedar Point

Amusement Park, Charter Boat Fishing in Lake Erie, the Museum of Art, and other cultural activities in the University Circle neighborhood, the Aquarium, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Horseshoe Casino and others. These are things that you can't see and do in just any convention city. Don't you think friends and colleagues from the West Coast, the Great Northwest, the Sun Belt, the Great Plains, New England and the South would like a good reason to visit and enjoy all Cleveland has to offer? Hint.

And you know, sometimes an organization will offer post convention overnight tours to nearby attractions, like if you had a convention here in Cleveland, your friends could take a post convention bus trip to Niagara Falls and possibly on to the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY or a trip to Hershey Park in PA. Heck, I'll bet a professional convention planner could come up with a lot more than that. Hint.

Ok, no more beating around the bush. Does anyone think Cleveland wouldn't be a great city for a NECA Convention & Trade Show? If you just said "yes" my cell number is 216-802-9512. We need to talk! Cleveland is about NOW and the FUTURE..not yesterday. I believe NECA is too. See the synergy!



MEMBER RECOGNITION

We are extremely proud to announce that our Chapter President, **Mike Joyce**, CEO of Zenith Systems has joined a short list of Chapter members who have the distinction of *being inducted into NECA's Academy of Electrical Contracting*. Since the Chapter's incorporation on March 16, 1945 only five members have held the title of Academy Fellow.

They are past members: **Edward R. Ismond**-1977, **James B. Morgan**-1982, **Harry L. Martien**-1987 and **Theodore C. Williams** who was inducted in 1994.

You can go to www.necanet.org to find out more about the Academy and once there you'll also see these words. "Fellows of the Academy must have rendered exceptional service to the industry and that service is continued and enhanced through membership in the Academy. Fellows prepare special papers on aspects of electrical construction in which they have developed expert knowledge. They also participate in fact-finding surveys to determine trends within the industry and make recommendations based on their analyses. An important responsibility for the

members of the Academy is participation in long range studies to ascertain future requirements for the electrical construction industry."

It's evident to those who know Mike, either professionally or socially, that he fits the bill. Sharing his expert knowledge, or sharing anything for that matter, is not out of character for him. Anyone close to Mike will attest to his ability and incessant need to always be looking ahead and making strategic long range plans. Usually so much so that they have to assist him in being where he needs to be today, but none of those people really mind because they appreciate and admire him for what he accomplishes. Congratulations Mike.

We certainly hope that all of you can attend this years NECA Convention & Trade Show being held in Chicago, September 27-30 where Mike will be officially inducted into the Academy. You are all invited to the reception there that will be held in his honor.

ELECTRI INTERNATIONAL

A number of years ago the Chapter made and fulfilled a \$100,000 Founders Level commitment to, at the time what was referred to as Electri 21, now named Electri International. Recently the Board of Directors voted unanimously to pledge another \$50,000 which puts us at the Governors Level, along with only 12 other Chapters. Our Chapter Governor, **David Haines**, CEO of London Road Electric, was quoted in Electri's newsletter describing how the Board reached its decision by saying "*We strongly believe that we need to pay attention to the future of the EC industry. ELECTRI research gives us the power to look closely at the factors that will impact our ability to grow. Investing in ELECTRI research offers our Cleveland members a very strong return on their investment. It's money well spent now to protect our business interests for the future.*"

Additionally, Zenith Systems increased their Founders Level pledge by \$50,000 in just a little over a year,

bringing them up to the \$150,000 Governors Level.

These two commitments demonstrate that the members here in Northeast Ohio are forward thinking and are willing to invest to insure we are prepared for the future.

On a sad note, the Chapter would like to offer its condolences to the family of **Tom Glavinich**, who passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was a long faculty member at the University of Kansas and held a number of degrees which included a Masters of Business Administration and a Doctor of Architectural Engineering. Tom's many contributions, through his work as an academic researcher for many Electri projects and articles in EC magazine, have had an enormous impact on our industry. His passing saddens us mostly because he was truly a fine man and friend.

CHAPTER GOLF OUTING

On June 23rd one hundred and twelve members, associate members and guests descended upon the Chagrin Valley Country Club for a day filled with story telling, practical joking, cigar smoking, adult beverage drinking good food eating, prize winning, spectacular scenery enjoying and 18 glorious holes of golf. Now that's some serious multitasking.

The Chapter would like to congratulate **Dale Blamer**, golfing with Associate Member 1-888-OhioComp. Dale had the low individual score of the day shooting a 72. Congratulations are also in order for the first place team winners, The Herbst Electric foursome of **John Benevento, Brian Goldfarb, Nick Jones and Lenny Cavalier**.

The winners of long drive and proximity prizes were **Brenda Smith** (Gateway Electric), **Terry Bollar** (A.J. Goulder Electric), **Lindsey Miller** (Milwaukee Tool Co.,) **Jim Cicero** (Eaton Corporation), **Joe Ferritto** (Ullman Electric) and **Dave Kent** (Zenith Systems.)

We sincerely thank all of our sponsors, members and associate members who contributed to making this year's golf outing a success. An additional thanks go out to all the people at the Chagrin Valley Country Club whose hospitality was greatly appreciated.

We hope to see everyone back again next year. It won't be as much fun if you're not there.

MANHOURS

While our manhours are somewhat lagging compared to last year, there is reason for optimism. Several major projects that are underway haven't yet reached peak manpower requirements and a number of other projects are in the process of coming to fruition.

Cleveland Division thru May :	1,082,779
Lake Erie Division thru May:	182,387
Northeast Ohio Division thru April:	120,330
Chapter Total:	1,385,496

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just a heads up. You'll notice below that the Chapter will be offering an MEI full day seminar on September 3rd entitled "Are You a Project Manager or a Project Witness." Owners, prospective PM's and your current PM's can benefit from this course. Notices and registration information will be going out soon. Five hours of Ohio electrical licensing continuing education will be awarded to those people who attend. Keep in mind that this seminar is subject to being cancelled if there is not enough interest shown. Please take advantage of this offering by registering early. That will allow us to insure to those who need the CEU's by the end of September that they won't have to scramble for a class.

- 1.) Lake Erie Division Meeting- July 8, 2014- 6:00 P.M. at the Elyria Country Club.
- 2.) Northeast Ohio Division Meeting-July 9, 2014- 12:00 Noon at Red Hawk Grille.
- 3.) Cleveland Division Meeting -July 10, 2014- 6:00 P.M. at Fahrenheit Cleveland.
- 4.) Educational Course: "Are You A Project Manager/ Witness?" September 3,2014 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. at Crowne Plaza, Independence.
- 5.) NECA Convention & Trade Show-September 27-30, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois.

LOOK FOR THE NEXT REVIEW IN AUGUST 2014!