



“Creative risk-taking is essential to success in any goal where the stakes are high. Thoughtless risks are destructive, of course, but perhaps even more wasteful is thoughtless caution which prompts inaction and promotes failure to seize opportunity.”

Gary Ryan Blair

## GREATER CLEVELAND

### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Republican National Convention comes here to Cleveland in a few weeks. The Cavaliers won the National Basketball Association Championship. The Indians are in first place in the American League Central Division as we approach the All Star break. Depending on your definition of “news”, these things may or may not be news to you. But to me they are.

What else is new is the construction of downtown apartment units continues at a feverish pace with no end to be seen in the immediate future. That demonstrates people want to be here.

Combine all of this news with the positive changes that have been written about and advertised in travel magazines recently and what you're seeing is a new Cleveland.

The city's rust belt reputation no longer applies. I know for some, it's hard to accept change, even when it's staring you in the face. When the facts don't fit your perception it's easier to perpetuate your perception. It takes courage to change. It's risky to change. It's usually a leader who recognizes a change and then they go about promoting it when that change is positive.

The leaders and the citizens of Cleveland and North East Ohio recognize what's happening. They are showing more confi-

dence and voicing their pride a little louder now. The rest of the country sees it and hears it. Cleveland is trending upward, there's no denying it.

Now, I've been told Cleveland will not be hosting a NECA Convention and Trade Show because of something that happened at an executive committee meeting around thirty years ago and that NECA members would not want to go to Cleveland now because of the city's bad reputation. I'm not buying it. That's just so in the past.

NECA has around 4,000 members, each one a risk taker. A quote by author and poet, Annie Dillard, I believe is appropriate when talking about electrical contractors. It goes like this, “If we listened to our intellect, we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go into business because we'd be too cynical. Well, that's nonsense. You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down.”

In previous articles I've extolled the attributes of Cleveland that made a case for a NECA Convention being held here. The question is not whether Cleveland is a site, attractive enough and capable enough to host a National Convention, but whether NECA will take a risk?



## 2016 GOLF OUTING

It was a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky. A perfect day for the annual Chapter Golf Outing which was held at the Chagrin Valley Country Club June 27th.

The golf outing kicked off with a bar-b-que lunch before the golfers headed out to the course for the shotgun start. But at the end of the day it was the team of John Benevento, Lenny Cavalier, Brian Goldfarb and Nick Jones who had the lowest team score of 133. They were closely trailed by Bill Madar, Jack McGranahan, Bob Timko and Phil Timko with 140. Finishing third for lowest team score were Terry Baller, Rich Cunningham, Mike Cunnin-

ham and Tim Laffey.

Terry Baller had a great individual performance with the lowest individual score of 73 and longest drive. Other individuals that took home awards were closest to the pin winners: On hole #4 Sam Arlia, hole #7 Tim Willis, hole #9 Jim Cicero and hole #13 Jesse Singh. The day concluded for our 111 golfers with dinner and a 50/50 raffle with the winning ticket being drawn by the most popular person at the outing. You guessed it—the bartender. It was a great day and we are already looking forward to next year's outing.

## FUTURE LEADERS

The first meeting of the Future Leaders of the Greater Cleveland Chapter, NECA will take place on Friday, July 15th at 12:00 Noon in the NECA Office. This program is geared towards individuals that may be the accredited representative of your firm one day or individuals that will be the future of your firm to get an understanding of what NECA can offer you.

If your firm has anyone that is interested in discussing the issues facing future generations of electrical contractors over a pizza lunch, please RSVP to [ryan@gccneca.org](mailto:ryan@gccneca.org).

## NORA FACTS

- 1.) More CW/CE man-hours have been worked every year since NORA's inception in IBEW Locals #38, #129 and #673.
- 2.) The "Fourth District Hands On Test" is to be given by the JATC for advancement and to deem whether a CE's skill level matches his/her documented experience should it be required by either the Employer or the Union.
- 3.) If any of the hands on testing cannot be demonstrated, all the individual must do is attend and meet the training module requirements for the subject matter. There is no specific waiting time.
- 4.) Successful organizing in areas covered by NORA requires the full cooperation of all the JATC members, directors and instructors.

## ECONOMIC NEWS

- 1.) The market has regained almost all of the nearly 900 point decline that resulted from Britain's exit from the European Union.
- 2.) Keep an eye on the yuan, China's currency. It's recent 3.11% decline against the U.S. dollar has been over shadowed by all the BREXIT coverage. Continued decline could trigger another round of global jitters.
- 3.) Look for corporate earnings to fall significantly, especially in the energy sector.
- 4.) Ohio State Attorney General Mike DeWine put forth his opinion that a city can't set its own minimum wage.
- 5.) If you rent a place to live in San Francisco, Honolulu, LA, NY city, or Stamford CT., it would be less expensive to book a continuous cruise for all of 2017 according to CruiseWatch.com. You probably should consider your work commute.

## MANHOURS

Cleveland Division thru May :	1,296,907
Lake Erie Division thru May:	288,521
Northeast Ohio Division thru May:	<u>114,548</u>
<b>Chapter Total:</b>	<b>1,699,976</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1.) **Lake Erie Division Meeting** -July 5, 2016 at 6PM -Cork's and Stubby's Restaurant.
- 2.) **Northeast Ohio Division Meeting** -July 6, 2016 at Noon -Red Hawke Grill.
- 3.) **Cleveland Division Meeting** -July 7, 2016 at 6PM-Alley Cat Restaurant.
- 4.) **Future Leaders Meeting**—July 15, 2016 at Noon at the NECA Office.
- 5.) **NTI** - July 30-August 5, 2016-Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 6.) **NECA Convention and Trade Show** - October 7 - 10, 2016 - Boston, MA.
- 7.) **Chapter Holiday Party** - December 3, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.- at the Hilton Convention Center Hotel.

**GO TRIBE!!!**



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