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April 20

Horse Races
May 27

Graduation
June 10

Clay Shoot
August 20

IEC Presents Art Gordon Honorary Life Member Award



Art & LaNelle Gordon

The Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) of Fort Worth/Tarrant County has named Art Gordon the 2010 Honorary Life Member recipient. The award was presented at IEC's annual meeting on March 25, 2010 at Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant in Fort Worth, Texas. Gordon is only the fourteenth individual bestowed the prestigious award.

The honorary life member award recognizes an individual retired from the electrical industry that has provided outstanding contributions to the industry and to IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter. The association board of directors nominates and selects the deserving recipient.

Gordon, Vice President of Humphrey and Associates, Inc., in Fort Worth, Texas retired in 2009 after a lengthy career in the electrical industry. In addition, his career in the industry included service as vice president for Circle Y Electric, Inc. and branch manager for Collier Electric, Inc.

His long career in the industry includes many years of service to IEC. Gordon was involved on the board of directors and A & T committees in the Dallas, Tarrant County and Tyler IEC Chapters and was also a representative to the IEC of Texas. In 1977, Gordon served as president of IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter in 1977. In addition, he served on numerous electrical related boards for cities around the Metroplex.

Steve Humphrey, Jr., chapter president, presented the award to Gordon. "It was indeed a pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to present our association's highest honor to Art Gordon. Art has been a moving force in our industry over 50 years. He has touched many lives in our industry and we are all better for it. I know he will continue to be that positive influence for a long time."

Calendar of Events Continued

*Trade Show
September*

*Fall Golf Tournament
October 11*

*Holiday Party
December 3*

Education Calendar

2010 Continuing Education

IEC Chapter Office

*April 10
April 24
May 8
May 22
June 12
June 26
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11*

Contractor Education

*NFPA 70E Luncheon
April 22*

Journeyman & Masters Exam

Preparation

*Journeyman
April 10 – May 15
Masters
April 10 – May 29*

Luncheon

Board of Directors

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Steve Humphrey, Jr.

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Wes Shahan

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Directors

*Terry Browning
Gerald Jordan
Robert Leonhart*

4th Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament April 20 at Texas Star Golf Course

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters at the Fourth Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament on April 20 at the beautiful Texas Star Golf Course. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation and National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. in memory of Tom Jones.

Morning tee time is 8:00 a.m.; afternoon tee time is 1:30 p.m. \$125 registration fee includes green fee, cart and lunch.

For more information, contact Jo Britt IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

Texas Electrician Journeyman/Masters Exam Preparation So Successful – Second Class Starts April 10

Classroom instruction dedicated to helping you prepare to take the Texas Electrician Licensing Exam for Journeyman or Master Electrician will begin April 10, 2010. All classes will meet Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Those preparing for the Journeyman Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from April 10 to May 15. Those preparing for the Masters Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from April 10 to May 29.

Cost: Journeyman Prep \$200 members/\$250 non members
Masters Prep \$250 members/\$300 non members

Contact the IEC office for more information.

IEC Announces New Apprenticeship Award

The board of directors and apprenticeship and training committee are excited to announce the development of two new awards to honor the apprenticeship program. Both of these awards will be presented at fourth year graduation in June.

The Gary Dalrymple Award for Overall Achievement is an annual award that will be presented to the fourth year apprentice chosen as the most improved student in both classroom and on the job over the past four years. This award was named in honor of Gary Dalrymple for his commitment to excellence in the apprenticeship program over the years.

The A & T Chairman's Award will be presented to an individual or company that has

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Alex Nantz
Coty Owens
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provided outstanding contributions to the apprenticeship and training program. The honor will be presented when a recipient has been identified.

In addition, to honor excellence in the apprenticeship program enhancements have been made to the prizes to be presented to the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year in each year.

IEC Dallas and Fort Worth Tarrant County Chapters Night at the Races at Lone Star Park Thursday, May 27th

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters for our annual **IEC Night at the Races**. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner while watching your favorites cross the finish line. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Races start at 6:35 p.m.

\$60 registration fee includes admission to Lone Star Park, parking, programs, buffet dinner, taxes and gratuities.

For more information, contact Jo Britt IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

NFPA 70E Luncheon Set for April 22

Wondering what you need to know about NFPA 70? Find out everything you need to know about NFPA 70E at the luncheon on April 22 to be held at the IEC chapter office. Luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at 12:00 p.m. There is no charge for the program but you must make reservations to attend.

For more information, contact Tracy Dalrymple IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or tracy@iecfwtc.org.

Feris Family Dedicates Scholarship for Parents, Endowment Dedicated



PLAINVIEW – Wayland Baptist University athletic director Dr. Greg Feris used several words to describe his parents during a stirring tribute at Thursday’s Board of Trustees luncheon. But the most powerful tribute he could give was to endow a scholarship at Wayland Baptist University in their name.

“I think of several words when I think of my parents. Loving, caring, faithful, determined, hard-working,” said Feris. “My mom and dad were just ordinary folks with an extraordinary dream of owning their own business and a home.”

Feris joined his wife Glenda, who works for the Plainview schools, in dedicating the Charles and Evelyn Feris Endowed Scholarship as a tribute to his parents, who he said believed heavily in education and provided for their sons and grandchildren to attend college though they themselves did not have that opportunity. The scholarship will provide the means for future Wayland student athletes to offset the cost of higher education and see their own dreams come true.

Charles and Evelyn were married in January 1941 in Fort Worth and worked side by side for more than 58 years as owners of Feris Electric and Lighting. Lifelong United Methodists, the couple had visited the Wayland campus several times over the past years and were encouraged and impressed by the warmth, friendliness and energy of the students, faculty and staff.

Charles died in January 1999 at age 81, and Evelyn died in July 2009 at age 86. Another son, Mitchell Feris, was present at the dedication as well with his wife Ledawn. Also present were Greg and Glenda’s sons Chad and Chris Feris and a granddaughter, Carlee, daughter of Chad and wife Cindy.

The luncheon also featured a brief presentation of the plaque marking the James A. “Buddy” Davidson Mission Center Endowment. Officials from the Davidson Foundation, located in Midland, were unable to make the trip but will be guests of the university at a later date for a more formal dedication. The endowment –a \$250,000 grant from the foundation – will provide funds to offset travel expenses for foreign mission endeavors for students through the Wayland Mission Center.

2010 Membership Directory in the Mail

Watch your mailbox for the 2010 membership directory which was mailed this week. The directory is a great resource for partners to help you make your business successful. This year the membership directory was also sent to general contractors so they would have access to our fine member companies when looking for electrical contractors and associate members providing services and products to the construction industry.

Thanks to our advertisers in the 2010 IEC Membership Directory:

- Acrux Staffing
- Bean Electrical, Inc.
- Bonded Lightning Protection
- Cable Electric, Inc.
- Fuelman of DFW
- Hotchkiss Insurance
- Humphrey & Associates, Inc.
- Hurst Electrical, Inc.

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- JBI Electrical Systems
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- Roach Howard Smith & Barton
- Texas Motors Ford
- United Rentals

Thanks to JBI Electrical Systems, Inc.

Thanks so much to Jack Martin for allowing two JBI electricians to come by the office and install the new plug we need for our copier installation.

It is so great to have you guys to count on.

Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

Austin Electric Company – 04-21-87
E-MC Electrical Services –04-20-04

Associate Members

Legrand –04-17-01
The Lighting Alliance–04-20-04
Sunstate Equipment– 04-17-07
C.L.P. Resources, Inc. –04-15-08

IEC Inc. News

2010 IEC National Legislative Fly-In

Attend the 2010 IEC National Legislative Fly-In, May 3-6, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, D.C., and join fellow members in protecting the merit shop. With the health care reform in the Senate, it is crucial that you take this opportunity to join your peers and speak with your Senators, Representative, and their staffs on these important issues.

This year's Fly-In program will feature a "how to" educational session on lobbying your Member of Congress, as well as informational briefings on front burner legislative issues, from the Washington experts who deal with these subjects every day. And, most importantly, we will have a Day on Capitol Hill where IEC contractors and EDs join together to educate their federal representatives about our industry and your business.

REGISTER BY APRIL 16 TO GET THE EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT!

Are you a 2010 IEC Gold Card member? If so, Gold Card members receive \$50 off of member registration fees and \$25 off of the spouse/guest registration fee for the IEC Legislative Fly-In (as well as other great benefits)! Want to become a Gold Card member? [Download the](#)

brochure and submit to IEC National with appropriate payment today. Gold Card members will receive a special discount code that can be applied to your Legislative Fly-In registration fees.

Learn. Connect. Profit. at the 2010 Legislative Fly-In Conference. Register today.

2010 Awards Brochure (attachment)

The 2010 IEC National Awards Brochure is now online. It details the diverse award categories that are available and the different criteria that are required for submission. This is your chance to set yourself apart from the competition!

By winning an IEC National award, you will receive national recognition within the electrical community. And even better, winning an award can increase your business by gaining more attention from prospective customers. Winners will receive:

- Recognition at the 2010 IEC National Convention.
- A professional quality award for display and bragging rights.
- A press release to share with local media.
- Electronic "Winner" icon to use on websites or other media.
- Recognition in Insights, Electrical Matters, and other applicable IEC publications.
- Recognition on the IEC National website.

Additionally, recipients of Excellence in Electrical Construction Awards will receive:

- A one-page review they can use in a portfolio (with IEC logo, photos, and press information).
- An article about the winning projects featured in Insights (recipient must work with IEC communications department to develop).
- Display of a full-size, framed poster of project in the IEC National office during 2011.

No project is too small - categories have been developed to recognize all scopes of work - so don't be intimidated by others.

It doesn't take long to submit your nomination. Apply today. The deadline for entries is **August 6, 2010**.

For more details on award categories and requirements, view the 2010 IEC National Awards Brochure.

IEC Links Page

Have you visited IEC's helpful links pages lately? It's full of useful links, from finding work, to government regulations, on-line calculators and the newest technologies, including *BIM!*

IEC of Texas News

Click this link to - Keep up with the current news from IEC of Texas.

Tool Box Talks

The following tool box talks are attached:

- [Electrical Safety – Portable Light Strings](#)
- [Vehicle “Backing-up” Problems](#)
- [Electrical Hazards – High Voltage Electrical Burns](#)
- [Vehicle Maintenance](#)

TDLR Info

The March 2010 edition of the TDLR FLASH (newsletter of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Program) is now available online:

<http://www.license.state.tx.us/electricians/cities.htm#flash>