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2010 Graduation Set for June 10

Just a reminder graduation will be held on Thursday, June 10 at the Bob Duncan Community Center in Arlington. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 7:15 p.m.

The 2010 class includes 35 graduates. To honor the hard work, dedication and commitment these students have shown over the past four years, the graduates will wear cap and gowns. Please make plans to attend the graduation to help us honor the success of these individuals.

If you plan to attend and have not notified the IEC office, please contact Sandy at (817) 496-8422 or sandy@iecfwtc.org. Hope to see you there!

IEC Night at the Races was a Big Hit!

168 individuals from the IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters attended the annual **IEC Night at the Races** held at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie on May 27. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The photo below says it all!



Jackie and Steve Humphrey, Sr. salute IEC Night at the Races!

Calendar of Events

*Graduation
June 10*

*Clay Shoot
August 20*

*Trade Show
September 23*

*Fall Golf
Tournament
October 11*

*Holiday Party
December 3*

Education Calendar

*2010 Continuing
Education
IEC Chapter Office*

June 12

June 26

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

*Contractor
Education*

Three IEC Members Receive TEXO Awards

Three IEC member companies recently received TEXO 2010 Distinguished Awards at an awards ceremony held at Cowboy Stadium.

Acton Mobile Industries received the Industry Firm of the Year Award. Specialty Contractor of the Year was received by Brandt Engineering. And finally, Jeff Bills of Humphrey and Associates, Inc. received the Specialty Safety Professional of the Year Award.

Congratulations!

Welcome New Members

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Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

Double Eagle Electric

06-15-93

Bean Electrical

06-17-97

Brandt Electric

06-19-07

Associate Members

Journeyman Staffing

06-20-06

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News You Can Use

Electrical Safety Tips

May was Electrical Safety Month. Randy Humphrey and Pete Skidmore of Humphrey & Associates were featured on Good Morning Texas providing electrical safety tips.

Here is the link to view the video clip of Good Morning Texas show which provides some great info you might want to share with your families or even use at a safety meeting with your employees.

<http://www.wfaa.com/good-morning-texas/Electrical-Safety-Tips-94926954.html>

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program

The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program, a plan that reimburses employers and other plan sponsors for a portion of the costs acquired when providing group health benefits to individuals who retired early, will go into effect on June 1, 2010. The program received \$5 billion in funding from the federal government and experts believe claims will exceed funds allocated, so employers or sponsors seeking to receive reimbursement should file claims quickly. Reimbursements will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information about this program, click here.

SHRM - May 7, 2010

Productivity Gains Slow Signaling Job Growth

Productivity grew by an annual rate of 3.6% in the first quarter of 2010, better than economists anticipated but still below the annual growth rate that exceeded 6% for each of the previous three quarters in 2009, according to the Labor Department. Employers are pushing the limits of how much they can expand without hiring more workers, analysts report, but productivity is falling, causing many experts to forecast an increase in hiring over the next few months. The hiring of more workers will sustain the recovery by boosting overall incomes resulting in an increase in consumer spending, which accounts for nearly 70% of economic activity.

The Associated Press - May 6, 2010

Pending Home Sales on an Upswing

The spring season brought home buyers out in full force causing pending home sales to increase for the second month in a row, according to the National Association of Realtors® (NAR). The Pending Home Sales Index rose to 102.9 in March, up from 97.7 in February, NAR reported. The index is 21.1% higher than the March 2009 reading of 85. The rise in the index is attributed to affordability conditions and the home buyer tax

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credit. NAR chief economist anticipates lower sales following the expiration of the tax credit but expects self-sustaining home sales later in 2010 and into 2011.

National Association of Realtors - May 4, 2010

Green Building Showcase – July 15

The USGBC North Texas Chapter, the CSI Dallas Chapter, and Dallas AIA's Committee on the Environment have joined together to host a showcase of the **latest green building products and technologies for commercial and residential use. This showcase is for Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Developers, Contractors, Owners, Facilities Managers and others interested in the sustainable building industry.**

<http://www.ntxsustainableshowcase.com/>

IEC Inc. News

Don't forget to apply for the IEC National SPARK Award and check your safety program.

The Safety Program and Retention Kit (SPARK) helps companies assess their safety standards and practices. Companies that meet the requirements will receive national recognition and a certification.

The Safety Committee of the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter has set a goal of having ten contractor members receive this award from national.


It is a great way to check your existing safety program and see what areas need some work.

The deadline is August 6, 2010.

See the link for the SPARK kit: <http://www.ieci.org/uploads/10AprilSPARKKit.pdf>

ANNOUNCING THE 2010 IEC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The IEC Foundation announces the 2010 Scholarship Program for IEC contractor and associate member employees and children of employees. We are pleased to announce that a total of \$20,000 in scholarships are available and will be awarded in increments of \$2,000 each which can be used for tuition, books and tools.

-  IEC contractor and associate member employees and their children are eligible to apply

- ✚ Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:
 - Craft (for students in IEC-approved apprenticeship training)
 - Baccalaureate (for college students majoring in an electrical industry field of study)

✚ Deadline to apply is June 15, 2010

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

http://www.iec-foundation.org/scholarship_form.php

Or call Foundation Coordinator, Barbara Duncan, at (502) 417-0157.

Underwriters Laboratories warns of Electrical Metallic Tubing with inadequate corrosion protection

Underwriters Laboratories

Underwriters Laboratories is notifying AHJs, electrical contractors, electricians and retailers that the Electrical Metallic Tubing products, manufactured by Guangdong Walsall Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd. and identified below, may not be adequately protected against corrosion. **MORE**

Tax credit to pay third of small business health cost Bloomberg Businessweek

As many as 4 million small businesses in the U.S. may qualify for tax credits to recover more than a third of the cost of providing medical care for employees, under a program created by the health overhaul law. **MORE**

IEC Links Page

Have you visited IEC's helpful links pages lately? It's full of useful links, from finding work, to government regulations. Click the link above to go to the links page.

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:

- [Working Safely With and Around Electricity](#)
- [To Be Seen is Your responsibility](#)

TDLR INFO

The April 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>

Mark Your Calendar

August 20, 2010:

4th Annual IEC Clay Shoot
Friday, August 20, 2010
A.M. Shoot - 100 Targets
Alpine Gun Range
Fort Worth, TX
Lunch Sponsored by
Sunstate Equipment

September 23, 2010:

IEC Dallas and Fort Worth Tradeshow, Rangers Museum, Arlington

October 11, 2010:

11th Annual Fall Golf Tournament, Walnut Creek Country Club, Mansfield