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Graduation
Bob Duncan Center

June 24-28
IEC of Texas Conference
Boca Raton, FL

August 21, 2009
Clay Shoot
Alpine Gun Range

The IEC Foundation Receives Capital Grant to Benefit IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County

The Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Foundation has received a \$120,227 capital grant from The Dallas Foundation (TRIAD Fund) that will benefit the Independent Electrical Contractors Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter electrical apprenticeship program providing job training and employment.

The purpose of the TRIAD Fund (Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment) is to fund program that provide career training and employment to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families.

The Dallas Foundation was formally established in June 1929 as the Dallas Community Trust under the sponsorship of A. H. Belo Corporation (now known as Belo Corp.), the Times Herald Printing Company, the Dispatch Publishing Company, and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. (For more information visit www.dallasfoundation.org)

The IEC Foundation, established in 1996, is the charitable partner of the Independent Electrical Contractors Association, a national organization with over 3,700 members nationwide. The mission of the IEC Foundation is to create educational opportunities introducing and guiding youth, men and women to successful and satisfying careers in the electrical and communications industries.

Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament April 21

The third annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament will be held April 21 at Texas Star Golf Course in Euless. Members of IEC Dallas and IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters will participate in this joint event with a morning and an afternoon tee off.

Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the National Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Tom Jones. Reservations and team money are due by April 10. Make sure you register early, this event always sells out.

To register download the registration form and mail to the IEC, 5809 East Berry Street, Fort Worth, TX 76119; Fax with credit card into to (817) 496-8555 or email with credit card info to jo@iecfwtc.org or [register on-line](#).

Calendar of Events *(continued)*

September 9, 2009
Safety Luncheon
IEC Chapter Office

September 17, 2009
IEC Dallas and Fort Worth
Tarrant County Chapters
Trade Show and
Wire-Off Competition

October 12, 2009
Fall Golf Tournament

October 21-24, 2009
IEC National Convention
St. Louis, MO

December 4, 2009
IEC Christmas Party
Stockyards Station

Education Calendar

2009 Continuing Education IEC Chapter Office

April 11
April 25
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

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IEC Apprenticeship Program Opens April 1



On April 1, 2009 the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter will begin accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2009. They are taken Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The minimum requirements to apply for the program are:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must have completed four years of high school or must have successfully passed the GED equivalent.
- Applicants shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the apprenticeship program without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of the individual or others.

Please call the chapter office for more information.

Annual Meeting Approval

Seventy-five members registered for our annual meeting held March 19 at Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant. Brian Worth, Vice President of Government & Public Relations with IEC, Inc. provided information on two very important issues impacting the electrical industry – The Employee Free Choice Act and Project Labor Agreements.

In addition, the 2008 audit and annual reports were presented to the membership for approval by a quorum of contractor members. Contractors who did not attend the annual meeting were emailed the information for approval. If you have not already done so, please return your approval form via fax to (817) 496-8555.

Employee Free Choice Act Luncheon April 29

Join us for a luncheon on April 29 at the IEC office to learn how you can protect your company from union organizing and what you can and cannot communicate with your employees. THIS LUNCHEON IS FREE TO IEC FORT WORTH/TARRANT COUNTY MEMBERS.

IEC opposes the un-democratic card-check organizing process included in *The Employee Free Choice Act* (EFCA) legislation because it strips American workers and employers of their rights under the National Labor Relations Act. In addition the bill gives government arbitrators the right to establish the terms of your first union contract and provides for fines up to \$20,000 per violation for certain labor practices.

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SPECIAL THANKS:

**CED and
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for advertising
in the
2009 Membership
Directory.**

**They were omitted
from the thank you
letter mailed with
the directories
and the
March Newsletter.**

Thanks SO MUCH!

The seminar will cover items such as:

- How New Proposed Legislation Would Impact Your Company
- How to Respond to Union Organizing Activity
- What Policies You Must Have in Place in Order to Deal with Union Organizing Activity
- How to Create a Work Environment that Will Make Your Company Less Vulnerable to Union Organizing

The seminar is designed for contractor members and their senior leadership.

PRESENTER: Joseph F. Canterbury, Jr., Director, Shareholder, Canterbury Elder Gooch Surratt Shapiro & Stein, P.C., noted author and lecturer on construction law and labor and employment law issues.

Lunch begins at 12:00 noon and the seminar will be held from 12:15 P.M. – 1:45 P.M. Please be sure to register so we will be prepared for lunch.

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Safety News

Safety Luncheon May 13

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of Death on the job. And driving distractions are the leading cause of motor vehicle accidents. Learn how to develop, communicate and enforce clearly defined policies that address driving distractions while operating a company vehicle.

At the May 13 Safety Luncheon, Federated Insurance will present their “Distracted Driving At What Cost?” The program begins at with lunch at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.

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Safety Links for April:

[Toolbox Talk - Allergies, Antihistamines & Drowsiness](#)

[IEC Monthly Codes & Safety Newsletter](#)

Welcome New Members

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Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

Austin Electric - 4/21/1987

E-MC Electrical Services – 4/20/2004

Associate Members

C.L.P. RESOURCES, INC. – 4/15/2008

LEGRAND NORTH AMERICA – 4/17/2001

SUNSTATE EQUIPMENT – 4/17/2007

THE LIGHTING ALLIANCE – 4/20/2004

IEC Night at the Horse Races May 21

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters May 21 for an exciting evening of horse racing and delicious food at IEC Night at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

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