

October, 2013 Enlightner



**Meeting
October 8, 2013**

Meeting Location

Erico

34600 Solon Rd

Solon Ohio

TIME: 600 PM

HONARY MEMBERS

Jerry M Gerber 1996

Bill Brendza and Joe Cenzori 2011

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Field Trip

Erico Facility

34600 Solon Rd

Solon, Ohio

As some of you know we lost a Dear Friend and colleague last week Dick Straka. Dick has been a back bone of our organization (mostly behind the scenes) for many years. He was a past President and an executive board member till his death last week. Dick has been a major voice in our decision makings for many years bringing great wisdom and common sense to the table. Dick was an Employee at First Energy for over 40 years.

Words cannot express the loss to everyone who new Dick



Richard J. Straka

May 25, 1945 - September 29, 2013

Minutes from the May 2013 Meeting

President Jerry Gerber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Motion to accept the March minutes as emailed:

1st: Ted Athanas
2nd: Sheldon Gardner

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report

1st Ted Athanas
2nd Sheldon Gardiner

Secretaries Report

I would like to welcome everyone back from the summer break. I hope everyone had a safe and eventful summer. The Western Reserve Division executive board held a meeting last Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Boneyard in Broadview Heights. Topics of discussion were to have Jeff Grassi substitute for Joe Cenzori at the 2013 Western Section Meeting in Colorado Springs. It was voted unanimously to have Jeff as the substitute for Sec. Joe Cenzori.. President Jerry Gerber gave Jeff a short list of tasks he expected Jeff to bring back from the Western Section meeting. Jeff is to attend the Secretary's luncheon as well as the Membership meeting.

Dick Straka proposed reinstating a spouse's night out and he brought documentation from both the Good Time Cruise Line and the Nautica Queen with hopes that we can solicit enough support from our general membership to make this happen. In past history the Western Reserve Division was able to make a modest profit on these outings. Dick also made mention that we will be hosting the 2016 Ohio chapter meeting and one of these trips may be good for the ladies program. The executive board took all the literature and will be looking into this in the next fiscal year.

I sent out an e-mail last month informing everyone that we were not going to have the pizza and wings due to a \$50 price increase and we're trying to keep costs lower due to our decreasing checking account balance. This was mainly for the next few months till more funds started coming from our membership renewals and year-end code classes. As you can see we have pizza and wings tonight, discussion at the executive board meeting was to continue with pizza and wings. The thought was it would save me a fair amount of time trying to put together cold cut platters and the thought of running out of lunchmeat because we use the honor system and we host an un-attended supper line.

Next months meeting, due to the efforts of Robert Sullivan on Tuesday October 8, 2013 the Western Reserve will have a field trip hosted by Erico. It will be at their facility at 34600 Solon Rd. at 6 PM and they will supply food and beverage. Kevin Kobunski is going to show, in the lab, some of the surge suppression that Jack will be talking about tonight as well as lightning and grounding. Caddy will also do a presentation on some of their new products.

On October 22 and November 7 the Electrical League of Ohio will be putting on five hour classes to be announced; they will have 2014 codebooks for sale. As some of you know the retail price of the codebooks for this cycle are \$95. I was able to secure 20 codebooks at the electrical league's costs of \$71.60. These are available only to our active members at this cost. Again there are only 20 codebooks that are available to us at this cost.

For those who want a codebook; get your name with a check or cash to Mark ROM. It will be first come.

On October 22 and November 7th, I will be one of the instructors again for this cycle with John Labriolla and Tim Poole. It is important to have a strong relationship with the Electrical League. In the past Jack Bene' and George Foster represented the Western Reserve as instructors for the electrical league of Ohio, and I will continue the tradition as long as I am able.

On October 17, 2013 Thursday night at 6:30 PM I will be representing the Western Reserve Division at the north-central Ohio building officials Association, presenting a three-hour 2011 NEC article 250 class. This Class is targeting the Architect, Engineers, Plan Examiners as well as Inspectors. The class will be held at De Lucas place in the park Lorain Ohio. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

I have also scheduled to classes with NOECA this fall and I will get the dates on the website within the next week or two.

Tim McClintock is sponsoring a coalition to go down to the board of building standards this month to try to rally support for the adoption of the 2014 and NEC. Jeff Grassi will be getting information and I will get it on the website soon as I get it so we can all try to join in and help the cause. The electrical league of Ohio is on board as well as Eaton Corporation numerous instructors and many contractors. Organizations such as the IAEL, the IBEW and NECA have now shown interest. I had a discussion Friday with Terri Hanna from the electrical league and suggested to her to have Mr. Cutler from Eaton Corporation contact Gov. Kasic directly about the coalitions concerns. Terry personally knows Sandy Cutler and she thought it would be a good idea. Terri informed me today she contacted Mr. Cutler and he has agreed to contact governor Kasic. All the members on the board of building standards are appointed by the governor hopefully input from an Ohio Based Fortune 500 Company will add support to the 2014 NEC and not have it shoved in a closet.

New Business
None

Good of the Order
None

Old Business
None

Meeting adjourned at 9.00PM