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Message From President Tom Brock

I have always considered my serving as President of MCASC in 1995-1996 an honor and privilege. The highlight of that year was a Carnival Cruise to the Caribbean. Last year brought back memories of hot sandy beaches and tropical drinks; problem was Dennis Brunink was the one standing in the sand with a drink in his hand. Thanks Dennis but you owe me one.

I did not deserve the privilege of serving again as President of MCASC but I accepted the challenge of leading the Association knowing that Mona and Dennis were doing a great job of laying the foundation for his term as President. My year has passed quickly and the MCASC leadership was exceptional.

As a member of MCASC I am very proud of the four Areas ability to raise money for our scholarship funds. This is absolutely phenomenal for any organization to provide over \$30,000 in individual scholarships and still add money to the endowment. We have renewed our interest in craft training beginning as early as Middle School and continuing through College with our scholarships. We have responded to a need at DJJ by solving the problem of how to build a house behind the fence. The \$155,000 Career Cluster Partnership Grant has been used wisely to improve the prospects of teaching kids about our industry. The immediate reward for this work is small but the true benefits will be seen many years from now as we see those students enter into the workforce.

The graying of our leadership must be addressed in the coming years to find ways of encouraging the under 40 crowd to join and participate as MCASC leaders. I will continue to foster this idea as I step down as President once again.

I will always regret not hiring Mona to work at Brock Electric many years ago. That being said I am proud of the fact that I stood before the board and encouraged them to hire Mona as the executive director. MCASC is headed in the right direction mainly because of the dedication Mona has to our membership.

It has been an interesting and rewarding year. I look forward to another great year as Lee Richardson brings his insight to this position of service.

Thanks to everyone,
Tom Brock
MCASC President 2011-2012

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**Mechanical Member:
ATLANTIC ELECTRIC, LLC**

Atlantic Electric, LLC is a Charleston, SC based electrical contractor that historically has specialized in unusual or difficult commercial, industrial and military work. This family owned business was started in 1969 by Legrand Richardson who sold the business to his sons Lee and Mike in the mid-1980's. They have been involved with the business since the late 1970's and many of the office and field personnel have grown with them since the early days.

Our firm has extensive experience in high voltage, drawbridges, water treatment plants, airfield lighting, piers and in many other heavy commercial and industrial areas. In recent years we have gained extensive experience in various design-build projects, hospitality, retail and large office buildings as well. We have an unlimited electrical contracting license in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. We are also licensed to practice electrical engineering in both South Carolina and Georgia.

We also have a service and preventive maintenance department to complement the large contract division. Some of the special capabilities of this department include computer network cabling (fiber optic and copper), infrared imaging for preventive maintenance, high voltage and burglar alarm systems.

Atlantic Electric, LLC has long been active in the MCASC with Legrand Richardson serving as State President in 1972-73 and Lee currently serving as State Vice President.

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Upcoming Events!!!

**24th Annual George W. Bryce, Jr.
Memorial Golf Tournament**
Friday, May 4, 2012
Oakdale Country Club,
Florence, SC

"The Charleston Slam"
4th Annual Coastal Area Scholarship Fishing Tournament
Captain's Meeting: Friday, May 25,
Tideland Equipment & Supply Company, N. Charleston
Tournament; Saturday, May 26, Remley's Point Landing, Mt. Pleasant

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Caldwell	5/4	Waldrop, Inc.	Wife of Bill
Jim Hendricks	5/4	AirTight	
John Minor	5/5	Past State President	
Phil Wilson	5/5	Control Management, Inc.	
Tom Johnson	5/7	Honorary Life Member	
Robbin Cullum	5/14	Cullum Mechanical Construction, Inc.	Wife of Rudy
Sally Paul	5/15	Sanitary Plumbing Contractors, Inc.	
Bob Leake	5/16	James M. Pleasants Company	
Will Thomason	5/20	James M. Pleasants Company	
Sam White	5/20	Walker White, Inc.	
Anna Chaney	5/21	MCASC State Office	
A. A. "Bo" Shuler, Jr.	5/24	Honorary Life Member	
Dayle Baxter	5/27	Tri-Star Constructors	Wife of Jerry
John Babson	5/28	BB&T/Boyle-Vaughan Insurance	
Bill Bowers	5/30	Hoffman & Hoffman - Greenville	
Ken Morelli	5/31	Triad Mechanical Contractors	

*Happy Birthday Members!
We Would Like To Announce Yours. If you would like to be listed,
please call the Birthday Hotline at 803-772-7834 or Email to mflowers@mcasc.com*

“Tool Box Talks” - Safety Tip

LIFTING

Do you realize you may be risking serious injury? It's true if you don't lift correctly. Improper lifting causes back injuries that can take months and even years to heal. Many times these injuries are permanent and disabling. A little know-how can help you to lift safely.

When you are preparing to lift, check the load. If it looks too heavy, don't be afraid to ask for help. If the object has rough or sharp edges wear suitable work gloves. They'll give you a good grip and protect your hands. Also wear proper foot-wear. There is always a chance of dropping something on your toes, or losing your footing.

Know that you can lift the load. Is it too heavy or too awkward? If so, get some help. Check your path and make sure it is clear. Check to see if you have enough room, that there are no obstructions in the way and that there is nothing overhead. Be aware of uneven surfaces.

When you make the lift, squat down and get a good grip on the object. As you rise, lift with your legs, keeping the load as close to your body as possible. Remember that your legs are much stronger than your arms. If you have to place the load to your left or to your right, don't twist your body. Move your feet instead. When you have to lower the load, simply reverse the procedure.

Remember these points when you lift:

- When lifting, get a firm footing, feet apart, one slightly behind the other for good balance.
- Stand close to the load.
- Always remember to lift with your legs and not your back.
- Carry the load close to your body.
- Never try to carry a load that is too heavy. Ask for help or get a machine such as a boom truck to do the heavy lift.

THINK - LIFT SAFELY!!

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Condolences

Mr. & Mrs. Winfield Scott and Family
Metro Electric Company, Charleston
On the loss of his mother
Mary Scott Bishop

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gibbs & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gibbs
Bear Mechanical Services, Charleston & Columbia
On the loss of mother & grandmother
Lillian Francis Gibbs

Mr. Harry King & Family
James M. Pleasants Company, Inc., Greenville
On the loss of his wife
Jean Huff King

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck McDonald & Family
Robinson McFadden, Columbia
On the loss of her father
Fredric Allan Christiansen

Mrs. Frances Compton & Family
C. J. Compton Plumbing Company, Spartanburg
On the loss of husband and owner
C. J. Compton

Welcome New Members

Brian Fisher - Catastrophe Services, Inc.
Columbia

Tim Pickett - I & M Industrials
Charleston

Chet Frady - Rapid Recovery - Georgia Carolina RR
Evans, GA

Randy Cottrell - Vista Engineering
Columbia

Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Shaluly - 5/8
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Self - 5/26

Birth Announcement

Lillian Elizabeth Thomas
Born April 5, 2012 6lbs 8oz, 20 1/4 ins.
Proud Great Grandfather: Harry King
James M. Pleasants Company, Greenville

Concerns

Bryan Finch, Control Management, Greenville
Hubert “Jr.” Gasque, Gasque Plumbing, Myrtle Beach
Art Hafner, Unitherm, Columbia
Eddie Williams, Cashion Electricians, Inc., Columbia

Congratulations MCASC Scholarship Recipients

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina Is Pleased To Announce
Our Nineteen (19) Scholarship Recipients for the 2012-2013 School Year.

They are:

Amanda Bolchoz (granddaughter of MCASC Member Ned Forsberg, Metro Electric). Amanda will be attending Clemson University.

Matthew Daniel Childs Matthew is attending Tri-County Technical College.

David Allen Duffy, III David will be attending Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Tancey A. Cullum (granddaughter of MCASC Member Furman Cullum and niece of Chris and Rudy Cullum, Cullum Mechanical Construction, Inc.). Tancey will be attending Tri-County Technical College.

Thomas J. Cullum (grandson of MCASC Member Furman Cullum and nephew of Chris and Rudy Cullum, Cullum Mechanical Construction, Inc.). Thomas is attending Clemson University.

Joshua Philip Fairchild (friend of Joe Richardson). Joshua will be attending Clemson University.

Brandon Dreher Forsberg (grandson of MCASC Member Ned Forsberg, Metro Electric). Brandon is attending The Citadel.

Justin James Gable (son of MCASC Member James Gable, Southern Atlantic Mechanical Contractors). Justin is attending the University of South Carolina.

Ryan Michael Gunther (son of MCASC Member Mike Gunther, Metro Electric). Ryan is attending Charleston Southern University.

Stephen Earl Hall, II Stephen is attending Spartanburg Community College.

Amanda Nicole Hearn (daughter of MCASC Member Jim Hearn, Hayes & Lunsford Electrical Contractors). Amanda will be attending Clemson University.

Christopher James Hearn (son of MCASC Member Jim Hearn, Hayes & Lunsford Electrical Contractors). Christopher is attending Clemson University.

J. Townsend Jacques (son of MCASC Member Bob Jacques, Hajoca Corp.). Townsend will be attending Anderson University.

Bradley Webb Newsome (friend of Richard Miller, Jr.). Bradley is attending Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Reid Polstra (son of MCASC Member Dan Polstra, Trane Upstate Carolina). Reid is attending Clemson University.

Colby Alexander Poplin (nephew of MCASC Member Henry Poplin, B & L Electric). Colby is attending Clemson University.

Matthew Talbot Prosser (son of MCASC Member Dale Prosser, Cullum Mechanical Construction, Inc.). Matthew will be attending The Citadel.

Ashley Michelle Strickland (daughter of MCASC Member Elmo Strickland, Stover Mechanical, Inc.). Ashley will be attending Clemson University.

Kaitlin Whatley (daughter of MCASC Member John Whatley Greenville Mechanical). Kaitlin is attending the University of Georgia.

PIEDMONT AREA MCASC - "CLAYS FOR COLLEGE"

**The Piedmont Area Would Like To Thank All Sponsors & Participants
Whose Contributions Made The Sixth Annual "Clays For College" Such A Huge Success.
Many, Many Thanks To Each Of You!**

Your Presence and Presents

Are Highly Sought After....

Become a *Sponsor* for our 100 Year Celebration August 2-5, 2012

Château Élan Winery & Resort – Braselton, Georgia

By becoming a sponsor, your presence will be seen and known to all members and associate members through our "Tool Box", website, upcoming meetings, convention materials and events. And your Presents will allow the MCASC Summer Convention to be memorable. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for you and your company to be promoted during the next couple of months.

DON'T DELAY BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

Sponsorship Packages Include the following opportunities. Please choose the one(s) you wish to sponsor, complete the form and email or fax to Mona at mflowers@mcasc.com or (803) 731-0390.

THURSDAY:

Board Of Directors Meeting	\$500.00
Hospitality Suite	\$1,000.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00

FRIDAY:

Associate Member's Breakfast Meeting	\$500.00
Past President's Breakfast Meeting	\$500.00
Member's Breakfast	\$1,500.00
Educational Workshop (1)	\$1,500.00
Drinks At The Pavilion	\$1,500.00
Dinner At The Pavilion	\$5,000.00
Entertainment At The Pavilion	\$1,000.00
Hospitality Suite	\$500.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00

SATURDAY:

Educational Workshop (1)	\$2,000.00
Ladies / Spouse Surcies	\$1,000.00
Golf Tournament (2 Sponsors - 1 For Front Nine & 1 For Back Nine)	\$250.00
Tennis Tournament	\$250.00
Fishing Tournament	\$250.00
Children's Program & Dinner (Ages 0-3)	\$500.00
Children's Program & Dinner (Ages 4 & Up)	\$500.00
Cocktail Reception Honoring Past Presidents	\$1,500.00
Dinner Honoring Past Presidents	\$3,000.00
Entertainment	\$1,500.00
Hospitality Suite	\$500.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00

SUNDAY:

Pick A Winner Awards Breakfast / Open Business Meeting	\$2,000.00
Awards & Prizes	\$500.00

Yes, I Would Be Happy To Sponsor The _____
 Please Invoice My Company For: \$ _____ Phone No. _____
 Company Name: _____
 By: _____ Date: _____

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Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina Summer Convention
Thursday, August 2, 2012 thru Sunday, August 5, 2012
Reservation Form



Château Élan Winery & Resort
 100 Rue Charlemagne
 Braselton, Georgia 30517
 Telephone: 678-425-0900 or 1-800-233-9463
 Fax: 678-425-6004
 Email: reservations@chateauelan.com

Please complete this form to confirm your overnight accommodations.
 Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina has secured a block of Run of House
 rooms from August 2nd through August 5th, 2012 (see below for rates). Please Call, Email or
 Fax the completed form to Reservations at Chateau Elan to confirm booking.
 Rate is good pre and post convention dates based on hotel availability.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Number of Adults _____

Room Preference:

- Run of House (1 king or 2 doubles, \$169.00 + tax) _____
- King Corner Suite (\$219.00 + tax, limited availability) _____
- Two Bedroom Villa (\$339.00 + tax, limited availability) _____
- Three Bedroom Villa (\$439.00 + tax, limited availability) _____

Note: Two & Three Bedroom Villa's Are Approximately 1 Mile from Hotel
 (Complimentary Shuttle Service Is Available.)

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

All rooms are non-smoking. Changes or cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to arrival. If cancellations are not made 72 hours in advance the credit card will be charged the first nights room and tax. Applicable room taxes are currently 12%.

**Associate Member:
TIDELAND EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY**

Tideland Equipment and Supply Company (TESCO) was established in 2011 by myself, Allen Heape and my father, Walter Heape. I have been active in the equipment and supply industry for over 20 years. My father Walter Heape has been a general contractor in the remodeling industry in Charlotte, NC for over 20 years.

After seeing the industry change many times, we decided to go out on our own. We are going to do business the old fashion way, with honesty and integrity. With our name at stake, it gives us the drive and passion to be the best there is in the equipment and supply industry.

Taking care of the customer is our belief and commitment. We strive to make our customer's job easier when it comes to purchasing, invoicing, training or simply finding what you want or need. Our customers will have the peace of mind that they will be taken care of 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When it comes to our customer's needs, we guarantee that we will help you get exactly what you want when you need it.

We have teamed up with some of the best manufactures in the world including Hydro-Mobile, Grout Hog, Multi-Quip, MBW Construction Products, Adhesive Tech. Solutions, Sullivan Palatek, Diamond Products, Hilti, Allen Engineering, Century Wire, Progress Solar Solutions, Attachments Plus, Marshalltown, Bomag, Brunner and Lay, APT, Husqvarna, Mi-T-M, G-Strut, Dewalt, Boise Cascade, Resinet, Ames True Temper and Metal Forms plus many other manufactures in the equipment and supply industry.

Our Contractor's range from Heavy Highway Contractors, Mechanical Contractors, Drywall Contractors, Municipalities, Mining, Forestry, Airports, Schools and Universities, Power and Gas Industry, Concrete Finishing, Masonry, Stucco, Roofers and Landscapers. Whether you are going vertical, horizontal or underground, we promise that we will have the right equipment and supplies for you. Please come enjoy the TESCO experience.

We look forward to earning your business.

“Having the best products is one thing, but being the best is Another”

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**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be
highlighted in the upcoming issue of “The Tool Box”:
Mayer Electric Supply, Charleston - Associate Member
W. N. Kirkland, Inc., Spartanburg - Mechanical Member**

MAY 2012 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS

MIDLANDS AREA

Friday, May 4, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

Location: The Summit Club, 1301 Gervais Street, 20th floor,
Columbia

**Bring Your Spouse/Significant Other
And Have A Great Time!!!!**

PIEDMONT AREA

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

Location: BMW Zentrum, 1400 Highway 101 S., Greer

Sponsored By: Ferguson Enterprises, Inc & BMW Manufacturing

**Speaker: US Congressman
Trey Gowdy**

PEE DEE AREA

Thursday, May 17, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Rogers Barbeque, 2004 W. 2nd Loop Rd., Florence

Sponsored By: Cayce Company & Eastern Industrial Supplies

Topic: “TBA”

Speaker: TBA

COASTAL AREA

Friday, May 25, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Tideland Equipment & Supply Company (TESCO)
7273 Peppermill Parkway, N. Charleston

Saturday, May 26, 2012 @ Sunrise

Tournament Scales Open 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Remley's Point Landing, Mt. Pleasant

**The Charleston Slam
4th Annual Inshore MCA Coastal Area
Fishing Tournament for Scholarships
Captains Meeting
Tournament Start
Tournament Weigh-in**



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Mechanicals make it happen -
Be part of the best!

MCASC Vision Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will be the leading construction association in South Carolina for specialty contractors and suppliers in the electrical, mechanical (HVAC), and plumbing fields by serving its membership, the industry, and the Community in a vibrant and harmonious fashion.

MCASC Mission Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will provide its membership with:

- current business/technical information and support
 - a proactive political/legislative agenda
- a joint industry collaboration to improve relative business practices
- an ongoing effort to offer training opportunities for both professional and craft personnel
 - educational scholarships for deserving students
- the development of industry related career opportunities

The Association's objective for this mission is to enhance the future of the Construction Industry in South Carolina.