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To offer high-quality educational opportunities for HVAC-related industry members, toward better appreciation and implementation of the building codes governing the industry and toward improvement of the industry generally.

Southeast Louisiana Coalition of the Air Conditioning Industry

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Johnny Macheca

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Louisiana Coalition of the Air-Conditioning Industry (SELACACI) met on November 19, 2014. Among other actions, two new Board members were added to their ranks: Michael Wich of South Central Planning, in recognition of his leadership among code enforcement officials, and Johnny Macheca of Guarino Distributing Company, to fill the seat left by SELACACI's retired co-founder Charley Leaumont. In addition, Mike Murphy of Solar Alternatives was added to SELACACI's Advisory Board in recognition of his ongoing contributions of legal advice, which began at the founding of the organization. Brief bio's for these new members (as well as other members) are posted on the Board of Directors page at SELACACI.org.

The SELACACI Board currently consists of 15 members, representing of all segments of the region's A/C industry. Meetings are open & member input is welcome. Membership is free, with the application (disclaimer) available at SELACACI.org.

At its last training, SELACACI circulated a Membership Survey to gauge interest in future training topics, which is also posted at SELACACI.org. Your input is encouraged, so we can respond to the highest priority educational needs of the industry.



Michael Wich

Spring 2015 Training "In the Works"

Wednesday, March 4 -- "Fire Concerns for Contractors & Homeowners." Topics include:

1) **Lightning hazard from Flexible gas lines that run through furnaces** -- a common & easily-fixed code violation that merits more attention -- to be addressed by Sidney Chaisson, veteran Baton Rouge-based Home Inspector; 2) **Electrical, Gas, & Other Fire Hazards** for contractors to avoid & correct; and 3) **Spray Foam & Combustion Gas issues** (Update on Given the recent deaths from house fires in our area, public attention is encouraged. (Other speakers TBA.)

Tuesday, April 7 -- "Code Changes Update & Recap" Council (ICC), who will review the Mechanical & Energy Code the tireless 'K&B Team' (Kenny Robert & Barry Couvillion), who light of the new requirement for duct leakage testing of all enforcement authorities are invited to report on how their

Thursday, May 7 -- "Mini-Splits & Variable Speed Units" Atlanta-based), who has achieved "rock star" status in the field work over several decades. Those interested in being added guard.com. Allison consistently provides enjoyable ways to mechanical topics from a "whole house" perspective.

May 5-7, 2015 -- The national **Affordable Comfort (ACI)** Loyola Ave.) in New Orleans. It is the premier conference for technicians interested in broadening their horizons -- along tightness -- will appreciate knowing about this opportunity. For more info: AffordableComfort.org.

STAY TUNED TO SELACACI.org -- for **Details & Confirmation of the programs listed above**. In the meantime, Please Save the Dates! Next Board meeting expected Jan. 15 in Metairie. SELACACI trainings are normally held at the Plumber's Hall in Metairie on mid-week evenings; there will be a different location for the May 7 training.

Submitted by: Audrey Evans, SELACACI Founding Secretary - 12/2/14. ■



Mike Murphy

of Duct Testing by Mark Roberts of the International Code changes (including Louisiana's amendments to them) -- and will provide another demonstration & opportunity for Q&A-- in newly installed systems beginning Jan. 1, 2015. Area code jurisdictions are responding to the new requirements.

by Allison Bailes of Energy Vanguard (Louisiana native now of energy rating & home performance, through his wit & hard to Allison's listserv can sign up via the website: EnergyVan-keep up with developments in this dynamic field, addressing

Conference will be held this year at the Hyatt Regency (601 weatherization & home performance professionals. HVAC the lines of the Energy Code's focus on residential duct & air

Flick Distributing Thanksgiving Food Drive



Nathan Jodry & George Fenasci of Flick Distributing in Gretna

Flick Distributing Company completed their Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive just in time for Thanksgiving. Each year

since 2008, this food drive has a big success, collecting and distributing cans and boxes of food items. Once again this year, Flick

offered big discounts on common items for those customers that donate a minimum of twelve cans or boxes. Once again FDC will allowed customers to make cash donations, by adding them to their invoices.

Although the Thanksgiving Food drive is a company event, there is a yearly heated competition between the Harahan and the Gretna stores. Each FDC location chooses a local charity as a recipient of their collections. This year the Time Saver location donated to the St. Rita Harahan Food Pantry. The Gretna store donated to the St Edward Food Bank.

For the seventh straight year the west bank branch won the competition and George Fenasci and Nathan Jodry will host a customer 'Thank You' lunch at the Gretna store as a show of appreciation. ■



Gary Scheffler, Mike Hill, James Fletcher & Preston Woods at JSC in Harahan collecting for Second Harvest Food Bank