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REGISTER TODAY FOR CISCO'S ANNUAL MEETING - FEB. 9, 2018

CISCO's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 at Maggiano's Little Italy, 1901 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg.

The Annual Meeting will feature the recognition of the Projects of the Year. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there! To register, contact Julia Mulvey at 630.472.9411.

ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - JAN. 25-26, 2018



Register today for Annual Electric Association Conference, January 25-26, 2018 at Drury Lane Theater & Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. There will be: 75 exhibitors; 23 classes over two days; 10 professional development hours awarded; and 700 – plus professionals in attendance. Easy registration at www.eeachicago.org.

SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS - JAN. 29, 2018



PowerForward DuPage will host a seminar on the impact of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) from 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2018 at IBEW Local 701 Hall, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway in Warrenville, IL 60555.

Join local municipal leaders, business leaders, and residents to learn how DuPage County can best take advantage of all FEJA has to offer, thereby ensuring a bright and resilient

future for all of us.

Seating is limited; no cost to attend. Reservations required. To attend, please RSVP by January 22nd with your name via info@powerforwarddupage.com.

GLCA SAFETY AWARD APPLICATION DUE ON FEB. 5, 2018



The Great Lakes Construction Association (GLCA) is making a last call for applications for their Safety Award Program. The safety award applications are due to the GLCA Office no later than Monday, February 5, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. For more information contact GLCA at 847.623.2345.

UCA'S ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - FEB. 22, 2018



The Underground Contractor's Association (UCA) is holding its annual Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Medinah Country Club 6N001 Medinah Road in Medinah, Illinois 60157

Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Sponsorships are also available. For more information contact UCA at 630.467.1919.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE IS FEB. 23, 2018



CISCO is now accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program. The

three different categories enable a wider range of students of both building trade union members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO offers (3), four-year scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees.

All applications and accompanying documents must be postmarked by February 23, 2018 to be eligible for consideration. For judging criteria, application information, and eligibility requirements, refer to the application forms. For more information, call CISCO at 630-472-9411.

SAFETY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES "ELECTRICAL HAZARDS" TRAINING

The Construction Safety Council (CSC) will host "Electrical Hazards in Construction" a four-hour education program on four separate dates. Upcoming sessions are scheduled at the CSC Training Center in Hillside on January 30, February 14, April 19 and May 16. For more information, visit www.buildsafe.org. To schedule a private class at your own workplace, call 1-800-552-7744, ext. 214.

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

IBEW LOCAL 134/EXPLORER PARTNERSHIP REAPS REWARDS

The national labor shortage has been in the news lately, but what hasn't received as much publicity is how CISCO's Education-to-Careers Program, working in conjunction with the building trades, has helped minimize the shortage here in northeastern Illinois. Partnerships with several groups including the Boy Scouts Explorers Program have made a difference.

In the case of IBEW Local 134, the labor union was thinking ahead of the curve when it started a relationship with the Explorers two years ago.



CISCO Board Member Maurice King, IBEW 134 Vice President (far right) works with a group of apprentices and trainees on a circuit board exercise. They include (from left) Trainee Louis Hernandez, First-year Apprentice Jake Polewaczyk, Trainee Maximo Hernandez, and First-year Apprentice Greg Winters.

Local 134 began sending flyers to local schools promoting the opportunity for students to meet its union instructors in a youth group setting that meets the third Thursday of every month.

The program helps improve life skills, public speaking, team leadership, and problem solving. It also could lead to a career in the electrical trade via an apprenticeship. Reaching out to the students in this manner has produced positive results as four students (see photo above) are working their way toward a career as an Electrician. Two of the young men are Trainees and are graduates of Juarez High School and two are now first-year apprentices.

One of the first-year apprentices is **Greg Winters, a graduate of Urban Prep High School.** Greg said that while he was a junior, he wasn't sure of his options, but saw the flyer that was left at the school and decided to give it a chance.

"I focused on the trainee idea for one year, and enjoyed it, and took the apprentice test and passed," Winters said. "I've always liked to work with my hands, and this has taught me to problem solve with lighting around the house. I feel like I have a great opportunity ahead of me."

The other first-year apprentice is **Jake Polewaczyk, a graduate of Mount Carmel High School.** Jake said he initially got excited about the trades from watching the TV show *Dirty Jobs*.

"That show gave me insight into construction and lighting was interesting to me," Polewaczyk said. "Maurice offered to be my sponsor, and this became an instant chance to advance my career. Now I am working with circuits, checking voltage and amperage and all because of this class."

EDUCATION-TO-CAREERS UPCOMING EVENTS

1) The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC), CISCO and the Chicago & Cook County Building Trades will be hosting a Hands-On Fair at the Chicago Heights Center in Chicago Heights on Thursday March 1st for HACC residents. This is the first ever event being held with HACC as CISCO works with Timothy Kollar, HACC Manager of Workforce Initiatives. Several instructors from the various building trades will be on hand to talk to residents about apprenticeship qualifications along with hands-on demonstrations.

2) CISCO and Moraine Area Career System will team up for the third time on a Hands-On event Friday, March 16. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' Satellite Apprenticeship

& Training Center in Chicago will be the site of the event as students from the Moraine Valley College area will attend. Once again, several building trades will be represented to provide demonstrations of customary day-to-day functions.

SAVE THE DATE

The Illinois State Apprenticeship Conference (ISAC) will be held the week of May 7, 2018 in Peoria, Illinois. Check CISCO's website - www.cisco.org - as more details unfold.

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES

The one-year-old coalition known as "Building Our Communities" held its first meeting of the new year in Chicago on January 11th.

The group heard from Elevate Energy and its efforts in workforce development in the field of clean energy. In addition, a statement was read from U.S. Congressman Rodney Davis in support of the organization.



Frank T. Libby, President/Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters (CRCC) talks about the structure of Building Our Communities as CRCC 2nd Vice President Gary Perinar Jr. and Rev. CJ Hawking of Arise Chicago listen.

The meeting closed with a discussion of the formation of a Steering Committee, as well as Legislative, Fundraising and Membership subcommittees.

