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CASCADE CHAPTER WEBSITE LAUNCH!

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SIGN UP FOR:

- District 6 Convention, Disneyland!—08/7-10/08
- NECA Convention & Show, Chicago, IL—10/4-7/08
- Teatro ZinZanni's Early Sign-up

Sandcastle Interactive has been working vigorously exercising their creative juices to get our website completed. The estimated site launch date is July 7th. The website will be equipped with extensive information,

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Need another reason as to why it's good to be a Cascade Chapter Member? How about a low cost, highly effective, easy to use, professional, guaranteed to improve your business website proposal?!



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wage charts, agreements, full calendar of events, e-newsletters, job/resume postings, in depth member profiles, photo galleries, links and much, much more! We are very excited to bring our site up-to-date and provide

members at an all time low cost!

"A SCREAM of a deal!" -Michael Conkle, Sandcastle Interactive

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- Template driven design:
 - NECA Members provide logo
 - Choose from 5 different templates
- Each template is enabled with a Content Management System members can add & layout their own content within the template pages.
- Sections included within the templates:
 - Home Page
 - About Us
 - Services
 - Projects
 - News/Links
 - Contact Us
- Domain Name Registration assistance if requested.
- One-time set up cost: \$1,000 per member site!
- Hosting: \$25/month!

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HAWAII—DISTRICT SIX MTG



Governor Paul & Donna Sorensen of Ewing Electric, Inc.

Our District Six Meeting was held in Maui, Hawaii (date). Attending from our Chapter was:



From Left: Nancy Sanders, Donna Sorensen, Peter Sanders & Paul Sorensen.

Vice President of District Six, Mel Buttrum; Governor Paul Sorensen; President Pete Sanders, Chapter Manager Cindy Austin and Sam Ewing attended the meeting as a guest. Accompanying them were Nancy Sanders and Donna Sorensen.

District Six Vice President Mel Buttrum chaired the informative meeting. The agenda included a Western Regional Report by Western Regional Manager Bill Kuhr; District Six Vice President Report

presented by Vice President Mel Buttrum; NECA Government Affairs Report presented by Executive Director of Government Affairs Lake Coulson; Discussion of the new IO Policy and Ed Hills' State of the Union II DVD; Brinks Decision; Chapter Reports; National Committee Reports and Upcoming Negotiations.

As always, after the hard work is done the Chapter had a great time in Hawaii and enjoyed the good company and great weather!



Paul Sorensen climbing a native Hawaiian tree.



From Left: Paul & Donna Sorensen, Sam Ewing, & Mel Buttrum.

SUCCESS AT TULALIP—APRIL. 15, 2008



Membership Meeting

If you didn't happen to make it out to April's General Membership Meeting you truly missed out on quite the classy affair! The Tulalip Bay Fine Dining Restaurant did an amazing job giving us the royal treatment.



Brad Crawford, David Ginestra & Erik Sorensen conversing.

President Peter Sanders of Snohomish Electric, Inc. started off the meeting with introductions and welcoming our newest member Jeff Palmer of Premier Electrical Services.

Upcoming events were discussed as well as the ECPAC & Local Political Contributions, Sandcastle's Member website offer.

When the Tulalip Casino Hotel is fully up and running we will be sure to plan a General Membership Meeting there!



Kim & Pat Andrews of CK Electric Services, Inc.



David Sharpe of Excel Electric & Service, Inc. with guest Dee Dailey.

WELCOME SANDRA FLORES! —NEW CHAPTER OFFICE EMPLOYEE

We would like to take a minute to introduce the newest Cascade Chapter team member, Sandra Flores.

Sandra is new to the industry, but very ea-

ger to learn. She moved to Washington 12 years ago with her family and now lives in Marysville, WA.

Welcome to the Cascade Chapter, NECA!

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WASHINGTON EMPLOYERS CONTROL TAX COSTS BY REPORTING NEW WORKERS

OLYMPIA—Employers in Washington state helped each other avoid approximately \$3.3 million in unemployment-benefit charges over the last year by promptly reporting their new employees to the state.

The Employment Security Department matches its records of people who are collecting unemployment benefits with new-hire information from employers to find people who continue to collect benefits after they've found a new job. When there is a match, the worker must pay back the money he or she received, and the previous employer's unemployment tax is not charged for the cost of benefits. Benefit

charges are used to determine an employer's tax rate.

From May 2006 through April 2007, the cross-match found 6,814 people who were claiming benefits after a new employer reported hiring them. Those matches represent about \$2.7 million in unemployment benefits that had been paid out. In some cases, the match was found before benefits were paid, totaling \$572,690 over the year. Employers were not charged for those benefits.

"A lot of overpayments happen because people don't report that they've found a new job," said Employment Security Commissioner Karen

Lee. "Employers can help us stop that fraud and save themselves money by reporting their new workers."

Employers are required to report all new employees to the Department of Social and Health Services child support program within 20 days of hire. They can report on the Internet at:

www.childsupportonline.wa.gov or call 800-562-0479 for more information. Proper reporting also reduces workers' compensation fraud and helps the state collect child support.

Matching records with other state agencies is just one way Employment Security fights unemployment fraud,

according to Lee. The department also cross-matches records with the Social Security Administration and with new-hire information from other states. It monitors telephone numbers and mailing addresses to uncover multiple-claim schemes, and investigates tips from the public.

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Manager, Dept of Social & Health Services

Seafair

Seattle's Summer Celebration

Get on the boat!



SEAFAIR CRUISE!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Chapter Cruise Friday, August 1st! This years cruise theme is "Seattle Tropicana!"

We are boarding the infamous My Girl charter vessel at Fisherman's Terminal in Ballard at 9:30AM, and cruising Lake Washing-

ton from 10:00AM to 3:00PM! The Blue Angels will be out again in all their glory soaring above our heads! Their will be fun, friends, food, drinks and laughter!

Don't miss out on another fabulous Cascade Chapter, NECA event! The RSVP's are rolling in fast and the boat is filling up! Get your

RSVP's in early to secure your spot and automatically enter your company in a prize drawing!

Hope to see you there!



DISNEYLAND HERE WE COME!

NECA's District Six Summer Conference in Disneyland is just around the corner! If you haven't signed up you better do it quickly!

The Bad News: This years destination is so popular that our discounted district room block with Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa is full and closed out. You can still get rooms at this location, but must pay the full

price of \$405.00/night.

The Good News: NECA has arranged for special room rates at two of Disney's nearby sister hotels.

- The Disney Hotel: \$300.00/night
- Disney Paradise Pier: \$270.00/night

You can use the same reservation phone number to get the rooms, remember to identify that you are with the

NECA Group. If you haven't made your reservations we strongly urge you to do so immediately.

As you may already know the early registration deadline was June 22nd, but you can still register with an additional \$10 late fee.

If you need any additional information you can contact Ashlee Boekenooogen at the Chapter office.



NATIONAL CONVENTION CHICAGO



It's time to start planning for the National NECA Annual Convention & Tradeshow in Chicago, Illinois!

Cindy has already been out inspecting the area for the primo venue of choice in the great windy city during AEI (Association Executives Institute Meeting.) Come this October we will be staying at the lovely Fairmont Chicago. Registration and room blocks are now open as

of June 2nd.

If you would like more information regarding this event you can visit National NECA's web-site or go to:

www.necaconvention.org/

Feel free to contact the Cascade Chapter for details or additional guidance in making your arrangements.



Don't miss out on this years convention, it's an invitation to endless opportunities for you and your company.

To make your reservations for the Chicago National Convention go to:

http://www.cmrhousing.com/NECA_C8/HandleReg.aspx?confNum=0&groupPasswd=CAS&redir=Welcome.aspx

JULY 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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-  **OUT OF TOWN MTG / EVENT**
-  **MEETING**
-  **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**
-  **HOLIDAY**
-  **DEADLINES**

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- 1—End of Tri-District Post-Trip in Barcelona, Spain
- 4—Independence Day
- 9—Board of Directors Mtg
- 10—RES Mtg
- 14-15—ELECTRI Council
- 16—JATC Mtg
- 18—IBEW 191 Trust Mtg
- 19—IBEW 191 Golf
- 23—RSVP Deadline for Chapter Cruise
- 31—JATC Committee Mtg






AUGUST 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1—Chapter Cruise to SEAFAIR!
- 7-10—District 6 Summer Conference in Disneyland
- 8—Early Rate Deadline for National Convention in Chicago
- 18—JATC Committee Mtg
- 17-21—CIR, Washington D.C.

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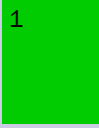



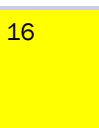

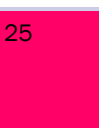
SEPTEMBER 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1—Labor Day
- 10—Board of Directors Mtg
- 11—Patriot Day
- 15—JATC Committee Mtg
- 16—General Membership Mtg, Tentative
- 22—Autumn Begins
- 25—IBEW 191 Trust Mtg

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T H I N K N E C A .



TEATRO ZINZANNI EARLY SIGNUP!

REMINDER: Save the date! This years annual Chapter Christmas Soiree is scheduled for December 12th at the fabulous Teatro ZinZanni located in downtown Seattle.

Due to the popularity of the venue and it being during the busiest part of the season, we have to give our final attendee count October 13th. After that date Teatro's will release our blocks unused seats to the public.

Consider this your 1st early registration notification and be on the lookout for this upcoming flyer in August!

