

TAKING INNOVATION to new heights

LCEC is committed to supporting local Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. Along with high school STEM student tours and mentoring, LCEC is involved with the STEM @ Work program and recently was recognized as a Ford Next Generation Learning network participant.

LCEC continually partners with agencies, groups and events to ensure local students' needs are met. Even small efforts are a step toward developing a sustainable workforce. LCEC also promotes continuing education internally with a strong professional development program and tuition reimbursement benefit. Quality workers equate to excellent service for customers and help to build the local economy.



At a recent STEM @ Work kick-off event, LCEC helped to test the innovative skills of local students. Teams built a container to hold a raw egg that was dropped at varying heights.



Dennie Hamilton recently accepted a leadership award from Ford Next Generation Learning. LCEC was recognized for its active participation in developing a future workforce.



Reliability & RATES

LCEC has been taking measures to improve reliability and it's working! Results for outage performance measures are better than predicted and an improvement over last year. Improvements can be attributed to continued system maintenance, vegetation management, use of technology and a commitment to responding quickly.

Keeping the lights on and holding the line when it comes to expenses is no easy feat when labor and material costs continue to rise. In spite of the challenges, LCEC is proud to end the sixth year in a row without a rate increase.

Trustee Election 2015

Members who are a resident of the district that is up for election can apply to be considered by the Nominating Committee. All applications are considered. Each year there are at least three seats up for election. Terms are staggered to provide continuity on the Board.

Potential qualifications for nominated candidates:

- Business experience
- Ability to interpret operating and financial reports
- Community leadership
- Sensitivity to customer concerns, attitudes and issues
- Integrity and minimal possibility for conflict of interest
- Capability to contribute to Board discussions and decisions

Seats up for election in 2015

- District 1 – Marco Island
- District 2, Seat 2 – Cape Coral
- District 3 – Sanibel/Captiva/Pine Island
- District 6 – Immokalee, Everglades City, Ochopee and Ave Maria

If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees, contact LCEC Public Relations at pr@lcec.net.

Applications accepted from November 7, 2014, through January 2, 2015.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED IN DECEMBER

A team of LCEC members responsible for interviewing and objectively evaluating applicants interested in serving on the LCEC Board of Trustees will be named next month. The Nominating Committee exercises due diligence and great care to ensure the nomination process is carried out thoroughly and with the utmost integrity. The Committee strives to conduct a fair and open process, to be conscientious of its responsibilities and to apply standards widely applicable to large corporations.

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LCEC'S HOLIDAY HOURS

For the fastest service, the best days to phone the LCEC Customer Care Center are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



During the Thanksgiving holiday, LCEC offices will be closed Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

And the band played on



LCEC
Killa Watts

A group of LCEC employees has been putting their musical talents to work for good. For five years and thousands of volunteer hours, the Killa-Watts band has played for local causes. Last month they opened for recording artists Lee Greenwood and Michael Wright and rocked the United Way campaign kick-off with original lyrics. In December they will help bring holiday spirit to the folks at LARC.

Having a ball for United Way



The annual LCEC Golf Tourney for United Way was not only fun but more than \$37,000 was raised for United Way.

Make the season bright. and safe



- No broken or cracked lights, sockets, or cords.
- Lights out before you go to bed or leave the house.
- Tested lights only. Look for the Underwriters Laboratories label.
- Indoor lights are for inside, outdoor lights are for outside. See the manufacturer guidelines.
- Stick to three light sets per extension cord. Any more is an overload.
- Extension cords should be out of the way to avoid trips. Don't put them under a rug.

COOPERATIVES give back



Cooperative principles guide organized stakeholders toward long-term results and the sustainable development of communities. Cooperatives represent the equivalent of the world's ninth largest economy, with revenues in excess of \$2.5 trillion. With more than 100 million employees, they employ nearly half the world's workers.

As one of Southwest Florida's largest employers, LCEC plays an important role in the local economy and makes an invaluable socio-economic contribution to the communities it serves. Contributing economically is just one of the ways that LCEC makes an impact. Our commitment to education, wellness, growth and the environment is very important to maintaining the region. These are just a few of the reasons your cooperative was formed.



Thank goodness for holiday savings

It takes a lot of energy to put together a delicious Turkey Day feast. There is little to do to reduce the effort that goes into your dinner but you can minimize the impact to your electric bill with these common-sense tips:

- **Don't just stuff the turkey, stuff the oven, too!** Cook as much as you can at one time. Put the pie in with the turkey and side dishes!
- **Use the microwave when possible.** They use a small amount of electricity compared to ovens.
- **Right pot, right burner.** Pots and pans should be about the same size as the burner on your cooktop. Use a pot that is just the right size for its contents.
- **Keep the oven door shut.** Every time you peek, the temperature in the oven drops and it takes more energy to maintain the heat. Use the oven light and window to check progress.



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CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNER
If you receive an LCEC customer survey in the mail, return it for a chance to win \$50. September's winner was Elisa Vizcarrondo of Lehigh Acres.

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