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## FAEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FAEC Calendar of Events 2017

Orlando, FL

April 14	FAEC Annual Golf Tournament, Legacy Lake Country Club, Alaqua
May 19	FAEC 1-Day CE Symposium, DoubleTree Hilton, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, FL
Aug. 25	FAEC 1-Day CE Symposium, DoubleTree Hilton, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando, FL
Sept. 22	FAEC Fall Golf Scramble-MetroWest- Cancelled due to hurricane Irma
Nov. 4	FAEC Edison Award & Casino Night, DoubleTree Hilton, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd,

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## FAEC: New Members

## FAEC Welcomes New Members

### Welcome Members by Joe Bell, Membership Committee Chair

Welcome to our new members and returning members. As we enter the new year we invite you to join us in 2018 for upcoming events.

- Spring Golf Tournament MetroWest Country Club
- Spring FAEC CE Symposium
- Fall Golf Tournament
- Fall FAEC CE Symposium
- 2018 Edison Awards & Casino Night

Thank you for supporting FAEC and the electrical trade! *Joe Bell* 

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Welcome New Member:s

Robert Landry Mobile Mini, Orlando, FL Brian Miller Professional Electrical Services, DeBary, FL

Douglas Thomas Randall Mechanical Inc., Apopka, FL

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## FAEC REPORT From the President

### By David DeBerry DeBerry Electric, Jacksonville, FL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership for allowing me to serve as your President in 2017. We have shared some good times this past year and I look forward to the new year as we have a very qualified motivated board in place to continue our mission in 2018. I would like to thank Cheryl Hardy our Executive Director for her dedication to FAEC. Cheryl makes serving pn the board of directors a pleasure. My role as President was much easier due to all that Cheryl does.

With input from the board Cheryl has started working on our continuing education classes for 2018. We would welcome input from the membership expressing interest in any programs that you would like to see.

The new Legislative Session will kick off January g th. HB 295 I SB 446- Electrical Contractors will be something for FAEC to watch and get involved with as the new legislation is introduced. This bill will seek to revise circumstances under which a municipality may require journeymen on a jobsite. Your input to the board is vital for your voice to be heard.

I would also like to challenge our membership to get more involved with FAEC, the more you get involved the more you can gain from our association. We have a great time while trying to give back to the industry that has been so good to so many of us.



### **RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER**

#### THE EIGHTY-EIGHT PERCENT

We hear a lot about millennials these days, and with good reason. They're buying houses, paying off student debt, getting involved, and working at their first real job. You might have one or a few working for you right now. Give them what they need to be fulfilled by their job, and you have yourself energetic, innovative, valuable employees.

But, be aware: AAA® recently called young millennials (19-24) the "worst behaved drivers in the U.S."\*

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety released a driver survey which found that, within a 30-day timeframe, 88 percent of young millennials did at least one unsafe activity while driving, with texting, speeding, and running a red light the most common. This may not come as a surprise. What should be surprising is that *they don't think there's anything wrong with that*.

But—and this is nearly as troubling—the millennials were only 21 percentage points worse than the "safest" age group, the 60-74-year-olds, who admitted to risky driving behaviors more than 67 percent of the time. This means that two-thirds of the drivers sharing the road with you today aren't paying attention to their driving. Millennials may be number one on a dismal list, but they've got company.

Statistically speaking, your millennial drivers may put your business at more risk for liability. But, do you and your other employees set a good example for your younger counterparts of what is and isn't acceptable behavior? Does everyone adhere to your company's driving policy? Or might you count yourselves part of the two-thirds?

#### It Takes Just One

Just one employee-involved vehicle crash and the liability alone could be staggering. It could very well make or break your business. Consider this actual Federated claim:

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Of course, driving statistics and examples are not enough reason to avoid hiring young adults. But, an awareness on a risk management level is sensible. Knowing that an employee driving mishap could be a possibility can be motivation for your risk manager to ensure a driving policy and employee training are in place and up-to-date.

Federated Insurance has an ongoing campaign against distracted driving, which includes a variety of risk management resources clients can access and subscribe to, to educate their employees, monitor their driving, and involve them in pledging to end distracted driving. In addition, April is the annual National Safety Council National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.<sup>1</sup> The NSC has a program to help employers clarify safe driving expectations for their employees of all ages, along with materials for implementing company policies.

For these and other risk management resources, log in to <u>Federated's Shield Network</u><sup>®</sup> or contact your <u>local</u> <u>Federated representative</u> for more details.

\*To read the entire article, go to http://newsroom.aaa.com/2017/02/young-millennials-top-list-worst-behaved-drivers/ <sup>1</sup> For more information on the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, visit: <u>http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/distracted-driving-awareness-month.aspx</u>

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*by Joe Bell, Trustee Committee Chair; Vice President, Ballentine Electric* 

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The Winter Park facility is open and will be adding a new class next semester. The Seminole campus has 150 students enrolled at this time.

As FEAT continues to grow we are in need of instructors to fill positions at these campuses. If you know of anyone who would like to teach please send them our way.

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## FAEC: 2017 Edison Award Recipient

### FAEC 2017 Edison Award presented to Robert F. Hickey, Sr.

The Edison Award is presented to an individual who has unselfishly given their time and heart through charitable work and strives to improve the electrical industry in Florida. As the award clearly states...."These are the true craftsmen of our industry."

It was both a pleasure and privilege to present this years award to Robert F. Hickey, Sr.

Robert Hickey served with the Army in North Korea and after his service attended the University of Florida in Gainesville and then continued his education learning the NEC, Fire Controls, Motor Controls, Tranformers and taking Financial courses. He then began his career in the construction field as a general manager and then owning his own electrical business.

Great accomplishments are a combination of both ingenuity and hard work. Robert F. Hickey embodies both qualities. Robert, known to many as "Bob", devoted 45 years of his life to the electrical field as an operative to the trade and community volunteer. He used his position within companies not just to manage people but open doors of opportunity for future electricians.

Bob worked for F.E.A.T as the coordinator responsible for

organizing their electrical program at the Technical Education Center Osceola (T.E.C.O.). Bob supervised the installation of the electrical system in the F.E.A.T. building along with several volunteers. He was a liaison for T.E.C.O. that helped acquire donations used to improve the electrical program as well.

Bob was committed to mentoring the youth, and inspired many to become electricians. He focused on attending job fairs to encourage young men to enter the trade. Under his guidance, several individuals have obtained their Master Licenses and own businesses.

Married 57 years to Deloris and while working and raising a family, Bob still managed to find time to serve as a volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity where he aided with contributions to build several homes.

FAEC was honored to present Mrs. Deloris Hickey with the "FAEC 2017 Thomas A. Edison Award" on Bob's behalf.







FAEC members enjoyed our year end event by honoring Robert F. Hickey, Sr. with the covented "FAEC Edison Award" and partaking in our evening of casino gaming.

We would like to thank all our members who came out for this fun evening. It is a great time to relax and enjoy the members of this great industry.

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