

LEHA Perspectives

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Marian Aguillard, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Michael Vince, President

Summer has passed and the days are getting shorter as we move through the final quarter of this year. Many local elections have passed and the day is fast approaching when we will choose national decision-makers for the next four years. So many issues are at hand for us, and they carry with them lasting and often irreversible effects. As environmental health professionals, our roles are becoming increasingly more important as we wrestle with issues dealing with water rights, air and food quality, and other public health matters.

Our Professional Development Committee, under the guidance of Ed Flynn, has been working very hard to prepare an educational conference for January 2001 that includes an exceptional array of speakers and topics. I encourage you to check out the conference agenda (also found on the web site) and make your travel arrangements early, as this may well be one of the most attended conferences in the history of our organization.

One of the goals that I had for this year was to increase breadth in the professions of our membership. We should all strive to actively solicit new members from those areas where we have not traditionally done so. Environmental health professionals are found in a multitude of locations that include manufacturing and industrial facilities, food service industries, consulting firms, and academia. By bringing new members from these areas, we can broaden our knowledge base and develop resources that support our collective membership and the citizens of our state.

I encourage you to do your part to enhance the services of our organization to our membership. Ideas for new projects are always worth exploration. We have perfected our web site and should take every opportunity to use it to its full potential. It should be seen as a resource tool that we can all draw upon, and its capabilities have not yet been fully harnessed. Please visit the site at leha.net and provide feedback to the webmaster or to individual board members. The site is there to serve all of the membership!

I look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans January 30-February 1, 2001 for our 54th Annual Education Conference!





**FROM THE
TREASURER –**
By George P. Gullett

A breakdown of the income and expenditures as of September 21, 2000 is as follows:

Balance as of July 1, 2000	\$3,627
Income	
2001 Conference	\$8,750
2001 Workshop	\$ 00
Membership	\$10
Miscellaneous	<u>\$33</u>
Total Income	\$8,793
Expenditures	
Meeting Expenses	\$17
2001 Conference	<u>\$1,428</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,445
Cash Balance	\$10,975
Frank L. Dautriel Scholarship Fund	
Interest to date	\$3,455
Federal Mortgage	<u>\$23,398</u>
Total	\$26,853



IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE

Linda Gipson, Marian U. Aguiard and Brenda Coon, Education Committee

We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. Thanks to Susan Welch for supplying the RSVPs. Thanks again to Robert Freeman for his article on Sugar Cane Burning in the June issue.

Anyone interested in assisting, participating or otherwise helping the Education Committee is welcome. Please contact Brenda Coon to volunteer or offer suggestions at 765-0126.



**RSVPs TO INVITATION TO THE
SCIENTIST'S BALL**

Ampere was worried he wasn't current.
Audubon said he'd have to wing it.
Boyle said he was under too much pressure.
Darwin waited to see what evolved.
Descartes said he'd think about it.
Dr Jekyll declined-he hadn't been feeling like himself lately.
Edison thought it would be illuminating.
Einstein thought it would be relatively easy to attend.
Gauss was asked to attend because of his magnetic personality.
Hawking tried to string enough time together to make space in his schedule.
Heisenberg was uncertain that he could make it.
Hertz said in the future he planned to attend with greater frequency.
Mendel said he'd put some things together and see what came out.
Morse's reply: "I'll be there on the dot. Can't stop now, must dash."
Newton planned to drop in.
Ohm resisted the idea.
Pavlov was drooling at the thought.
Pierre and Marie Curie were radiating enthusiasm.
Schrodinger had to take his cat to the vet, or did he?
Stephenson thought the whole idea was loco.
Volta was electrified, and Archimedes was buoyant at the thought.
Watt reckoned it would be a good way to let off steam.
Wilbur Wright accepted, provided he and **Orville** could get a flight.



LEHA 2001: An Environmental Odyssey

Mark Your Calendar!

Don't miss it.....LEHA's 54th Annual Education Conference is scheduled for January 30 through February 1, 2001 at the Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans. Make "LEHA 2001: An Environmental Health Odyssey" your first "*must attend*" conference of the new year.

DEQ Secretary **Dale Givens** and DHH State Health Officer **Jimmy Guidry**, M.D., will co-keynote the conference and there will be information-packed sessions on new water and air quality standards, the Calcasieu estuary, enhanced DHH inspection activities, children's health and cancer in Louisiana, non-point source pollution, agricultural/ farming practices, and more. **Dorothy Bowers**, a Commissioner of the Pew Environmental Health Commission at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health will speak about environmental health hazards threatening the nation's health and outline recommendations for protection and prevention.

Come hear journalist/science writer **Jeff Wheelwright** impress you with his ability to make complex science understandable to the general public. Jeff has written stories about dioxins, air pollution and acid rain, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and he is the author of a soon-to-be-published book that focuses on the environmental health aspects of the Persian Gulf War. He's the winner of the 2000 James T. Grady-James H. Stack Award presented by the American Chemical Society for Interpreting Chemistry for the Public.



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP & EVENING RECEPTION

Again, a pre-conference one-day workshop on environmental and health risk communication will be offered on Tuesday January 30th (for a small fee in addition to the standard conference registration). And all conference registrants are invited to an evening of food, drink and music at the **Royal Sonesta Hotel on Bourbon Street** in the historic French Quarter on Wednesday night January 31st. The conference brochure with the final program will be sent to all LEHA members in early November, but you don't have to wait till then to satisfy your curiosity. Point your Internet browser to www.leha.net where you will be able to access all kinds of LEHA information and a registration form for the Conference. For more information, email LEHA Vice President Edward Flynn at ed@lca.org. Seating will be limited so make plans to attend!



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Needed: Scholarship Awardees and Award Winners

It is time to nominate a co-worker for the Outstanding Registered Sanitarian Award or the Outstanding Environmental Professional Award. Please take a minute to look around you. I know there is a worthy co-worker out there who would love to receive one of these distinguished awards. Please send nominations to Jodi Miller, Awards Committee Chair at jodi_m@deq.state.la.us or to LEHA, P.O. Box 2661, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. The deadline is Oct. 27, 2000.

The deadline to submit applications for the Frank L. Dautriol Memorial Scholarship Fund is October 27, 2000. Please send applications for the \$1,000 undergraduate and graduate scholarships to the above address. Further information regarding the scholarship can be found by visiting our website at leha.net.



NOTICES

The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans. Any one from the general membership may attend the board meeting so mark your calendars. Please notify Marian Aguillard at 765-0759 if you plan to attend this meeting since special arrangements are needed.



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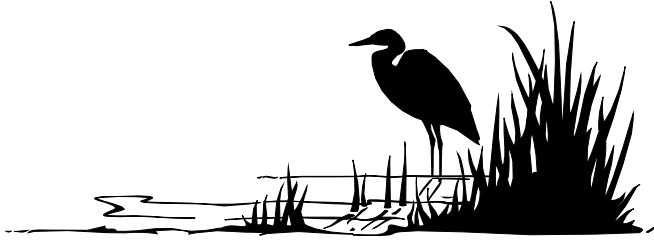
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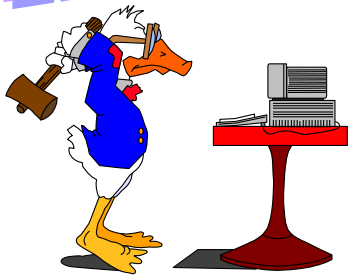
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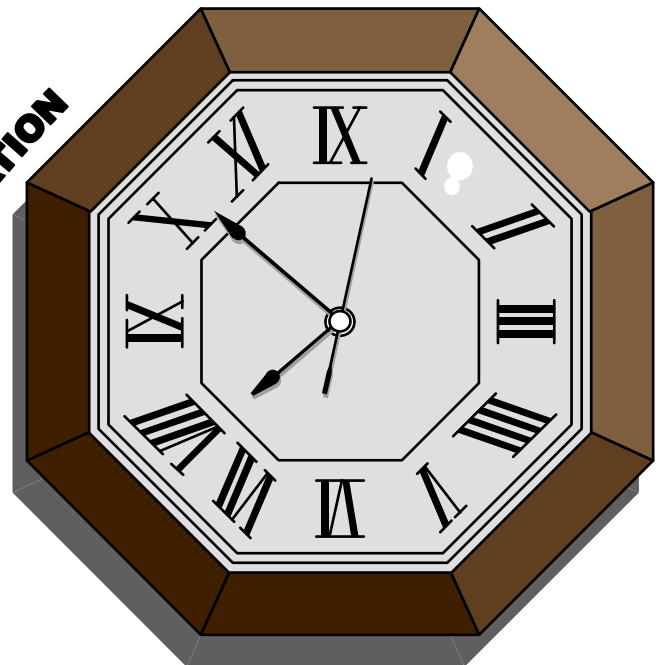
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MEMBER APPLICATION



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Time flies!
Dec 21st is early birds deadline!!
Get your 2001 Conference Registration form at our website!!!