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LGA Scholarship Deadline Approaching
Applications Due July 1, 2017



LGA is awarding scholarships to the son, daughter, or legal ward of an employee of an active LGA Member. Over the last 19 years, the LGA has awarded over

\$178,000 in scholarships. The student must be enrolled in a 4 year accredited college or university and be classified as a Junior or Senior.

To learn more about the scholarship application process,
[click here.](#)

To download the LGA Scholarship Application,
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Questions? Contact LGA at LGA@tatmangroup.com or (225) 218-6885.



Pipeline Safety Conference (is right around the corner!)

PSC, referred to as the "Premier Pipeline Safety Conference", has developed an amazing lineup of presenters as well as networking opportunities for attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. Do not miss out on the opportunity to participate in this great event!



WHO: YOU! Have you registered for LGA's 2017 Pipeline Safety Conference? We hope to see you July 10-14, 2017 at the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans, Louisiana!

WHAT: The 2017 Pipeline Safety Conference will bring together individuals in the Natural Gas Industry, expert presenters on the federal and

state levels, and suppliers to enhance performance, promote safety, and broaden public awareness.

WHEN: New this year, the PSC will run all educational tracks concurrently throughout the whole week of July 10-14. This change has presented even more educational opportunities than before! Please note that a continental breakfast will be provided Tuesday-Thursday, but lunch will not. Friday will include a full breakfast buffet with our keynote speaker.

WHERE: Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, 739 Canal Street at Bourbon, New Orleans, LA 70130, (887) 408-9661

WHY: Speakers, sponsors, and fun! A variety of knowledgeable and experienced PHMSA and State regulators will give insightful presentations related to Gas Distribution, Gas Transmission and Hazardous Liquid topics that are

currently affecting your companies. In addition, the LGA leadership has planned an exceptional Optional Track featuring various specialists on a range of topics such as Safety Management, Damage Prevention, and so much more! Our generous vendors will also have a dedicated track with educational presentations that can help your company learn about new techniques and products.



Keynote Speaker:
Jim Hawthorne,
"Voice of the
Tigers".

Friday morning, our conference will hear from one of the nation's top play-by-play athletic broadcasters, Jim Hawthorne, over a fabulous buffet breakfast.

PHMSA ADDITIONAL INFO: PHMSA Regulation Books will be available for purchase again this year. Pre-order your regulation book(s) now to guarantee that you have one reserved for you on site when you check in.

- 195 Liquid Regulation Book - \$15
- 191/192 Gas Regulation Book - \$15

**If you have already registered for the Pipeline Safety Conference but did not order your book(s), please email LGA at LGA@tاتمangroup.com or call LGA at (225) 218-6885 to add your book(s) to your registration.*

**All registrations include a CD with the regulation books, speaker biographies, presentation summaries, and presentations that are received by June 26, 2017. Speaker information received after that time will be posted to LouisianaGasAssociation.org for download.*

[View the Attendee Program & Agenda](#)

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LGA Annual Operations Convention
Save the Date

Annual Operations Conference
October 16-18, 2017
Paragon Casino Resort
Marksville, Louisiana

Mark your calendars for LGA's 2017 Annual Operations Conference! This year the LGA is partnering with the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority (LMGA) to offer even more educational resources to the natural gas industry. We have FUN with our Scholarship Golf Tournament & BBQ Cook-off. We LEARN with our great speaker sessions, and we CONNECT with our Annual Meetings. Hope to see you there!

Hotel Accommodations
Paragon Casino Resort
711 Paragon Place
Marksville, LA

Book your hotel room now by calling the Paragon Casino Resort directly at 800-642-7777. Discounted rates for \$64 for a Standard Guest Room and \$119 for a Deluxe Atrium Guest Room are available until October 1, 2017.

Make sure to use the reservation ID code: LGA016G. Reservations made after October 1, 2017 will be based on available space and rates.



For more information on this luxurious venue, click the photo.

Tentative Agenda
October 16, 2017
Golf Tournament
10th Annual Micheal Hester BBQ Cook-Off & Social

October 17, 2017
Speaker Sessions
Live & Silent Auction

October 18, 2017
Speaker Sessions
LGA Annual Meeting
LMGA Annual Meeting

More information coming soon!

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LGA Marketing Committee: Making a Difference

NGV Incentives

The Louisiana Gas Association and several groups participated in the past few months in an effort to maintain the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit in Louisiana. 13 bills were filed to sunset or reduce the tax credit. In the end 2 bills were passed and both keep the tax credit while reducing the benefit. These tax credits are needed to help defer the NGV first cost and infrastructure. Thanks to all who helped to keep this valuable benefit.

CNG School Bus Vison Tour - LA

The week of April 17, Blue Bird Bus partnered with Ivan Smith Furniture, Louisiana Gas Association, Town of Hornbeck and Louisiana Clean Fuels to bring a CNG School Bus to Louisiana for events in Shreveport, Leesville and Baton Rouge (Odyssey Day). The goal of bringing the bus to Louisiana was to educate school systems that the CNG School Bus is available and how well it operates with the VW settlement dollars targeting school buses in LA. We had school systems at each event and demonstrated the bus with a drive and ride. At Odyssey Day in Baton Rouge, Dr. Brown, Director of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), spoke and discussed how the VW settlement will be used for School Bus replacement in Louisiana. DEQ will be the administrator for the VW Settlement in LA.



NGV National Road Rally

On June 7 Louisiana Gas Association partnered with the American Gas Association and NGV America to conduct the Drive Natural Gas Road Rally and Leesville was the Louisiana stop. The Leesville event was hosted by CNP, Louisiana Gas Association, Town of Hornbeck and Louisiana Clean Fuels.

Media coverage was gained local media coverage from Alexandria's NBC 6 news and Leesville Leader Newspaper. The event was kicked off at 10 am with an interview of drivers and the Town of Hornbeck and Geaux American, Clarence Beebe, Louisiana Clean Fuels, Ann Shaneyfelt, and NGV Solutions, Kent Meadows. We had 15 NGVs fueled and staged at the station, ranging from light duty trucks cars and delivery, refuse, 18 wheeler.

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LGA Legislative Updates

Sine Die: The 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned Sine Die (final adjournment) June 8 at 6:00 pm. This brought to a close the sixth legislative session since Governor John Bel Edwards took office in January 2016. While the Regular Legislative Session is over, time for executive (Governor) action remains.

Special Session: The Governor called a Special Session to convene 30 minutes after the Regular Session in the circumstance that the House & Senate did not reach an agreement on the state's budget. Unfortunately, legislators were unable to hash out a budget during the final hours of the Regular Session, so the Second Special

Session of 2017 convened at 6:30 pm June 8.

Second Special Session: The Second Special Session is limited to measures pertaining to appropriations of the state's budgets, capital outlay, or bond authorization. The House began the budget process on Monday, June 12, and the Senate returned to the Capitol on Wednesday, June 14. The session adjourned June 19.

Upcoming Events

Click Event for More Info!

Cathodic Protection Basic Seminar

July 15, 2017

Entergy, Westwego LA

[Online Registration](#)

[Event Brochure](#)

Cathodic Protection Advanced Seminar

July 16, 2017

Entergy, Westwego LA

[Online Registration](#)

[Event Brochure](#)

Horizontal Directional Drilling Training/Sewer Cross Bore Awareness

July 19, 2017

Atmos Energy, Lafayette LA

[Online Registration](#)

[Event Brochure](#)

LGA 2017 Annual Operations Conference

October 16-18, 2017

Marksville, LA

[Event Info](#)

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