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### 2010 LGA Annual Operations Conference

Join the Louisiana Gas Association at their 2010 Annual Operations Conference! The Conference will take place October 25-27, 2010 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Conference Committee has been working hard to bring quality topics and speakers to the conference. This year the conference will be separated into two tracks: Small Operator Track and Management Operations. With the help of the Louisiana Office of Pipeline Safety, it is sure to be an education filled conference.

The 3rd Annual BBQ Cook-Off will take place on Monday October 25, 2010 at Copper Mill Golf Club. Come join the fun at the BBQ Social immediately following the BBQ judging. We are sure to have a good time with delicious food, great entertainment, and networking opportunities.

LGA will hold a Live & Silent Auction October 26, 2010 during the reception in the Exhibitor Hall. **All proceeds will support the LGA Scholarship Program.** The auction will be a blast and will add to the excitement and networking in the Exhibitor Hall. Please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office if you are interested in donating an Auction item.

In a state where every man is a king, and a hotel where the past becomes the present, the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, blends both history

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**LGA Scholarship Raffle**

and elegance. Due to the high demand for hotel rooms, please make your room reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at (225) 344-5866. Be sure to mention that you are attending with Louisiana Gas Association to receive the special rate of \$129.00 per night. The deadline to receive this special room rate is September 24, 2010. Reservations made after this date will be accepted based on current hotel availability.

Book your hotel reservation online by clicking [HERE](#). This link will redirect you to a Hilton website page that has been created especially for LGA Conference reservations.

## **[Download the Conference Registration Brochure to learn more!](#)**



## Legislature revises "dig law"

Effective September 1, Louisiana One Call will begin accepting emergency requests to locate buried utilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The change is one of several specified in new legislation signed into law by Governor Bobby Jindal on June 17.

The new law also requires pipelines and utility operators to provide Louisiana One Call with emergency-contact information, including 24-hour phone numbers. According to LA One Call Damage Prevention Manager David Frey, Louisiana State Police and other emergency responders have round-the-clock access to this information so that they can reach utility operators and pipelines immediately when damages occur.

"The state's 'dig law' was revised in several important ways," says Frey. "Enforcement of the law also has been strengthened. Excavators who don't take precautions to avoid damaging underground systems can now be fined for violations. These changes enhance public safety and protect thousands of miles of underground systems that we rely on every day for electricity, gas, communications, and drinking water.

LA One Call accepts more than 2,000 "811" calls every day from individuals and contractors planning excavations. Operators then notify member utilities and pipelines with nearby underground facilities so that they can be marked, which help excavators avoid them. Member utilities underwrite the service, which is free to everyone who calls.

In addition to accepting "811" calls, LA One Call accepts similar notifications on its website, [www.laonecall.com](http://www.laonecall.com), where a list of members and emergency contact numbers also is available.

Louisiana One Call is a nonprofit association of underground facility operators that notifies its members so that they can mark buried or submerged utilities before digging occurs. The association operates as a regional notification center as provided for by the Louisiana Underground Damage Prevention Law, which was enacted in 1988.

Details: David Frey, Damage Prevention Manager, LA One Call, (225) 275-3700.

## 2010 LGA 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference

Louisiana Gas Association hosted the 191/192 & 195 Pipeline Safety Conference at the



LGA is raffling a Sony Bravia, 46", 1080p, HDTV, donated by Gulf South Pipeline Co. All proceeds will benefit the LGA Scholarship Program.

Tickets are \$5.00 a piece and our goal is to collect \$10,000. The winner will be drawn at the 2010 Annual Operations Conference during the reception on October 26, 2010. *You do not need to be present to win!*

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or helping LGA sell tickets, please contact Kathleen O'Regan at the LGA office, (225) 218-6885.

Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans, LA July 26-30, 2010. The conference this year included more than 400 attendees from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and other surrounding states that all shared positive input about the conference this year.

The Pipeline Safety Conference included a great lineup of speakers that traveled from across the United States to share their knowledge and experience in the Natural Gas Industry. A special thank you to PHMSA, the Office of Pipeline Safety and the Conference Committee who all worked diligently to organize the speakers and agenda.

This was the first year that the Tracks were incorporated into the conference. The tracks offered additional training and updates in other areas of interest.



32 vendors participated in the exhibitor hall this year and were available to network with all the attendees throughout the week. Receptions were held in the exhibitor showroom on Monday and Wednesday night after the seminars concluded for the day. At the end of each reception Door Prizes were given out to attendees that participated in Exhibitor Bingo. Prizes included: iPod Nano, Golf Drive, hunting and fishing gear and so much more! Thank you to everyone that donated prizes!

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[\*\*Download the Speaker Biographies\*\*](#)

## Congratulations to the 2010 LGA Scholarship Recipients

On behalf of everyone at LGA, congratulations to all the recipients on their outstanding achievements and good luck as you embark upon your future endeavors!

We will honor each of them with a special presentation during the reception at the Annual Operations Conference on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

**Mr. Christopher James Bentel**

*Southeastern, Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

**Ms. Brittany Lynn Boudreaux**

*Spring Hill College, Biology/Pre-Health*

**Mr. Christopher Reid Boyer**

*University of New Orleans, Mechanical Engineering*

**Mr. Phillip Paul Coulotta**

*Nicholls State University, Biology with a Minor in Chemistry*

**Mr. Kentin Michael Leger**

*Louisiana State University, Finance*

**Mr. Matthew Sigler**

*Louisiana Tech University, Biology*

**Mr. Will Stevens**

*Southeastern, Nursing*

**Ms. Allyson Marie Waguespack**

*Louisiana State University, Elementary Education*

**Ms. Rendi Lynn Ward**

*Louisiana Tech University, Kinesiology*

**Ms. Jerrika Michelle Williams**

*Southern University, Nursing*

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To learn more about LGA or if you have any questions regarding the articles in this newsletter please contact (225) 218-6885 or visit [www.lagas.com](http://www.lagas.com).

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