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MAY/JUNE 2018

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PRIZES!**



**MORE
CHANCES
TO WIN!**



**MORE
CHOICES!**

SLEMCO'S 81ST ANNUAL MEETING

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WANT TO WIN?



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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The 81st annual meeting of the members of the Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO) will be held in Lafayette's Cajundome on Saturday, June 2, 2018. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Report of quorum of members present.
2. Reading of Notice of Annual Meeting mailed on May 21, 2018.
3. Presentation of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting and action thereon.
4. Reports of Officers, CEO and Attorney and action thereon as needed.
5. Election of Directors. (Nominated by Committee.)
6. Unfinished business, if any.
7. New Business Amendment of Articles of Conversion.
8. Adjournment.

This notice in the SLEMCO Power magazine was mailed to the SLEMCO members on May 21, 2018 in accordance with SLEMCO's bylaws.

Bryan Leonards Sr., *Secretary-Treasurer*



JOIN US JUNE 2 FOR OUR 81ST
ANNUAL MEETING



SLEMCO members attending our 81st annual meeting on Saturday, June 2 will have more grand prizes, more prize choices, more chances to win big — all in all, even more reasons to attend!

First, there will be not one but three grand prizes, with the first grand-prize winner choosing between \$20,000 cash or a new car, truck, camper, bass boat or tractor.

The second grand-prize winner will go home with \$7,500 cash, and \$2,500 will go to the lucky member whose name is drawn for the third grand prize. (See page 3 for complete information on all our prizes.)

Doors to the Cajundome in Lafayette will open at 6 am and, starting at 6:30, you can enjoy music from Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie. By popular demand, Sweet Cecilia will be back, performing just prior to our business meeting.

Plan on getting to the Cajundome before 8 am, because you'll want your prize stub in the barrel when we draw for an early bird prize: \$5,000 in cash! We will also be giving away 13 other valuable prizes throughout the morning.



Advancial Federal Credit Union will be on hand to answer questions about becoming a member

of SLEMCO's partnering credit union. United Blood Services will be present for our annual blood drive. And we haven't forgotten the kids:

a balloon artist and face painter will entertain the youngsters. We'll also have members of the Acadiana Cane Cutters Baseball team on hand to visit with fans of all ages.

At 10 am, things get down to business with presentation of the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting, introduction of directors and guests, plus reports on SLEMCO's operations. *Lucky Number: 4517488401*

You will be asked to elect three members to the SLEMCO board. The slate of officers nominated in April by the 2018 nominating committee is: Lafayette Parish – Johnny Meaux, 121 N Roelay, Lafayette, LA 70506; Vermilion Parish – Charles Sonnier, 904 Live Oak Drive, Abbeville, LA 70510 and Acadia Parish – Merlin Young, 2493 Britany Highway, Church Point, LA 70525.

After the conclusion of our business meeting, we'll draw for 20 \$2,000 college scholarships and the grand prizes.

This could be a Saturday you won't forget. You can't win unless you attend — and you don't want to miss your chance to win one of these great prizes. So join us at the Cajundome on Saturday, June 2, and good luck when you drop your prize stub in the barrel! *Lucky Number: 1043142005* ●

THIS YEAR'S PRIZES!

17 CHANCES TO WIN!

**FIRST
GRAND PRIZE**
(choice of one of the
following)



\$20,000 CASH



2018 TRACKER® BOAT AND TRAILER
• Henderson Implement & Marine



**SECOND
GRAND PRIZE**

\$7,500 CASH



**2018 GMC CANYON
SLE CREW CAB OR
LINCOLN MKC**
• Courtesy Automotive

**THIRD
GRAND PRIZE**

\$2,500 CASH



**2018 GRAND DESIGN IMAGINE
2400BH TRAVEL TRAILER**
• Primeaux RV Superstore of Carencro



KUBOTA 39 HP TRACTOR
with Front End Loader and Land Pride 5' Cutter
• Henderson Implement & Marine

**EARLY BIRD
PRIZE:**

\$5,000 CASH

**ADDITIONAL
PRIZES**

2 CHANCES!

APPLE IPHONE
8 CELL PHONES
• 64GB Memory

2 CHANCES!

IPADS
• 5th Generation, includes
WiFi, 128GB Memory,
Keyboard Case

2 CHANCES!

ARLO PRO 2
WIRELESS HD
SECURITY
CAMERA SYSTEMS

2 CHANCES!

MACBOOK
PRO 13" LAPTOP
COMPUTERS

5 CHANCES!

\$500 CASH

NOTICE TO MEMBERS REGARDING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF CONVERSION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2018

The SLEMCO Board of Directors at its meeting on February 6, 2018 approved amending our Corporate Articles of Conversion so as to enable the Board of Directors to amend SLEMCO By-Laws except in the instances which state law reserves only to the Members of SLEMCO.

The following Amendment shall be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 2, 2018 at the Cajundome in Lafayette.

The Amendment deletes the Ninth Article of the SLEMCO's Articles of Conversion and replaces it with a new Ninth Article:

"Ninth: The members of the Corporation are authorized to and have the right to alter, amend, and/or repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation and the Board of Directors of the Corporation also has the right to and is authorized to alter, amend, and/or repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation except those By-Laws which the law dictates can only be altered, amended and/or repealed by the Members of the Corporation." •

YOU CAN STILL OPT-IN FOR THE PRINT VERSION OF SLEMCO POWER

We will continue to automatically mail *SLEMCO Power* to every member through our May/June issue. But beginning with our July/August issue, *SLEMCO Power* will only be mailed to members who specifically request a printed copy. As always, *SLEMCO Power* will also be available in its digital PDF version via www.slemco.com.

If you wish to continue to receive a printed copy of *SLEMCO Power* after the May/June 2018 issue, but failed to send in the card from the January/February issue, call 337-896-5200 and we will code your account to continue receiving the mailed version of the magazine.

We will continue to post *SLEMCO Power* on our website and will even include a link on our Facebook page so the magazine can be read electronically. *Lucky Number: 1011054800* •



SURE AS SHOOTIN'

By Mary Laurent Photos by P.C. Piazza

St. Martin Parish Sheriff Ronnie Theriot has a spring in his step these days. The new, state-of-the-art St. Martin Parish Shooting range is the reason why, and SLEMCO is proud to have played its role powering the project to completion.

The money to pay for it was saved over several years – in advance of construction. **The range is fully paid for.** Let that sink in – fully paid for.

Attention was paid to make sure the lead and brass spent during practice or training never touches the ground. It is collected and re-cycled. *Lucky Number: 3022746955*

“The Sheriff was very concerned about the safety of our citizens,” explains Lt. Col. Ivy Perioux, who worked on special projects for the Sheriff, before his retirement earlier this year. The range was partly his baby for nearly two years.

“Sheriff Theriot wanted to make sure that every single round of ammunition was fully contained within the concrete walls of the facility,” adds Perioux. “Baffles were added wherever necessary to make that happen. Safety of the public and our officers were top priorities throughout the project.”

Capt. Cliff Dore, the facility’s

Rangemaster, began research for the new range when the old range closed. Formerly on patrol, he started taking firearms instructor classes five years ago and moved into training for Sheriff Theriot. The new range was a major dream of his, so both his fellow officers and the public could be better protected by the department.

“We had a range, but residential construction got too close, making it unsafe for the public for us to continue using the range,” explains Dore. “We had to use other department ranges to train and practice. At the time, building a new range of our own was a no-go.” *Lucky Number: 4040430702*

Undeterred, Dore began looking for land at the assessor’s office that would make sense for a new range. He researched the most effective ways to protect people and the environment while affording deputies proper access to firearms training.

In 2014, he again approached the Sheriff, who had been saving for a new range, and got the approval to proceed. Perioux and several other Parish officials pitched in.

“I’d go to the Sheriff every step of the way and ask for the best possible materials or equipment, thinking I’d have to scale back on some of the details,” says Dore.



Workers place 36" by 8" wood baffles over the new St. Martin Sheriff office gun range. The baffles prevent a stray round from traveling outside the gun range.



Flattened bullets are all that is left, after going through the bullet catch system at the St. Martin Parish range.



Lt. Col. Ivy Perieux (Retired)

“Every time, he gave us what we needed to get it done right – first class, safe and environmentally sound. Sheriff Theriot made this project a personal priority for the Parish.” *Lucky Number: 4516254200*

Perieux describes a few of the struggles along the way, mostly due to rain.

“The record rains in 2016 really set us back,” explains Perieux. “It seemed like every week, we’d pump out water so we could pour the concrete footings and walls. The ground had to be absolutely dry. And every week, it would storm, making it seemingly impossible to get the

concrete poured so we could continue the construction.” *Lucky Number: 4501747014*

But they persevered, and the range is cutting-edge and ready for the three training academies the Parish holds each year in addition to regular training.

Sixteen shooters can be accommodated on the pistol range and another four on the rifle range. Armor-plated baffles and tons of concrete keep every round secure. A sophisticated steel containment trap collects the lead that is shot into it. A remote-controlled targeting system allows for advanced and complicated drills for

the training deputies.

Officers can hone their skills, better preparing them mentally and physically to make split-second, life or death decisions while protecting and serving the citizens of St. Martin Parish. Scheduling conflicts at other ranges are a thing of the past.

Taking two years to construct, mostly due to the tremendous amount of rain and flooding the area endured during 2016, the range is complete and in use.

“Without the full support of Sheriff Theriot, we would not have this range today,” says Dore. “Because of him, our citizens and our officers are safer today.”

SLEMCO is very proud to have assisted the Sheriff and his team of experts who worked on the project. They needed power in a remote area of the parish to accomplish this outstanding project. A majority of St. Martin Parish residents are also SLEMCO members. So we got them power when and where they needed it. ●



St. Martin Parish Sheriff Ronald J. Theriot speaking during the opening ceremony



PEACEFUL RETREAT NESTLED AMONG THE OAKS

GRACIOUS SOUTHERN HOME STILL TIMELESS OVER 80 YEARS LATER



1

SOUTHERN CLASSIC

Set way back on a deep Bayou Teche lot, this home's front yard is surrounded by a path of pavers on limestone, giving access to the whole front yard. Lushly planted wide beds flanking the walk add colorful curb appeal.

2

STUNNING SETTING

A deck connects the home to the deeply sloping backyard. Steps lead down to a Pennsylvania flagstone terrace. The pool was built within retaining walls to avoid changing soil elevations and protect the tree roots.

3

LIVING AMONG GIANTS

Why stay indoors with these views? To enjoy outdoor dining on the deck a wrought iron arbor based on the home's original iron accents was added. Paths line tropical green beds connecting front yard to backyard living spaces.

4

ELEGANT LIVABILITY

Glass doors bring the beautiful backyard into view in the dining room, where guests can stroll onto the deck. Triple windows over the sink flood the room with light and bring the outdoors in.

Text: Anne Darrah | Photos: P.C. Piazza | Landscape Architect: Viator & Associates, Inc.

*These recipes come from Nathalie Dupree's **Shrimp and Grits**, featuring delicious recipes based on this southern regional culinary tradition. Available online from \$18.12 plus applicable tax and shipping.*

Acadian Peppered Shrimp & Grits

- 1/2 cup grits
- 2 cups water or shrimp stock
- 2 cups butter
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup finely ground black pepper
- 1 to 2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh basil
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh oregano or marjoram
- 1 bay leaf, crumbled
- 2 lbs. large raw shrimp in shells
- Salt
- Hot crusty bread

Cook grits in water or shrimp stock, following package directions.

Heat the butter in a large, deep-sided frying pan over low heat. Raise the heat to medium and add lemon juice, garlic, both peppers and herbs. Cook, stirring often, until butter is browned to a rich mahogany color, about 10 minutes. Add the shrimp, stirring and turning to coat well with the seasoned butter. Cook until the shrimp have turned to a rich, deep pink, about 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt.

Serve the grits in bowls and the shrimp in their shells for peeling at the table. Accompany with hot bread to dip in the sauce.

SHRIMP STOCK: When heading and shelling shrimp before cooking them, add the heads and shells to water and cook to make a rich, nearly unctuous stock from scratch. When cooking a pound or so of shrimp at a time, save their shells in a bag in the freezer until there are enough to make a pot of stock. Other flavors may be added to the stock, such as carrot or onion pieces; peppercorns; parsley or other herb stalks; tomato peels; lemon, lime or orange peel; lemon grass; ginger; coriander seed, and saffron, to name a few. Grits cooked in shrimp stock require very little else in

the way of seasoning, as the stock adds a real dimension to the grits.

Shrimp & Grits Eggs Benedict

- 1 cup grits
- 1 1/2 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese (preferably Parmigiano-Reggiano), divided
- White pepper
- 8 thin slices country ham
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs or all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 lb. large raw shrimp, peeled
- Salt
- 8 poached eggs
- 1 lb. steamed fresh asparagus
- Freshly ground pepper

Cook grits according to package directions. Stir 3/4 cup cheese into the hot grits until it melts. Season to taste with white pepper.

Butter an 11x7-inch baking dish or a larger baking sheet for a thinner layer and to get more cakes. Spread grits into the dish or pan. Cool to room temperature, cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Preheat oven to 250°. Warm the sliced ham on a baking sheet in the oven.

Heat the butter and oil in a heavy-bottomed nonstick frying pan over medium-low heat. Cut the grits into biscuit-sized circles and lightly dredge them in the panko or flour. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, or until golden. Keep warm in the oven.

Heat the cream in a heavy-bottomed pan over medium heat. Add 1/2 cup cheese and stir until it melts. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring frequently, until they turn pink. Season to taste with salt and white pepper.

Place two rounds of fried grits on each plate. Top with ham and a poached egg. Spoon the shrimp and cream over the eggs. Garnish with asparagus. Sprinkle lightly with salt, black pepper and the remaining cheese. Serve immediately.

Carolina's Cheese Grits with Creamy Shrimp & Andouille

FOR THE GRITS:

- 8 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 8 tbsp. butter
- 2 cups stone-ground yellow grits
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

FOR THE SHRIMP:

- Olive oil
- 3/4 lb. andouille sausage, halved and sliced
- 1 each red, yellow and green bell pepper, julienned
- 6 cremini mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- 6 shitake mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- 2 tbsp. Cajun seasoning
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 30 large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tsp. minced chives for garnish

To make the grits, combine the milk, cream and butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low heat and bring to a simmer. Gradually whisk in the grits and stir until smooth. Continue cooking for about 1 hour, or until the grits are soft and velvety. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese. Cover and keep warm.

To make the shrimp, coat the bottom of a large heavy-bottomed frying pan with oil. Heat the oil over medium-high heat, add the sausage, and sauté for 1 minute. Add the peppers and mushrooms and sauté until they begin to exude moisture. Add the Cajun seasoning and mix well to combine. Add the cream and simmer briskly to reduce by half. Add the shrimp and cook for 3 minutes, or until they turn pink.

Divide the grits among six plates and spoon the shrimp and sauce over them. Garnish with the chives and serve immediately.

For extra copies of these recipes or to e-mail a copy to a friend, visit **SLEMCO Power** magazine online at www.slemco.com.

HOW TO WIN PRIZES

Winning prizes at the annual meeting couldn't be easier. Arrive at the Lafayette Cajundome on Saturday, June 2, before 8 a.m., put your stub in the prize barrel and listen for your name when the prize drawings are announced.

Between 8 and 10 am, we'll give away every prize except the scholarships and grand prizes. Winners of any grand prize will not be eligible to win another grand prize at this meeting.

You should receive your invitation card in the mail during the week of May 21. Bring that card with you to the Cajundome on June 2. Half of the card will go in the prize barrel; you'll keep the remaining half to claim your prize if your name is drawn.

You or your spouse must be present to claim a prize. No one else can claim a prize for

you — not a neighbor, relative or by power of attorney. If you have a commercial account and wish to participate in the drawings, bring a letter to SLEMCO's office by June 1 stating that you will be your company's authorized representative. *Lucky Number: 4517413800*

If you misplace your invitation card, come to the meeting anyway; we'll be happy to make you a new one. ●



LUCKY NUMBER WINNERS

Four of ten SLEMCO members called in to claim their \$50 account credit after finding their SLEMCO account number hidden in the March/April issue of SLEMCO Power. Those members were **Wendall Primeaux** of Morse, **Tremika Cleary** of Carencro, **Louis Gerace** of Melville and **Skila Credeur** of Duson.

Missing out on their \$50 were **Shane Seaux** of Duson, **Kim**

Broussard of Broussard, **Melvin Leckelt** of Jennings, **Linda Miller** of Eunice, **Britt Hebert** of Duson and **Jentell Calais** of Broussard.

We've hidden ten more SLEMCO account numbers in this issue. If you find your SLEMCO account number, call Michelle Courville at SLEMCO at 896-2504. Once she verifies that you are a winner, she'll credit the \$50 to your SLEMCO account. *Lucky Number: 4517528801* ●



HOW TO WIN A 2018 SLEMCO SCHOLARSHIP

It's just about time! Our drawing to win one of 20 college scholarships, each worth \$2,000 is right around the corner.

Sponsoring members who have already prequalified will receive entry cards in the mail the week of May 21 for their applicants. Bring the entry card to the annual meeting. It must be placed in the scholarship barrel, so please arrive at the Cajundome no later than 10 am.

The scholarships will be awarded immediately after the business portion of our meeting, which begins at 10 am. Once the barrel is brought to the stage, no more entry cards will be allowed, so please don't be late.

The SLEMCO member who sponsored each applicant must attend the annual meeting and be prepared to claim the scholarship with his or her driver's license. We do not

need the student's driver's license. The student isn't required to attend the meeting, but is encouraged to attend and join in the excitement.

In cases where SLEMCO members sponsor themselves or a spouse, either can attend to claim a scholarship, but one must be present to win.

Winners will need to provide SLEMCO with an official transcript from either their university or high school, whichever is applicable, within 30 days of the June 2nd meeting.

If you have questions, call SLEMCO at 896-5384. *Lucky Number: 3432690102* ●