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January 2023

E-Newsletter

Happy New Year!

The start of a new year is here and so is our long-awaited winter! We have many jokes and thoughts about winter weather down in Louisiana but one thing we can all agree on is the fact that below a certain degree, Louisiana gets bone-chilling cold! It's our wonderful humidity we have to thank for that. Although, we are not too familiar with snow or hard freezes, we still have a winter event of the later every now and then. The thing to remain the most vigilant about with your customers is to make sure they have enough propane for their home to get them through any consecutive days of freezing temperatures. Much like a hurricane or natural disaster, they shouldn't wait until they run out or after the weather event passes. Sometimes, damage from weather events prevents and/or delays routine visits and services. The best practice is to be proactive.

2023 Dealer, Associate and Affiliate membership dues have gone out. You should have received them by either snail mail or email. They are also available on our website at lapropane.org/join/. Make sure you get your dues payment in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on all of the great things going on at the Association. Also, please remember to submit the membership application form as well. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. If you know of any companies who are not on our outreach list and would like to become a member, feel free to send them the information or pass their info on to us and we would be happy to reach out. We are better served when we work together as an industry!

For any questions, concerns, or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at marica@ccilouisiana.com.




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**This is the most
current list of paid
members we have as
of 1/27/23.**

2023 Calendar of Events

January 30-February 1: NPGA Winter Board Meeting, Omni-Royal Orleans, New Orleans.

February 15: NPGF Scholarship Application Deadline.

February 28-March 1: National Propane Education & Training Conference, Orlando, FL.

March 15, 1:00 pm: First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

March 28-29: PERC Leadership in Energy Ambassadors Conference, Sarasota, FL.

April 17-23: Zurich Classic Golf Tournament, TPC Louisiana-Avondale, LA.

April 19-20: Clean Fuels Summit, Conference & Expo, River Center-Baton Rouge, LA.

April 23-25: NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

June 4-7: NPGA Propane Days, Washington, DC.

June 25-28: APGA/LPGA Summer Convention, Hotel Monteleone-New Orleans, LA.

June 26: LPGA Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hotel Monteleone-New Orleans, LA.

July 27-29: LA Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, Various locations-Natchitoches, LA.

September: Third Quarter Board Meeting, Date and Location to be determined.

December: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Date and Location to be determined.

Students, Apply or Finish your NPGF Scholarship Application Today!

Paying for college is a heavy burden; let the National Propane Gas Foundation (NPGF) help lighten the load!

The National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarship Fund provides \$1,000 or \$2,000 scholarships to students attending two- or four-year colleges or pursuing propane-related careers at technical, trade or vocational schools. Eligible applicants are children of employees of NPGA member companies, state propane associations, and/or PERC.

Apply here today: <https://www.npga.org/organization/scholarship-fund/>

Applications are currently being accepted. The deadline

for completed applications (including all supporting documents) is February 15, 2023. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact scholarship@npga.org.



Farewell Message from LA Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Executive Director John Alario

I come to you with this message, not to say farewell but to say I hope to see you again soon.

When I first came on board as the Executive Director for the LA Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission, I didn't know many of you and I didn't know much about propane. I can honestly call many of you friends now and I know that friendship will transcend my time at the Commission. Also, I can now proudly say I know more about propane than I ever thought I would, and I'm better for it!

This is an industry that is dear to me and Louisiana. Many companies in our industry are generational and community based and that speaks volumes. I've seen our industry step up on the front lines and go out of their way to help during hurricanes and other natural disasters across the state. Propane is a way of life that goes beyond bar-b-ques and crawfish boils.

Throughout my state career, I was blessed to be able to visit every parish. I cannot stress enough how beautiful and diverse Louisiana is. The greatest joy of my duties was assisting the citizens of Louisiana solve issues that were no fault of their own. Please take some time and visit a part of this state that you have not. I am confident you will not be disappointed.

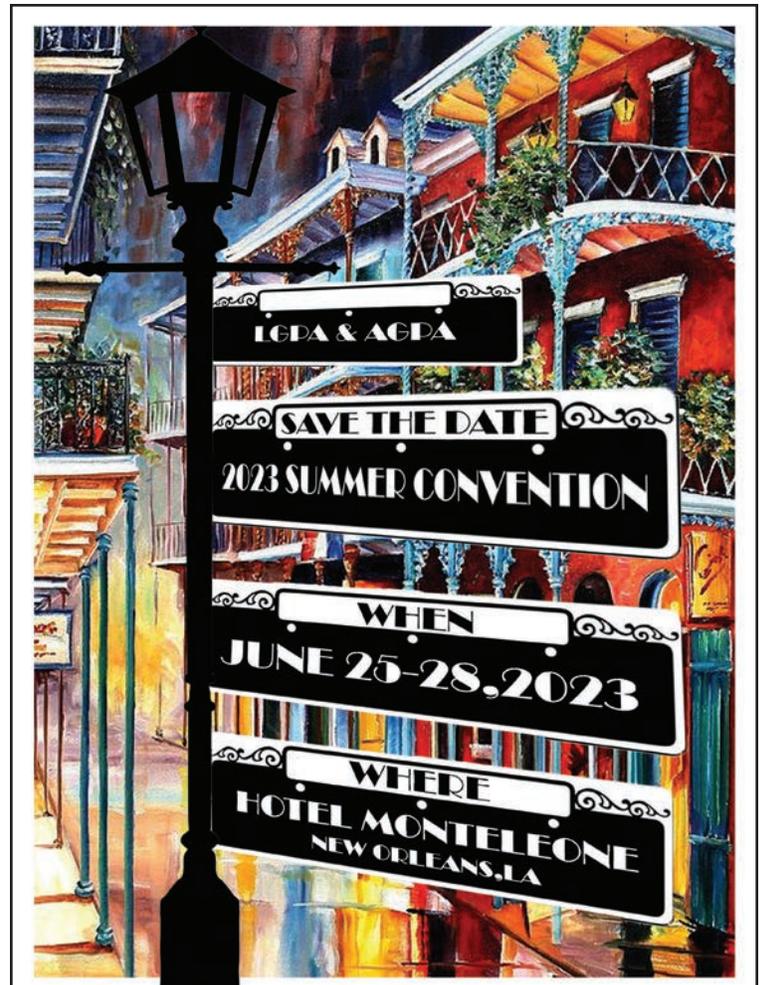
I would like to give special thanks to Governor Bobby Jindal and Colonel Mike Edmonson for encouraging me to interview for the role of Executive Director and to our current Governor, John Bel Edwards, and the two Colonels (Kevin Reeves and Lamar Davis) who I served under for their unwavering support of the Commission and the industry.

I would also like to give thanks to the LPGA staff for assisting me in helping understand this industry. They are truly invested in seeing not only the industry succeed, but every individual dealer, transporter, bottle filler and bottle exchange location.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Commission staff for their tireless support of the industry.

I may not have been the unanimous choice when I took the helm at the Commission, but I put in the work and, with time, I was welcomed into your industry and

even some of your families. I am truly grateful for my experience in this industry. I thank you for accepting me, teaching me and guiding me with your knowledge throughout my tenure. The pleasure has been all mine. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can ever be of any assistance to you.



Capitalize on Environmental Messaging in New Home Construction

Today's home buyers demand more than quality construction, a convenient location and a fair price.

Home builders recognize their customers are looking to impact growing climate concerns - without sacrificing energy performance and cost.

Propane can help builders achieve sustainability goals, meet above-code standards, and improve comfort for even their most demanding customers. It's a great opportunity for propane professionals to educate architects, developers, builders, HVAC contractors and plumbers about the environmental benefits of building with our fuel.

More than ever, home builders everywhere are focusing on energy reliability, cost, efficiency, and environmental impact as they plan new construction.

"For homebuilders facing a challenging future, propane provides many advantages," notes Bryan Cordill, PERC's director of residential and commercial business development.

"As the supply of buildable lots shrinks, propane supply remains reliable and ready. It produces far less carbon dioxide than electricity, and propane appliances can help home construction professionals save their customers up to 50 percent on their home energy bills."

Smart home buyers increasingly rely on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index to objectively measure a home's energy efficiency, anticipate energy bill costs, and identify where upgrades can create energy savings. Importantly, home sellers can likewise command a higher resale price with a low HERS Index Score.

Using those HERS ratings, the goal of many newly built homes is to produce as much energy on site as they consume - commonly referred to as Zero Net Energy (ZNE).

While ZNE is generally considered to be an "above code" standard, some communities already require new homes and buildings to achieve these measures.

Based on these principles, what would you say if your

contractor customer wants to talk about how to build a ZNE home? Cordill suggests:

- Focus first on the building's envelope. The overall goal for the home is to use less energy, so having a well-designed and insulated structure - including the foundation, walls, and roof - is key.

- The typical residential home that meets today's standard building code has a HERS Index of 100.

- A home that has a HERS Index of 50 or less is considered Net Zero Ready, meaning if you add, for instance, solar panels to the home, you could produce all the energy needed to power that home.

- Help the builders understand how they can reduce energy consumption by eliminating as many of the high-amperage, 240-volt circuits in the home as possible. Using high-efficiency propane appliances for water heating, space heating, and cooking can make that happen. Shedding load will cut down on the size of a solar array and make panels more powerful.

Get the resources and training you need to educate homebuilders on propane's proven benefits. Check out the new training, "Builders, Propane, and the Environment" in The Learning Center. And explore the Residential Construction page on propane.com to find guides, tools, and incentives available, and register for the Jan. 26 Propane Presents webinar.



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For homebuilders facing a challenging future, propane provides many advantages. As the supply of buildable lots declines, propane remains reliable and ready. Plus, propane produces far less carbon dioxide than electricity. And propane appliances can reduce home energy bills by up to 50%, so residential construction professionals can build more satisfaction for their customers.

► **Get the resources and training you need to educate homebuilders on propane's proven benefits – scan the codes below.**



Access our full library of free residential construction resources



Take our interactive training for talking to construction customers about the benefits of propane



ECC Requirement Reminder

Companies that distribute hazardous materials are required by law to have a 24-hour emergency contact in place. Your company has the option of using the Louisiana Propane Gas Association—Emergency Contact Center as its 24-hour contact for a fee of \$500.00 per year. This is a cost-and time-efficient way of staying in compliance with current regulations.

One benefit of placing membership with the LPGA, however, is being able to register with the Emergency Contact Center at a discounted price. The registration cost for members is \$250.00. If you wish to become an LPGA member and begin receiving the numerous benefits we offer, contact the office for a registration form or download it online at <https://lapropane.org/join-as-a-dealer/>. Return it along with your dues and you'll be eligible for the ECC member discount.

If your company chooses to register with the LPGA-ECC, return a completed registration agreement, your MSDSs and please read the LPGA-ECC Registration Agreement included in the LPGA Dealer Membership Form. We must have the requested information returned and in the files at the Emergency Contact Center as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency involving your liquefied petroleum gas products, please designate the following telephone number(s) for the ECC to contact your company:

- I. You may designate a 24-hour number.
- II. If an attended 24-hour telephone number is not available, please provide your during-work-hour contact and telephone numbers, as well as the names and telephone numbers for us to contact after working hours. (Numbers and contacts must provide LPGA-ECC with 24-hour, 7-day per week access to your company.)
- III. Please provide a separate medical emergency contact number if you wish us to call your medical staff directly for medical treatment advice.
- IV. Special instruction/comments: (You may include only special instructions about your contacts or products in this section.)
- V. Please specify an administrative contact for questions about the information and updating of this form.

If you pay to use the LPGA-ECC, make sure your customers have the correct emergency number and are only using it in cases of a true emergency. They should

not be utilizing the emergency number to get in touch with your company because the store location won't answer the phone or no one has returned their call. We take emergencies very seriously in our industry. Additionally, if your company is not paying to use the LPGA-ECC number and your company uses it without authorization, it is possible the company can be fined by the state of Louisiana. We will not tolerate misuse of this number by members or non-members.

Those members that use the LPGA-ECC from year to year, make sure your membership dues stay current and up-to-date so that you remain in the ECC database. As always, make sure the emergency contact information you provide each year is up-to-date as well.

Please make sure you have an emergency contact system in place even if it's not through the association. In the propane industry, safety is always of utmost importance and should be front of mind! Remember to educate your customers on the importance of your company's ECC number but also not to abuse it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Gas Stoves Update

I have been thrilled with the outpouring of support for energy choice as it pertains to gas stoves—from the halls of Congress to the grassroots dividends we have seen on social media. As a follow-up to my [message](#) a few weeks ago on NPGA action related to gas stoves, I wanted to share additional information.

NPGA has been working with numerous members on Capitol Hill, including Representative Issa (R-CA). Rep. Issa has introduced the [Gas Act](#), which would prevent the Administration from banning gas stoves. While this bill is a long shot to become law, it sends a strong message that Americans will not stand for agency overreach of this nature. In addition, legislation has been introduced in [Mississippi](#) and [Texas](#) to protect gas stoves from Uncle Sam. We anticipate continued activity across federal, state, and municipal governments in the coming weeks and months.

In addition to the data we have on stove emissions and ventilation, NPGA is gathering even more information to ensure that all policymakers understand the real data. For example, NPGA has compiled state-by-state

data of electric/gas stove usage and asthma rates, which not only fails to demonstrate any correlation between higher gas stove usage and higher asthma rates, but in fact, it suggests the opposite—states where gas stoves are used more than average tend to have [lower than average rates of asthma](#).

NPGA has also cemented its strategy with its cross-industry coalition partners—should CPSC release a request for information, we are ready.

Finally, we are collaborating with PERC on consumer education around gas stoves. PERC has developed [talking points](#) should CSRs or others need readily available information on gas stoves.

-Steve Kaminski, NPGA President and CEO



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RE•SERIES™ Non-Condensing Tankless Water Heaters	RE140iP, RE140eP, RE160iP, RE160eP, RE180iP, RE180eP, RE199iP, RE199eP, REP160iP, REP160eP, REP199iP, REP199eP, RL94iP, RL94eP, RL75iP, RL75eP	\$100
Non-Condensing Value Series Tankless Water Heaters	V94iP, V94eP, V75iP, V75eP, V65iP, V65eP, V53eP	\$50
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Required Documentation:

- Invoice for purchase and installation of qualifying product including multiple units (one claim per household)
- Invoice confirming National Propane customer

How to claim your Rebate:

- Purchase a Rinnai qualifying product between **January 1 - December 31, 2023 AND install by January 15, 2024.**
- Submit Rebate by going to: www.rinnairebate.com or scanning the QR Code on the right.

(Submission Deadline: February 15, 2024)



Limit to one claim per household for any Qualifying Products. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

To check the status of your rebate, visit www.rinnairebate.com.

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