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Do you rely on electricity like you do food and water? What would life be like without electricity to power your favorite video games, television shows, telephones, and even the lights you read by at night?

Just think…without electricity, you wouldn't be able to enjoy your daily Wonder of the Day! What a horrible thought! But don't worry. Electricity does exist and it allows us to enjoy life in so many ways.

Since electricity is a natural force that exists in our world, it didn't have to be invented. It did, however, have to be discovered and understood. Most people give credit to Benjamin Franklin for discovering electricity.

Benjamin Franklin had one of the greatest scientific minds of his time. He was interested in many areas of science, made many discoveries, and invented many things, including bifocal glasses. In the mid-1700s, he became interested in electricity.

Up until that time, scientists had mainly known about and experimented with static electricity. Benjamin Franklin took things a big step ahead. He came up with the idea that electricity had positive and negative elements and that electricity flowed between these elements. He also believed that lightning was a form of this flowing electricity.

In 1752, Franklin conducted his famous kite experiment. In order to show that lightning was electricity, he flew a kite during a thunderstorm. He tied a metal key to the kite string to conduct the electricity.

Just as he thought, electricity from the storm clouds transferred to the kite and electricity flowed down the string and gave him a shock. He's lucky that he didn't get hurt, but he didn't mind the shock since it proved his idea.

Building upon Franklin’s work, many other scientists studied electricity and began to understand more about how it works. For example, in 1879, Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb and our world has been brighter ever since!

So fast forward to 2018. Take a look around. NO - REALLY - take a look around you - it's everywhere. You could not live the life you do today without electricity. But what happens when something goes wrong? Of if you are building a new home or remodeling a business? Who do you call to make sure everything you need is hooked up properly?

That's right - you need a skilled and trained electrician, one like our newest member, Greg Oppold of Eco Electric, a full service electrical contractor.

Greg has taken the plunge if you will, much like so many of us in Prospectors, giving up a job in which he was doing what he liked but knowing he could expand his horizons so much further by going out on his own. His neighbor and friend Alan Heriford was one who encouraged Greg to take a chance and see what entrepreneurship had to offer. And Alan said if he did do it, there awaited a group that would be there to accept him with open arms and be ready to help show him the excitement of owning your own business. And like that, it happened.

Greg has started and is raising a wonderful family and that is what is currently most important in his life. It surrounds his lovely wife and two precious children. And he has an electrifying personality.

He has been in and around his career for quite a few years and has earned his credentials serving as an apprentice under skilled electricians and becoming a journeyman himself. He received his certification as a Master Electrician 7 years ago. The goals of the company are to provide high-quality work, meet the needs of their customers and recycle as much as possible to keep reusable items out of the landfill. He can handle some of the most basic of tasks, like light switches, lighting fixture installation and repair, wiring a home or helping with remodeling, and even doing a whole house wiring on new home construction. There is not a lot that Greg can't do, and he says he will travel to any part of the greater KC metro area to help with your most minute needs.

It is hard to give an initial referral to such a fresh member of the Club, but having time to use him, or get to know him on a one-to-one basis will help put your doubts to rest. Greg is ready to assist in any way with your electrical needs. He has worked with several members already on jobs that required his expertise, and those that hired him spoke very highly of his service and response to their needs.

So take a few minutes and go up and say HI, or take a coffee break and see what he may have to offer you. Just getting to know a new member will help us all for our future endeavors. Good Luck Greg, and we wish you many successful years with your new-found Prospectors friends.
UPCOMING SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

Here is a list of our upcoming speakers. Please note some events are evenings or away from Deer Creek CC.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING PROSPECTORS? Give Sean Felton, our Membership Chairman a call at 816-258-3774 or email at DrSean.Felton@gmail.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

Sept. 20 – Dave Flessner of The Mustard Seed at Deer Creek CC.
Sept. 27 – Janine Terstriep of The Decorative Touch at Deer Creek CC.
Oct. 4 – Cliff O’Bryan of Reconciliation Services invites you to breakfast AT RECONCILIATION SERVICES, 3101 Troost, KCMO
Oct. 11 – NO MEETING – GOLF TOMORROW
Oct. 12 – Annual Golf Tournament
Trivia Question:-

What seaport’s name is Spanish for “white house”?

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Nothing messes up your Friday, like finding out that it’s only Tuesday.

The best brandy in the world is made and bottled in Cognac, France.
## PROSPECTORS EVENTS SOCIAL CALENDAR 2018 – SAVE THE DATES

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<td><strong>SIGN UP NOW !!!</strong> Meet up at Deer Creek parking lot at 8pm – Transportation to and from Funkytown provided by the Club. Cover charge $8 pp.</td>
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<td><strong>October 4th</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Breakfast at Reconciliation Services, 3101 Troost Ave., KCMO. Cliff O’Bryan is welcoming us to come experience the organization that is so near and dear to his heart, and learn a bit more about what they do and who they benefit. A great chance to see Kansas City in another perspective. Don’t miss this amazing morning!!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>– Cool weather can mean only one thing - It’s our Prospectors Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament held again this year at Deer Creek Golf Club. Save the date to be your date for golf! Tee off is about 11:30 am and an After Hours starts at 5pm at Coach’s South, 135th and Grandview.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, December 8th</strong></td>
<td><strong>– Better mark your calendars!! It’s our Annual Prospectors Club Christmas Party! Same location as last year – Brass on Baltimore, 1228 Baltimore Ave., KCMO</strong></td>
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<td><strong>6pm – 9:30pm – Open Bar; 9:30pm to 11pm – Cash Bar; Dinner at 7:30pm; 9:15pm – Program. A great venue to come celebrate the Holidays with your Prospectors Family, so please plan on attending this joyous event. More details to follow.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>December 20th</strong></td>
<td><strong>– Special Breakfast at Deer Creek – our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. You will need to bring a gift to get a gift. Three exchanges and it’s yours! And we will have a special breakfast menu planned so don’t miss our last meeting of 2018 !!!</strong></td>
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**BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY**
If you have any causes you are supporting this spring, please pass them along to the newsletter editor.

*Mike Darby 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament*
*September 30, 2018 - Sunday at Deer Creek Golf Club.*

Looking for volunteers and/or Auction/Raffle Items that can be used at the tournament. Let Keith know if you can help. Will need Auction/Raffle items by Mid-September. **Bring to Keith at breakfast or call him to arrange pickup.**
Prospector's Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You's

Meeting Date: SEP'T 13, 2018

PLEASE PLACE "X" IN FRONT OF NAME IF ATTENDING MEETING

X Adams, Linda
X Kyler, Sean
X Lingle, Tony
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K Van Riel, Ken
K New York, Dan
K Belzer, Dan
X Alexander, Jay
X Da Hui
X Stephanie Cocher, T
X Neil Spencer
X Bryan Bump, Rod
X Foster, Rick
X Foster, Ken
X Foster, Rick
X Foster, Jim
X Foster, Bell
X Foster, Grego
X Cunningham, Rick
X Cussen, Kathleen
X Dayal, Vivek
X Chitt, Rob
X Weng, Dave F
X Kevin R
X Dr. Whistle
X Matt P
X Shaw, M
X Phillips, Chuck
X Eidson, Ken
X Ed Hutchison, Alan Goodheart
X Emerson, Bill
X Felton, Dr. Sean
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Flessner, Dave
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Full, Kevin
Giordano, Nick
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Goodheart, Alan
Hardin, Das
Hawkins, Darryl
Heriford, Alan
Holland, Ed
Hutchison, Ed
Kopplin, Mike
Mortko, Sheri
Oettmeier, Dr. Bert
Oppold, Greg
Papetti, Matt
Phar, Matt
Pickering, Chris
Pickering, Margot

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Rapp, Bryan
Rock, Chad
Rudy, Matt
Paper, Matt
Plum, Brownie, Sheri
Sane, Sara, Sharon
Dave, Mary
Marcy, Kris
Burch, Leigh
Kelley, Studwie
Runyan, Joe

Sewell, Amber
Shelton, Jennifer

Simpson, Brownie

Sirna, Richard
Spencer, Neil
Dave Fleschner, Kevin Fric, Chris Pickering
Margot Pickering, Volleyball
Steiniger, Keith
Tyler, Amber, Rich, Stephanie, Jim, Matt
Stevens, Robyn
Keller, Sher, Linda, Mike, Kevin

Stone, Janet

Swim, Scott

Terstriepe, Janine

Trondson, Chad

Twigg, Brad

Wagner, Leigh

Webb, Tyler

Webb, Amber

Wilkinson, Ann

Wolverton, Rick

York, Kevin

GUESTS
Name | Name of Business | Your Position (owner, sales, etc.)